

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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SUNDAY MASSES / MISAS DE DOMINGO

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass in English

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Misa en Español

11:00 a.m. Mass in English

PARISH OFFICE HOURS/ HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday to Friday / Lunes a a Viernes

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DAILY MASSES / MISA DIARIA

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. Misa en Español

Wed. & Fridays: 12:00 Noon Mass in English

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m.

Fridays: 12:30 p.m.

(or by appointment)

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Segundo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario



Saturday, January 13th

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation in English

†Mr. And Mrs. Desidero Martinez
 †Mr. And Mrs. Homer Martinez
 †Elena Garcia †Roberto Munoz
 †Johnny and Lupita Martinez
 †Hector Salinas
 †Mary Baldera
 †Guadalupe Fernandez

Sunday, January 14th

8:00 a.m. Misa en Español

Pro Populo (For All Members of this Parish)

11:00 a.m. Mass in English

†Mrs. Elodia Sanchez

Monday, January 15th

No Mass

Tuesday, January 16th

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

†Marcelo Ledesman
 †Cleofas Villarreal
 †Jesus Garia Gonzalez
 †Jorge Guerrero

Wednesday, January 17th

No Mass

Thursday, January 18th

8:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

†Francisca & Fernando Zepeda
 †Secundo Ramos Garza
 †Senaido Martinez
 †J. R. Martinez

Friday, January 19th

No Mass

Saturday, January 20th

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation in English

†Corp. Pedro Caballero
 †Jesusa Caballero
 †Hector Salinas
 †Aaron Vincent Juarez
 †Elodia Sanchez
 †Maria del Refugio Garcia

THE WORD OF GOD OF THIS SUNDAY

God speaks, a voice Samuel has not heard before. God calls Samuel by name. It's the voice to which [Eli] has been waiting for all his life. Despite his office, he's really in the same position as this child, not really expecting the divine voice to speak to him.

On the other hand, Andrew, disciple of John the Baptist, knows his master's voice very well; he's been a voluntary student of John's for some time. On this particular day, Jesus walks by and John says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." And so these two dedicated disciples jump—into the discipleship of a new master. Jesus invites them to come and see for themselves. What Andrew sees is enough for him to recruit his brother at once.

How high or far might we jump at the sound of the voice that calls us? Do we even recognize that voice when it speaks?

LA PALABRA DE DIOS DE ESTE DOMINGO

Dios habla, una voz que Samuel no ha escuchado antes. Dios llama a Samuel por su nombre. Es la voz que [Eli] ha estado esperando toda su vida. A pesar de su cargo, él está realmente en la misma posición que este niño, sin esperar que la voz divina le hable.

Por otra parte, Andrés, discípulo de Juan el Bautista, conoce muy bien la voz de su maestro; ha sido un estudiante voluntario de Juan durante algún tiempo. En este día en particular, Jesús pasa y Juan dice: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios". Y así, estos dos discípulos dedicados saltan al discipulado de un nuevo maestro. Jesús los invita a venir y ver por sí mismos. Lo que Andrés ve es suficiente para reclutar a su hermano de inmediato.

¿Qué tan alto o lejos podríamos saltar al sonido de la voz que nos llama? ¿Reconocemos siquiera esa voz cuando habla?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Psalm: 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

LECTURAS DE ESTE DOMINGO

Primera Lectura: 1 Sm 3, 3b-10. 19

Salmo: 40, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10

Segunda Lectura: 1 Cor 6, 13c-15a. 17-20

Evangelio: Jn 1, 35-42

SUNDAY COLLECTION January 7, 2024

5:30 pm Mass\$ 2,367.00
8:00 am Mass\$ 1,421.00
11:00 am Mass\$ 2,406.30
Total Collection\$ 6,194.30
Less 11.5% Asset.....\$ 712.35
Total for the Parish\$ 5,481.95
Building Fund\$1,459.45

**Thank you for your continued
support towards your parish.**

*Muchas Gracias por su apoyo
continuo hacia su Parroquia.*

ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday—Friday from 8:00 to
8:00 p.m. and Saturday from
8:00 to 2:00 p.m.. To get the
entry code call the office at
(956) 797-2666.

SACRAMENTS

Confessions: Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m.
and Fridays: 12:30 pm or by appt.

Baptisms: Please, contact the
parish office, ahead of time, for a
copy of the policy and information
on classes. Parents and sponsors of
this parish need to attend the Bap-
tismal Prep. Classes here, before
receiving a letter to be sponsors &
the Certificate of Attendance.

Marriage: Engaged couple needs
to make an appointment with the
pastor, at least six months before
the intended wedding date.

Quinceañeras: (Not a Sacra-
ment) Candidates need to be mem-
bers of SFX, attend Sunday Mass
(regularly) and CCE Classes for
the last two years, at this parish.
Please, no exceptions.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ON CHURCH SCREENS

Please notice that announce-
ments are no longer being post-
ed on the church T.V. screens. If
you need information concern-
ing parish events or schedules,
please visit the Parish Website:
stfrancisxavierlaferia.org or
your Sunday Bulletin.

Church Announcements

NEW YOUTH GROUP

We are organizing a Pilot Pro-
gram for a Youth Group, for
High School students (ages 14
thru 18), for next year, begin-
ning around the middle of Janu-
ary. If you are interested in be-
ing a part of the new Youth
Group, or want for your daugh-
ters or sons to be a part of this
group, please call the parish of-
fice, as soon as possible, to
register.

CLASS FOR BAPTISM

The Class for Baptism in Eng-
lish, will be held on Saturday,
January 20th, 2024.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tomorrow, Monday, January
15th, in observance of Martin
Luther King, Jr. Day.

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING

Saturday, January 20th, at 10:30
a.m., in church.

GROUNDSPREADING FOR THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HALL

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, at
11:00 a.m.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW MAIN ALTAR, AND BLESSING OF THE NEW BACK ALTAR & LECTERN

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, at
12:00 Noon Mass in church.

NO CCE (CATECHISM)

Tomorrow, Monday, Jan.
15th and Wednesday, Jan.
17th, due to cold weather
conditions.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETREAT

Some of the Diocesan Priests will
be in retreat from Monday, Jan.
15th to Friday, Jan. 19th, 2024, at
the Renewal Center in San Juan,
Texas. Let's pray for them, at
this time of prayer and reflection
for them.

SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR MASSES THIS WEEK ONLY

Please notice that this week we
will be having a **6:30 p.m. Bilin-
gual Mass, on Tuesday, Jan.
16th, and 8:00 a.m. Bilingual
Mass, on Thursday, Jan. 18th,**
due to the cold weather condi-
tions, and Monsignor Luis Javier
being in retreat, with the rest of
the priests of the diocese.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.,
at the Parish Office.

PERMANENT DEACONS AND THEIR WIVES' ANNUAL RETREAT

All Permanent Deacons of the
Diocese of Brownsville, and their
wives will be in retreat, from Fri-
day, Jan. 26th to Sunday, Jan.
28th. Let's remember them, their
dear families and their intentions
in our daily prayers, but especial-
ly at this time.

