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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Marian Chapel

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A

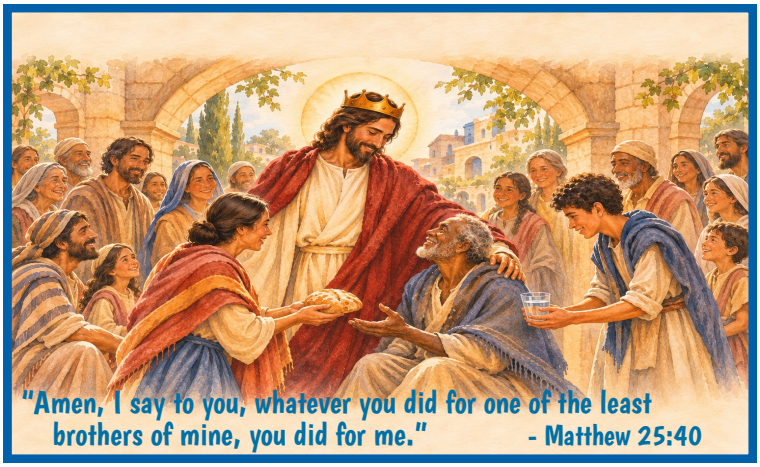
November 22, 2026



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.



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.

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday - November 26th - 9:00 AM Mass



"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever!" -Psalm 107:1

Happy Thanksgiving



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"
Commemorating the
800th Anniversary of his Death
Traveling Statue & Relic
is with the Family of
Charles & Dena LaVigne
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: $17,165.00
Total Number of Donors: 53
Percentage Paid: 63.87%

Altar Servers
Ronald Berard
713-299-4024

Altar Society
Mary Robertson
832-790-8124

Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP)
Ms. Onari Guidry
713-907-7066
Nancy Mathis
713-208-3711

Audio/Visual
Bonita Taylor
713-252-2028

Bazaar Committee
Carla Lewis 713-534-3927
Mark Davis 713-498-6112

Bible Study
Deacon Ignatius Joseph
281-745-3005

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

Daughters of Divine Love
832-445-0241

Disaster Response Committee
Paul Sloan
281-734-7289

El Shaddai Ministry
Joyce Ramos
832-797-0450

Environment & Sacred Space
Abel Rodriguez
713-658-5198

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Dr. Clarice Campbell
281-919-8563

Faith Alive Youth Ministry
Davida Mouton 832-236-5116
Jorri Odom

Finance Council
Paul Sloan
281-734-7289

Hope, Love, & Joy Seniors
Ella Ledet
713-927-1073

Knights of Peter Claver Council #231
Grand Knight John Arceneaux, Jr.
(281) 315-0452

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #231
Grand Lady Diana Carmon-Jones
713-969-7586

Knights of Peter Claver Junior Knights
Charles LaVigne
832-887-4880

Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughters
Dena Lavigne
832-245-1846

Lectors
Dorothy Webb
832-567-4742

Liturgy Committee
Matt Matthews
832-423-9335

Liturgical Movement
Dena Lavigne
832-245-1846

Minister of Music
Matt Matthews
832-423-9335

Pastoral Council
Mrs. Adrian Sloan
281-831-8572

Samaritan Ministry/Funeral Repast
Mary Robertson
832-790-8124

Sisters in the Spirit
Evelyn Wright
713-385-6607

Stewardship Committee
Antoinette Goodly
281-710-4883

Ushers
John Mathis
832-477-0999

Sacrificial Offerings

November 15, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	$1,655.00
Offerings (Mass)	$3,391.00
Online Giving Offerings	$825.00
Zelle Offerings	$920.00
Total	**$6,791.00**
Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection	$555.50

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-Fourth Sunday Christ the King, Year A, 2026

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

Today, the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, marks the end of the Catholic Church's liturgical year. Next Sunday begins the Advent and a new liturgical year. The Catholic Church ends its liturgical year with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.

This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a statement of faith against the prevailing ideologies at that time which attempted to exclude faith, religion, and God from humanity. This feast is even more relevant to us now that we face more harmful anti-Christian ideologies. For instance:

- Rejection of ecclesiastical structures and religious' influence in social, political, intellectual, and public life. The USA leadership recently resented Pope Leo's admonishment on a few political and human right issues in the country. There are countless instances of economic and political leaders objecting to intervention by religious leaders.
- The rejection of moral or theological truths, preferring pleasure, materials, vanity, individual fulfillment over Christian teachings on marriage, the family, gender, parental rights, and the sanctity of life.
- Direct and indirect persecution of Christians. Direct persecution is where Christians are killed and expelled and their properties destroyed or seized. Indirect persecution is anti-Christian policies in our systems.

By celebrating this feast, we uphold the teachings of Scripture and the Church, and to continue to proclaim Jesus Christ as our leader.

