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St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Marian Chapel

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

November 15, 2026



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
is served by
The Missionary Society of St. Paul
of Nigeria

Our Parish Vision

We envision a caring, loving community of men, women and children who possess a genuine Christian concern for one another, a unified family where the members, aware of God's presence in each of them and led by His spirit are able to work, pray and play together; a faith filled community where gospel values are studied, lived, nurtured, shared and celebrated; a community of individuals and groups traveling together on a common faith journey; a community harmoniously working for the kingdom; a community that is active in service and evangelization.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wooden Carving

Donated by

Deacon Ignatius and Mary Jane Joseph

Wood Carved Statue of St. Francis of Assisi
Donated in Memory of Enrique A. Riera T Maseda
November 4, 2026



PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"
Commemorating the
800th Anniversary of his Death
Traveling Statue & Relic
is with the
Family of Ramos Pereda
Let us pray with them

Need information and don't know who to call?

Here is a listing of our Ministry leaders who are always willing to help!

Parish Office - 713-672-7773
Fr. Martin Eke, MSP, Pastor - 713-672-7773
Stephanie White, Parish Secretary - 713-672-7773
Deacon John Goodly - 713-628-9989
Deacon Ignatius Joseph (Retired) - 281-745-3005
Deacon Michael St. Julian (Retired) - 713-256-8657

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Monday - Saturday 7:00 AM
(*Marian Chapel, Teleconference Line & Zoom*)

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Mass	**5:00 PM**
Sunday Mass	**8:00 AM**
Sunday Mass	**11:00 AM**

The link is:
https://www.facebook.com/1familyonelove/

Dial In Number
Dial in Number: 425-436-6368 • Access code: 579460#

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday at 6:00 PM
Dial In Number: 425-436-6368
Access code: 579460#

ROSARY
Monday - Friday at 8:00 PM
Teleconference Line Dial in Number: 425-436-6368
Access Code: 579460#
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84919189256?pwd=Mm5oWlVQMUVzSWlDTEFWR0F4bGF2UT09
Zoom Dial In Number: 346-248-7799
Meeting ID: 849 1918 9256 / **Pass Code**: 618049

ROSARY & BENEDICTION
Sunday at 10:25 AM
Dial in Number: 425-436-6368 / Access Code: 579460#

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:25 PM to 4:45 PM & by appointment

BAPTISM

For Infants: Baptism Preparation (Parents & Godparents), contact Parish Office one month prior to getting the child baptized.

For Children, ages 6-15, Youth, and Adults contact Parish Office. Youth and adult Baptism is done on Easter only.

MARRIAGES

A minimum of six months preparation is required. Contact the pastor before setting the date.

FUNERALS

The death of a loved one can be a trying and unpredictable time. Before any arrangements are made for funerals, please call the parish office to schedule a time to meet with the pastor.

Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) 2026
Parish Goal: 26,875.00
Total Amount Paid: $16,615.00
Total Number of Donors: 50
Percentage Paid: 61.82%

Altar Servers
Ronald Berard
713-299-4024

Altar Society
Mary Robertson
832-790-8124

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281-745-3005

Coordinator of Religious Education
Ms. Jamie Thomas
832-236-7316

Daughters of Divine Love
832-445-0241

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Paul Sloan
281-734-7289

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Mrs. Adrian Sloan
281-831-8572

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Mary Robertson
832-790-8124

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Evelyn Wright
713-385-6607

Stewardship Committee
Antoinette Goodly
281-710-4883

Ushers
John Mathis
832-477-0999

Sacrificial Offerings

November 8, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	$2,535.00
Offerings (Mass)	$3,826.00
Online Giving Offerings	$815.00
Zelle Offerings	$560.00
Total	**$7,736.00**
Retired Priest Collection	$667.00

Thank you for your generosity
May God bless you

Prayer Request

Annie Marie Joubert, Mercedes Arline, Amelie Marie Murphy, Dorothy Meyers, Gustavia LaBlanc, Joseph Gallagher, Barbara Calhoun, Enola Zenon, Emma Filer, Alsie Gee, Winnie Malveaux, Marie Grace Moran, Rita Lewis, Stan Martinez, Patricia Davis, Brother Mike Velarde, Eula Broussard, Kendra James, Jocelyn Dancy Smith, Sedric Wiltz, Julia Higgs, Joyce Punch, Kambria Rachal, Brooklynn Heath, Joseph Earl Williams, Jr., Terry Paul Solomon, Rebecca Vincent, Augustine Dauphine, Rosalyn Orphey, Barbara Joseph, Abel Rodriguez, Herman Kennerson, Sr., Virginia Calais, Michael Roman Burnam, Joseph Guidry, Chester Beard, Javier Ruiz, Chris Simpson, Timothy Berard.

