

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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### MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>8:00 AM &amp; 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 &amp; 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

## 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

Three years ago, as we made the shift in the Eucharistic Prayer from “Benedict” to “Francis,” we named a “treasure” in our tradition. From apostolic times, the Church has sent disciples on mission with a mandate to proclaim the gospel. Paul and Barnabas and Timothy come to mind as men invested with responsibility for community and mission. First we see bishops, “overseers,” good men appointed by the acclaim of their people, the center of leadership, of prayer, of word and sacrament. Their territories were small initially, small enough to get everyone into one room and for the bishop to know everyone’s name.

In time, men were appointed to function as a council of advisers, “elders,” or presbyters. That isn’t a comment on chronological age, rather it indicates the maturity of their wisdom and faith. Before long, and only when the bishop was absent, some of these men “stood in” for him to do what bishops usually did: preaching, presiding at Eucharist. The deacons had a strong and visible role in liturgy and service, especially in the care of the poor, but were gradually overshadowed by the new importance of the presbyter. As the Roman Empire first tottered and then collapsed completely by 476, bishops increasingly became civil servants to maintain order and dispense justice. Conferences and duties summoned bishops away from their home posts, and presbyters were entrusted with the sacramental and preaching duties, even though at one time runners were sent out from the bishop’s Mass to bring fragments of the host to drop into chalices as a sign of the church’s unity around its bishop.

### Mass Intentions for March 12-15, 2016

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

**Sunday 8:00 Darius Johnson**  
By: *Shirley Murray*

**11:00 Louise Haynes**  
By: *Contemporary Choir*

**Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish**

### STRAIGHT LINES

“God writes straight with crooked lines,” the saying goes. The power of Paul’s testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. “Can’t you see it?” we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can’t beat this kind of good news.

**Our Tri-Parish Revival will be held on March 14, 15 and 16 at 6pm. On Monday it will be at Immaculate Conception Church, Tuesday at St. Francis Xavier and on Wednesday it will be at Immaculate Conception Church Tuesday at St. Francis Xavier and on Wednesday it will be at St. Paul’s. Deacon Michael Morrison is the Revivalist. Please make plans to attend as part of your Lenten program of renewal.**

### Tri Parish Revival March 14, 15, & 16

Bible Study will continue on Thursdays at 6pm  
We will be studying the Book of Revelation

### 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	

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016

### PSR News

**Lenten Season** - In the early Christian centuries Lent was and (in parishes like ours that prepare adults and children to enter the church) still is a time of preparation for baptism on Easter Eve. If we are already baptized, then it is a time to think what that Covenant should mean to us. Covenant is promise. Promise of what? Perhaps we promised nothing; it was all done for us. But should we look into that Covenant and decide to renew it for ourselves? The Church provide's a baptismal renewal at Easter. A serious spiritual effort in Lent will keep that renewal from becoming and empty gesture.

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

**First Communion Parents Meeting** - Parents will be today following the 8 am Mass in the school library.

**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**

#### **INSPIRED SCRIPTURE**

The study of inspired scripture is the chief way of finding our duty.

#### **Mardi Gras Ball 2016**

If you would like to view or purchase pictures from the ball the website is [www.dbellphotography.fototime.com](http://www.dbellphotography.fototime.com)

### **Stewardship** **March 6, 2016**



**Regular Collection**  
**\$10,138.51**  
**School Support**  
**\$220.00**  
**Parish Needs**  
**\$231.00**



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. 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.