Scripture clearly states the kingship of Jesus: The King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15); the Ruler of the kings of the earth (Revelation 1:5). Jesus declares in Matthew 28:18, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." In Philippians 2:9-10, St. Paul writes, "God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord…"

The kingship of Jesus is in the fact that Christianity which he began over 2,000 years ago with twelve men, far later than other world religions, has spread to every corner of the earth, and has influenced every aspect of world development and history. Out of 8.3 billion world population, there are 2.4 billion Christians, making Christianity the world's largest religion. However, this number will likely change by 2035, when Muslims will outnumber Christians worldwide, according to a recently released Pew Research Center report. The Pew Research Center arrived at its projection using data mainly on fertility rates and switching patterns. So, Christians must keep this in mind when engaging in activism around reproductive rights and controls.

The kingship of Jesus is not political. His kingship is summarized in the preface of today's Eucharistic celebration as "… an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." Jesus' teachings command a universal appeal across all cultures, races, peoples, places, and situations.

As children of the kingdom, we are sent to witness Christ in our homes, our parishes, our churches, our neighborhoods, our institutions, our work places, our business places, our market places, our gatherings, our environments, our communities, our country, and in our world. We are sent to continue his saving works. We are kingly people (1 Peter 2:9), co-heirs of the kingdom with him (Romans 8:17), co-workers in God's service (1 Corinthians 3:9), and we are to reign with him (2 Timothy 2:11). It is by our position in his kingdom that we are able to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and care for the sick and prisoners, as demanded of us in today's gospel. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

In the first reading, Ezekiel describes the kingship of Jesus: He looks after and tends his flock. He finds scattered sheep and rescues them. He pastures them and gives them rest. He seeks and brings back the strayed. He binds up the injured and heals the sick.

The Psalm for today is many people's favorite. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose. Beside restful waters he leads me. He refreshes my soul. He guides me in the right path… Only goodness and kindness follow me, all the days of my life… "

Compare Jesus, who is a caregiver, a provider, and a healer, who sacrificed himself for humanity, with many political and religious leaders who do the opposite: … pasture themselves not the flock, consume milk, wore wool, and slaughter fatlings. They do not strengthen the weak nor heal the sick nor bind up the injured. They do not bring back the stray or seek the lost but rule them harshly and brutally…. (Ezekiel 34:2-4). Instead of "verdant pastures" and "restful waters," many leaders lead their people to thirst, hunger, impoverishment, destruction, and death. We must continue to pray for our leaders.

How does Jesus become the king of my life? It is by becoming a child of his kingdom, "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." May truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love, and peace rule our words and our actions. Amen.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 21, 2026 (*Vigil Mass*) **5:00 PM**
St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 22, 2026 **8:00 AM**
† **Sidney O. Everett, Sr.** & † **Gwendolyn Bates** requested by The Everett & Gonzales Families
† **Constantino Martinez, Jr.** requested by The Martinez Family
† **Gertrude Chelette** & † **Mavis Chelette LaCour** requested by Frankie Morgan

Sunday, November 22, 2026 **11:00 AM**
† **Aljy** & **Clarice Campbell's 50th Wedding Anniversary** requested by Cheryl Campbell
† **Shelton Joseph** requested by Barbara Joseph & Family
† **Ira Wilson** requested by Joyce Wilson & Family

Monday, November 23, 2026 **7:00 AM**
† **Donald Morgan** requested by Brenda Lewis

Tuesday, November 24, 2026 **7:00 AM**
† **Alphonse Tamnou** & † **Micheline Watchueng** requested by Christelle Kamssu

Wednesday, November 25, 2026 **7:00 AM**
† **Souls in Purgatory** requested by A Friend

Thursday, November 26, 2026 **9:00 AM**
† **Ray Anthony Murphy, Jr.** requested by Elaine, Kwandolyn, & Winsolon
† **John Carmouche** requested by Frieda Carmouche
† **Manuel** & † **Mary Aguilar** requested by Mary Helen & Cameron

Friday, November 27, 2026 **7:00 AM**
† **Theresa Mitchell** requested by Ella Ledet & Family

Saturday, November 28, 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.

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**.

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Advent Revival

"Together in Faith, Waiting for Christ"

The revival begins Sunday, December 13th @ 9:00 a.m. Mass and continues Monday through Wednesday, December 14th –16th at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Kevin Fausz will serve as the revivalist. All are welcome to join them in prayer as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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
January 17, 2027 Sunday	**Kwanzaa Celebration**	11:00 AM Mass
January 17, 2027 Sunday	**MLK Mass of Remembrance** Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart	3:00 PM

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*!

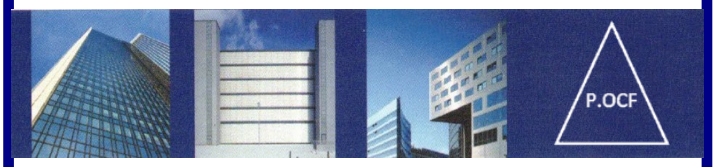
22nd Annual Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk

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!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: the Altar Society has ordered 75 poinsettias to decorate the altar for Christmas in memory or in honor of loved ones. They are $10.00 each and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 13th. The order forms are on the information table in church. The order forms and payments may be put in the collection basket, mailed, dropped off, or put in the parish office or the rectory mail box. For more information, you may contact Mrs. Mary Robertson at 832-790-8124 or call the parish office.

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