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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Marian Chapel

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

November 8, 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.

HAPPY VETERANS DAY - November 11, 2026



With grateful hearts, we honor all veterans. Thank you for your service, courage, and sacrifice. May God bless you and your families with peace, strength, and love.

"The LORD bless you and keep you!" -Numbers 6:24

Seminarians Mass
Sunday, October 18, 2026 @ 11:00 AM Mass





"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"
Commemorating the
800th Anniversary of his Death
Traveling Statue & Relic
is with
the Family & Friends of Fabiola Cespedes
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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Ms. Onari Guidry
713-907-7066
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713-208-3711

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281-745-3005

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832-236-7316

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Grand Lady Diana Carmon-Jones
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832-423-9335

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Mrs. Adrian Sloan
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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 1, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	$385.00
Offerings (Mass)	$5,461.00
Online Giving Offerings	$505.00
Zelle Offerings	$1,225.00
Total	**$7,576.00**
All Saints' Day Offering	$416.00
All Souls' Day Offering	$102.00

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63:2-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

The readings of this Sunday and next Sunday call our attention to reflect on the end of time.

Today's readings remind us Psalm 90:12, "Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart." (Another translation, "Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.") The readings teach us that we need God's wisdom to live a good earthly life and be ready for eternal life.

In the second reading, St. Paul writes about the collective or general end of time. No one knows when it will happen. Therefore, let us be more concerned with the individual end of time which we experience every day. Jesus says, "Stay awake, for you do not know neither the day nor the hour." Stay awake means stay awake in relationship with God; stay awake against the deceits of the Evil One and his agents; and stay awake in good works. We need God's wisdom to stay awake and be ready for our personal end of time.

The parable of the ten virgins teaches us how to live wisely. It teaches us to think ahead and to plan ahead in a positive way. This applies not only for eternal life but in every aspect of our earthly life.

The foolish virgins represent pressures to follow the path of sin. They represent trials and temptations capable of swaying us from the right course of action to the wrong one. The parable encourages us to be wise and firm against such pressures, trials and temptations, and not sway from what is right to what is wrong. The wise virgins declined to share their oil, lest it runs dry, their flames go out, and they be left in the dark. It is foolish to become an accomplice to sin just to please someone.

Proverbs 4:4-9 advises us, "Get wisdom, get understanding! … Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will safeguard you. … she will bring you honors if you embrace her; she will put on your head a graceful diadem; a glorious crown will she bestow on you." "For even if one is perfect among the sons of men, yet without the wisdom that comes from God, he will be regarded as nothing" (Wisdom 9:6). Wisdom "penetrates and pervades all things" and "produces friends of God and prophets" (Wisdom 7:22-30). Wisdom is the first of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Six ways we can get wisdom:

First: "The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10). "Fear of the Lord" means to reverence God. It means to draw close to Jesus Christ, who is "the power and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:24).

Second: We get wisdom by knowing the word of God and acting on it. "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6). "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but from every word that comes from the mouth of God"' (Matthew 4:4). "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them to practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock …" (Matthew 7:24).

Third: We get wisdom by praying for it. "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God … and he will be given it" (James 1:5). Solomon testifies, "I prayed, and understanding was given to me; I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me" (Wisdom 7:7). The first reading says, wisdom "readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. … She makes her rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solitude" (Wisdom 6:12 & 16).

Fourth: "Into a soul that plots evil wisdom does not enter, nor does she dwell in a body under debt of sin. For the Holy Spirit of discipline flees deceit…" (Wisdom 1:4). "Fear of the Lord" also means to be disgusted by sin.

Fifth: "Walk with the wise and you become wise, but the companion of fools fares badly" (Proverbs 13:20). "Seek counsel from every wise person, and do not think lightly of any useful advice" Tobit 4:18.

Sixth: We get wisdom by reflecting on experiences, events, and signs of times. Jesus says, "You know how to judge the appearance of the sky, but you cannot judge the signs of the times" (Matthew 16:3). "Wise people have eyes in their heads, but fools walk in darkness," says Ecclesiastes 2:14.

Let us pray:

O Lord, may our eyes be in our heads that we may see what you want us to see and do what you want us to do. May our oil never run dry and our flame never go out. Amen.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 7, 2026 (*Vigil Mass*) **5:00 PM**
St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 8, 2026 **8:00 AM**
† Anna Lee Arceneaux requested by Children & Grandchildren
Sloan & Labrie Families Living & Deceased requested by Paul & Gloria Sloan
† Lillie Melvin requested by David & Alicia Livings

Sunday, November 8, 2026 **11:00 AM**
† Magdeline Sias requested by Sisters of the Holy Family Houston Associates
† Marjorie Boudreaux requested by Laura & James Boudreaux
† Paul Trahan, † Winsolon Trahan, Jr., & † Ray A. Murphy, Jr. requested by Elaine Murphy

Monday, November 9, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Sandy Rather, † Alta Louis, & † Peter Louis requested by Veronica Murphy

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Private Intention

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 **7:00 AM**
† Souls in Purgatory requested by A Friend

Thursday, November 12, 2026 **7:00 AM**
† Catherine Veazie requested by John Boxie

Friday, November 13, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Private Intention

Saturday, November 14, 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, nonperishable 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. For more information, please contact Carolyne Mbong at 832-896-8116. Baskets will be distributed on Sunday, November 22nd after 11am Mass. *Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH: *MORNING OF REFLECTION 2026*

Catholics of African descent are invited to attend and participate in the 2026 Black Catholic History Month Morning of Reflection, "*Nourished by the Word, Sent to the World,*" on Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 9:00 AM to noon at St. Laurence Catholic Church. The keynote speaker is Dr. Cecilia Moore and the featured presenter is Deacon Phillip Jackson. Registration is now open. Scan the QR code or register online at **archgh.swoogo.com/bchm2026**.

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

St Francis of Assisi Super Bingo ▪ Friday ▪ November 13, 2026

5102 Dabney Street, Houston TX 77026
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW: Presale: **$20** ▪ at the Door: **$25**
Deadline to purchase presale tickets: Wednesday, November 11th
Doors open at 5 pm ▪ Games begin at 7 pm ▪ Concessions available
Coverall grand prize will be $1,000.00!!!
For more info text: Johnna @ 713-806-2778 or Evelyn @ 713-385-6607
Join us for family friendly fun and support our parish!!

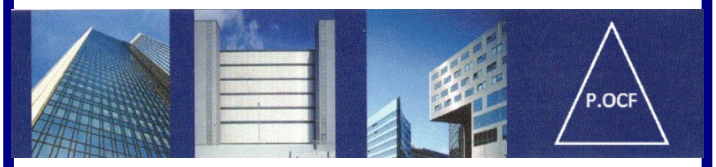
Save the Date: Saturday, December 12, 2026: *"Home for the Holidays"*
St. Francis of Assisi and the Pastoral Council will host our annual parish Christmas Appreciation Party on Saturday, December 12th from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM.
You contact the parish office or Adrian Sloan (281-831-8572 or email **pastoralcouncilsfachurch@gmail.com**) to reserve your tables by Monday, November 30th. The hall will be open Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th, from 5pm to 8pm and Saturday morning, December 12th from 9am to 1pm to decorate your tables.
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!*

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Attention all volunteers: 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.

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