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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM
SUNDAY:	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
TUESDAY:	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA~ 5:00 PM
WED ~THURS:	6:30 AM IN CONVENT
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

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

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply “Palm Sunday.” Not too long ago, today was known as the “Second Sunday of the Passion,” and in 1970 it was renamed “Passion Sunday.” This made some sense, since the procession recalling Christ’s entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In its most recent incarnation, the name for this day includes both aspects of the celebration: “Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.” In the United States today, most worshipers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised even as the traditional name, “Holy Week,” was retained. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord’s Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church’s annual baptismal retreat: don’t be left out!

PASSION

The word “passion” connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year’s history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

The Easter Bunny is happily making plans. Easter is March 27th and the Bunny team is asking for donations. Donations may be in the form of individually wrapped bags of candy and/or money and dropped off at the Church office during regular hours. The Easter team will meet on Saturday, March 26, at 9:30am in the SFX School Cafeteria to assemble the 2016 Easter wagons. To join the 2016 team please telephone, text or email: Bernadette Wilkinson, 2252708880, bwilkin2@att.net or Patricia Smith, 2259783405, phs51@aol.com. Thank you for your continued support of our annual project. We appreciate your help and time

Bible Study will continue on Thursdays at 6pm

Mass Intentions for March 19-22, 2016

Saturday 5:00 Carmen & Family
By: *Grandmother*

Sunday 8:00 Thomas Murray
By: *Shirley Murray*

11:00 Spencer’s

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

PRAY FOR US

Geraldine Bell	Viola Landry	Walter Lewis
Eric Beshears	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Bernadine Bouligny	Loriene Perry	Joyce Decuir
Richard Camble, Jr.	Martha Proctor	Cenia Richard
Zula Comeaux	James Raby	Vivian LeDuff
Diane Edwards	Maria Rice	Rebecca Nelson
Olivia Gauthier	Whitney Robiho	Michael Vincent
Patsy Irvin	Shelvia Stewart	Ceola Marcelle
Ora Lee Jordan	Charles Taylor	Mildred Anderson
Frazier Jordan	Elizabeth Whitfield	

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 20, 2016

PSR News

Lenten Season -Lent is a time of listening. The Word of God is given to us in abundance. Look at the texts of the Lenten Sundays (and all the weekdays), the rich parables, the choice of Gospels, the great themes of faith, conversion, and turning back to a God who is already waiting and loving us. We are asked to do more than listen in this Lenten season. We are asked to make the Word of God a penance and personal evaluation. We are reminded of the words of Christ that unless we do penance we shall all likewise perish: "Take up [your] cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24)

RCIA - Please pray for our Elect; Louella Gettridge, Precious Causey, Princess Duncan, Bryce Reese and Amanda Joseph and Kierra Washington.

Confirmation Meeting and Rehearsal - Parents, Sponsors, and Candidates are to meet **Saturday, April 2, 2016** in the Church to make final preparations and rehearse for the ceremony on April 10.

Confirmation - Confirmation is **April 10, 2016** St. Francis Xavier 8:00 a.m. Mass. Bishop Robert Muench will be the celebrant.

First Communion Retreat – First Communion Retreat will be held **April 30, 2016**.

First Communion will be **May 1, 2016** at the 8:00 a.m. Mass

PSR Parents - After Mass and after we escort our kids to CCD Classes, for the next hour and fifteen minutes we patiently wait in our vehicles until classes are done. Whether we exercise meditative prayer, converse with other parents, read, or just go over our to do list for the week, to these parents whom I affectionately refer to as “parking lot parents” we invite you to join together in the cafeteria to discuss with each other what the children are discussing in class. Each week we will compile a list of discussion questions, based on the lesson plans for each class. Our vision is that through these meetings, assistance to the parents who are the first teachers of our children in the faith, will help to promote faith discussions at home and to share and discuss some of the questions that only kids can ask about our religion. This parents meeting will be led by you the parents with the first volunteer leader being Pilar Green Crutchfield. Please see Pilar, call or text her at 225.614.0094 to establish a start date.

Stations of the Cross * Fridays of Lent @ 2pm

ESSENTIAL REDUCTION

All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass: “Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.”

Stewardship March 13, 2016



Regular Collection
\$10,297.93
Flowers
\$341.47
Parish Needs
\$307.00



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, Soap, Tooth Paste, Deodorant etc.

ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR DAUGHTERS AND PARENTS! PLEASE CONTACT Grand Lady Leslie Coates @ 225-803-4470 to set up an important meeting.

Once again the KPC Ladies Auxiliary Ct# 12 will sponsor their annual after Easter Casino bus trip. We will go to the Cypress Bayou Casino March 28. The bus leaves the rear parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$20.00 with a \$10.00 casino incentive. Please contact Leslie Coates @ (225) 803-4470, Mary Williams @ (225) 344-8232, Betty Camble @ (225) 355-7914 or any Auxiliary member. Be prepared to give name, address and complete date of birth.

2016 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 24 * Mass 6pm

Good Friday

Friday, March 25 * Stations of the Cross 12 noon
Good Friday Services 3pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 26 * Mass 8pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 27
Mass 8am & 11am

New Church Pews & Flooring

We will soon begin a pledge campaign to raise \$100,000 (\$60,000 pews & \$40,000 flooring) to replace our pews and flooring. In order to begin the project we need the cash on hand. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to this important project in preparation of our 100th Anniversary in 2018.