

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

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Pastor

*Rev. Joseph Rodney, SSJ*  
In Residence

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>VIGIL - 5:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>8:00 AM AND 11:00 AM</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA - 5:00 PM</b>
<b>WED - THURS:</b>	<b>6:30 AM IN CONVENT</b>
<b>HOLYDAYS:</b>	<b>9:00 AM AND 6:00 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM</b>

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** IS CELEBRATED ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH (NO BAPTISM DURING LENT). BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS IS HELD ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE BAPTISM AT 6PM. THIS CLASS IS MANDATORY. PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE CLASS THROUGH THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE OR THE PARISH OFFICE.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** IS CELEBRATED ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

**MARRIAGE LAW** OF THE DIOCESE REQUIRES A SIX MONTH PREPARATION PERIOD BEFORE MARRIAGE.

COUPLES MUST ATTEND A PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR. IN THIS DIOCESE THERE ARE NO EVENING WEDDINGS ON SATURDAY IT IS NECESSARY TO SEE THE PRIEST BEFORE SETTING A DATE.

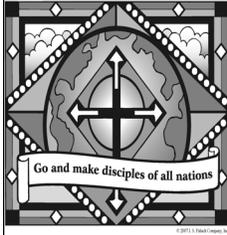
**CARE OF THE SICK:** PLEASE CALL THE PRIEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND /OR HOSPITAL VISITATION. IF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS CRITICALLY NEEDED, PLEASE CALL REV. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER NUMBER LISTED ABOVE OR THE CHAPLAINCY OFFICE AT THE HOSPITAL.

**FUNERALS:** PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE SETTING A DATE AND A TIME FOR A FUNERAL.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** ARE EVERY SUNDAY FROM 9:30AM TO 10:30AM.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) CLASSES ON TUESDAY AT 6:00 P. M . PLEASE CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE.

## Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, LA



**Welcome:** You enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and your coming in.

### A MISSION FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Matthew is the only one of the evangelists who does not speak explicitly of or recount the departure of Jesus from his followers. Mark and Luke recount the Ascension, each in his own way; and John consistently has Jesus speak of the necessity of his departure so the Paraclete might come. Matthew situates his final scene for Jesus on top of a mountain in Galilee (not outside Jerusalem, as Luke does). This is the region where his mission originated, and throughout his Gospel the mountaintop has been the place for him to teach his followers. (We are familiar with the “Sermon on the Mount” from Matthew.) And here Jesus re-echoes those Ascension themes we hear from the other evangelists: It is Jesus himself, risen and glorified, charged with power from the Father, who sends us out; it is Jesus himself who gives us our mission to baptize, heal, teach, and proclaim the Good News of salvation; it is Jesus himself who will be with us always, as we continue to be his presence alive in the world.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There was a curious custom years ago that perhaps developed in an age when Easter was seen less as a baptismal season than as a kind of tour through the deeds of the Risen Christ. The paschal candle, sign of Christ’s presence, was removed from public view on Ascension Thursday, banished to the baptistery.

Ascension day does speak of the hidden aspects of Christ’s life among us, but it does not have much to do with God’s absence. Christ has not shed his human life like an inconvenient shell, but rather has taken humanity into heaven. The theologian Karl Rahner said that it is a festival of “the nearness of God.” In vanishing from our sight, Christ has become utterly available to all at every time and every place, and is “closer to us than he ever was.”

Today is the feast of believing that beyond our final breath is a presence that waits for us, a banquet prepared, a tender homecoming embrace. Rahner said that today is a festival of the future of the world, a day for anticipating the world’s true destiny, and therefore hardly a day to be going around hiding candles!

#### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** - Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

**Psalm** - God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

**Second Reading** - May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

**Gospel** - Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

#### Parish Directory

**We intend to publish the name, address, phone numbers and email address of all our parishioners in our pictorial directory. If you do not want this information published please contact the church office at 383-3479.**

#### HEAVEN

The world is only peopled to people heaven.