YOUR WORD IS A **LAMP FOR MY FEET, AND A LIGHT FOR MY PATH (Psalm 119:105)**

Homily of Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-31

The first reading is a parable that speaks of our relationship with God. The husband represents God. The worthy wife represents us. The parable encourages us to embrace our duties and responsibilities with diligence and with fear of the Lord.

The hardworking, caring, and God-fearing wife reminds us of all the hardworking, caring, and God-fearing women who sustain families, communities, parishes, institutions, countries, and the world. They deserve our prayers, love, recognition, respect, fairness, protection, appreciation, gratitude, and praise. Someone says, "The man who says it can't be done should not interrupt the woman doing it." The reading says, "Give her a reward for her labors" (Proverbs 31:31).

We pray for all the women who are going through all kinds of abuse and violence and those who live in difficult conditions.

The second reading is St. Paul's admonition to the Thessalonians who presumed, wrongly, that the day of the Lord was very near and therefore refused to do any work. They went 'to sleep.' The reading encourages us 'not to go to sleep' but to be hardworking like the worthy wife in the first reading. We pray for the conversion of the 'people of the night' and 'people of darkness' who cause agony to others by robbing them of their hard-earned resources, and those who deprive others of their rights and privileges. We pray that young people may appreciate the value of hard work.

In the gospel, the servants who worked hard and made profit were called good and faithful servants and were rewarded with great responsibilities. As for the servant who effectively 'went to sleep' by digging a hole and burying his master's money, his talent was taken away and he was severely punished. Jesus says, "To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away" (Matthew 25:29). Unused talent fades away; which is to say, "If you don't use it, you lose it."

Again, in the parable, the master is God. We are the servants. There is always a time of reckoning; a time we are required to account for our actions and our talents. We give accounts on two levels: While still alive, accountability is required for our actions, duties, and responsibilities. In the afterlife, there is judgment and reward. We know situations when people refuse to give an account of their responsibilities. We also know situations when people give falsified account.

There are some important questions for us to reflect on: What are we doing with the talents, gifts, positions, duties, responsibilities, opportunities, and blessings that God has entrusted to us? Are we like the hardworking, worthy wife and the good and faithful servants, or are we like the lazy servant?

The wicked and lazy servant "went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." When asked to give an account, he lashed out with a furious insult. We see this happen around us, where someone fights the very people to whom he/she supposed to render an account.

I suspect that the wicked and lazy servant was also angry at receiving only one talent and envious of those who received more. I suspect too the master knew that the servant was lazy which was why he gave him only one talent to test his ability. The gospel states that master gave the talents according to the servants' ability. The lazy servant failed the test and went from being lazy to being wicked. Jesus says, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones" (Luke 16:10).

It is striking what the master said to the good and faithful servants, "Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." This is an invitation to us to be faithful in small matters. Many great people rose from humble beginnings. Many big establishments began in a small way. Jesus says, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move" (Matthew 17:20). Jesus began his ministry with only twelve apostles (Luke 6:12). A small seed germinates and grows into a huge tree. Every animal, even the mightiest ones, begins as a tiny fetus. Therefore, no one should say, "I can't start. It is too small." To take such a stance is like accepting defeat even before a contest begins.

Chinese philosopher, Laozi, says, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." St. (Mother) Theresa, "Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." And Robert Baden-Powell, "The most successful detectives owe their success to noticing small things."

O Lord, grant me a hardworking and accountable spirit. Increase my little light, and may my talents grow. Amen.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 14, 2026 (*Vigil Mass*) **5:00 PM**
St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 15, 2026 **8:00 AM**
† Linda Mathis, † Gene Phillips, Sr., † John White, † Chris Carmouche, & **† Joseph Dauphine** requested by Eugene & Stephanie White
† Stephanie Rachal requested by The Rachal Family
† Velmer, † Hilda, & † Deborah Gradney requested by Carolyn Gradney Louviere

Sunday, November 15, 2026 **11:00 AM**
† Ralph Murray requested by Patricia Murray & Family
† Sisters of the Holy Family & † Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word requested by Clarice Campbell
† Ray Anthony Murphy, Jr. requested by Family & Friends

Monday, November 16, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Private Intention

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 **7:00 AM**
† Eva Pipkin, † Helen Mitchell & † Donald Morgan requested by Janice Mitchell
Iris Bunn & Ruth Gayden requested by Veronica Murphy

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Private Intention

Thursday, November 19, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Private Intention

Friday, November 20, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Private Intention

Saturday, November 21, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Private Intention

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS: Weekly Offerings and Donations may be mailed, dropped off a t the parish or completed online through ***ParishSOFT Giving*** or ***Zelle***.