#### Mass Intentions for May 31 - June 3, 2014

Saturday	5:00	Marshall Sr. & Evelyn Honore <i>By: Honore Family</i>
Sunday	8:00	Lester Paul Gauthier <i>By: Edward, Mary, Michael, Danna, Damien &amp; Cleta</i>
	11:00	Ethel Smith <i>By: Walter Smith, Jr.</i>
Tuesday	5:00	Thanksgiving St. Theresa <i>By: Lorraine Corbin</i>

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday:	Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Tuesday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Thursday:	St. Boniface
Friday:	St. Norbert; First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday

**Stewardship  
May 25, 2014**

Regular Collection  
\$6,883.97

Parish Needs  
\$171.00

School Support  
\$769.45

Food Bank  
125.00

**Mobile Food Pantry**  
St. Francis Xavier will be the distribution site for the **Mobile Food Pantry sponsored by the Baton Rouge Food Bank and Together Baton Rouge**. The dates for the distribution of free food will be **June 21 and August 23**. **Volunteers are needed to distribute the food.**

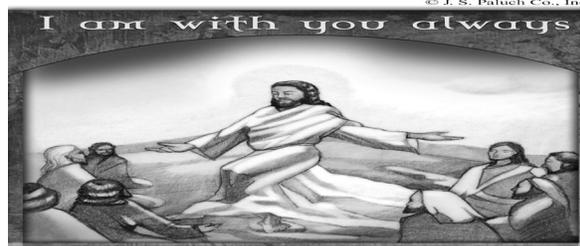


St. Francis Xavier Food Bank: is in need of non-perishables to assist the needy in our community. Please donate: Canned Corn, Peas, String Beans, Carrots, Fruit, Chili, Pasta, Grits, Cereal, Tuna, Rice, Bread, Soup, Tissue, Soap, Tooth Paste, Deodorant, etc.

**URGENT CARE CLINIC**  
**OPEN 24 HOURS / 7 DAYS A WEEK**  
Located at the North Clinic  
**5439 Airline Hwy**  
**Walk-ins Welcome**  
**LSU Patient Help Line: 1-877-578-8255**  
**Www.LSUHealthBR.com**



**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**June 1, 2014**  
He was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him from their sight.  
— Acts 1:9



Male Chorus rehearsal will be Wednesdays at 7:00. If you have any questions please contact Kenney Williams @ 755-0374

The annual summer retreat is schedule for the weekend of July 25, 26 & 27, 2014 at the St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center, Covington, LA. We encourage you to consider taking this weekend for yourself, especially if you have not previously attended a retreat. The cost for the weekend is \$160 which includes five meals and two nights. Deposit of \$25.00 is due by May 18 to reserve your space. We are limited to 40 participates. Final payment is due by July 13. Checks should be made to SFX and sent to Norma Duell, 2924 Juban Ave, BR 70805

**SFX Men's Club Invites you to join the**  
**2014 Men's Day**  
**Mass and Luncheon**  
  
**Sunday, June 22nd 2014**  
**Mass at 11:00 am**  
**Luncheon to Follow**

**I want to thank all of our parishioners for all the expressions of love and support on my 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. I deeply appreciate it. Fr. Ed**

God's love and mercy continue to be shown today as He calls men and women to follow his Son as a priest, sister or brother. If you think God is calling you to follow his Son in this way, call Fr. Matt Dupre at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



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**\*Tickets are \$25 per person**

**PRAY FOR US:** Geraldine Bell, Bernadine Bouligny, Richard Camble, Jr., Zula Comeaux, Diane Edwards, August Frank, Olivia Gauthier, Louise Haynes, Patsy Irvin, Dominique Jacger, Ora Lee Jordan, Wilbert Jordon Jr., Viola Landry, Amanda McMurray, John Paul Moore, Loriene Perry, Martha Proctor, James Raby, Maria Rice, Leola Richard, Whitney Robiho, Shelvia Stewart, Charles Taylor, Elizabeth Whitfield.