Weekly offerings and/or donations dropped at the parish or put in the rectory's mail box. The mail box is safe because it has a lock. The church gate opens daily at 9:00 AM and closes at 5:00 PM.

Online offerings and/or donations may be made through:
***ParishSOFT* Giving**:
- **https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stfrancisofassisi**

Zelle:
- Email: **stfrancisofassisihouston@gmail.com**

CCE for all grades has begun. This includes adults in need of Confirmation. Sisters and brothers coming from other faith traditions are invited to come and learn about Catholic faith in hopes of becoming Catholics. CCE is on Sunday at 9:30 am.

St. Francis of Assisi THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Help us provide Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need! Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets, and we are collecting turkeys, hams, non-perishable food items, toiletries, and monetary donations.

- Donation sign-up sheets are available in the church foyer.
- All donations are due by Sunday, November 15th.
- Monetary donations may be made through Zelle or Online Giving, by check payable to St. Francis of Assisi, or by cash placed in an envelope with your name on it.
- Baskets will be distributed on Sunday, November 22nd after 11am Mass.

For more information, please contact Carolyne Mbong at 832-896-8116.
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Texas Catholic Herald : Check out the digital edition of the Texas Catholic Herald! Read the latest issue online now at **www.archgh.org/digitaleditions** or visit **www.archgh.org/tch**.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November 2026

For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service [of] the common good and solidarity of those who have less. **- Pope Leo XIV**

Vocation Events
https://houstonvocations.com/events
For additional information and events visit link above or call **713-652-8239**

Upcoming Events		
Date	**Event**	**Time**
November 22, 2026 Sunday	Solemnity of Christ the King **Benemerenti Awards**	11:00 AM Mass
November 26, 2026 Thursday	**Thanksgiving Day**	9:00 AM Mass
December 12, 2026	**Parish Christmas Party** *Home for the Holidays*	6:30 PM-10:00 PM
December 19, 2026 Saturday	**Christmas Confession**	10:00 AM

Saturday, December 12, 2026: *"Home for the Holidays"*

St. Francis of Assisi and the Pastoral Council will host our annual parish Christmas Appreciation Party on Saturday, December 12th from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM.

Please reserve your tables by Monday, November 30 Contact the parish office or Adrian Sloan at 281-831-8572 or email **pastoralcouncilsfachurch@gmail.com**.

When making your reservation, please include the number of tables you need and the total number of guests.

The parish hall will be open for table decorating on:
- Thursday, December 10th & Friday, December 11th - 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 12th - 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Let's have a fabulous time celebrating together as *one family, one love*!

22nd Annual Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, February 13, 2027

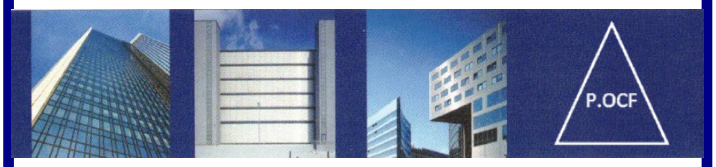
*Support **Sister Thecla and St. Christopher Catholic School** in this annual event benefiting Catholic education.*
To donate, **scan the QR code.**
Checks may also be made payable to **St. Christopher Catholic School**. Please write **"Steps for Students - Attn: Sr. Thecla"** on the memo line.
Thank you for your generosity and support!

Attention Employees & Volunteers of St. Francis of Assisi: please be sure your **Safe Environment Training** is up to date. The Safe Environment compliance training and renewal training are a condition of employment and for volunteer ministry in our Archdiocese. You may call the parish office to check the status of your training. Remember the protection and safety of our children and vulnerable adults are important to us.

Note: CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: the Altar Society will order Poinsettias this year to decorate the altar for Christmas in memory and in honor of loved ones. They're working on locating a florist in hopes of having all the details by next weekend.

Attention St. Francis of Assisi Seniors: The 2026 Northern Senior Recognition Celebration is Wednesday, December 9th. Registration is due by Wednesday, November 18th. Seniors who would like to attend, may contact Mary Robertson at 832-790-8124 to register for the luncheon.

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