

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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.

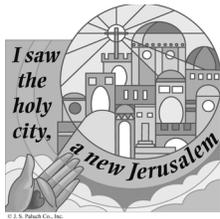
MARRIAGE LAW OF THE DIOCESE REQUIRES A SIX MONTH PREPARATION PERIOD BEFORE MARRIAGE. COUPLES MUST ATTEND A PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR. IN THIS DIOCESE THERE ARE NO EVENING WEDDINGS ON SATURDAY IT IS NECESSARY TO SEE THE PRIEST BEFORE SETTING A DATE.

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

The French Revolution swept the church in France away in an astonishing way, stripping the nation of every possible vestige of the faith, not merely shuttering churches, but using them as staging areas for pagan raves and romps. While millions of faithful simply went underground and hung on for the ride, even the seven-day week was demolished along with the names of the months. What emerged from the chaos was the Napoleonic Code of 1792 governing church life, and therefore marriage law in France, French Canada, and elsewhere. The code makes civil marriage mandatory for all citizens.

In practice, when the faithful marry, they go first to the City Hall. There, the mayor performs the civil marriage, usually accompanied by a patriotic speech about the duties of the citizen, particularly in the rearing of children. Then, typically after a lunch, everyone goes off to change into more festive attire for the wedding liturgy, featuring consent, the exchange of rings, and the nuptial blessing. Sadly, only a minority of citizens today celebrate even the civil form of the rite, and a fraction of those continue on to the church. For those who do celebrate the liturgy of marriage, however, there is near certainty that the spouses are active worshipers, and that they will later present their children for baptism.

TRUE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Can you imagine a world such as the one put before us in today's scripture readings? Communities of believers everywhere would support and encourage one another and be identified as Christians by the way they love each other. It would be a world with no tears, no death and mourning, no crying out in pain. "Behold, I make all things new," we hear the Son of God say in the second reading from the book of Revelation (21:5).

Is this world of John's vision only imaginary? Are these faithful followers for whom Jesus prayed only a savior's dream? Today they are put before us as a worthy goal. How much closer can we come to this vision of a true Christian community in our lives today?

KPC Ladies Auxiliary-Court 12 is awarding a \$500.00 scholarship to a high school graduate in May 2016 to aid in his/her study at a university, college or community college. Applications are on a table in the rear of the church .

The annual summer retreat is schedule for the weekend of August 4-7, 2016 at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, MS. We encourage you to consider taking this weekend for spiritual reflection.

The cost for the weekend is \$210 which includes 7 meals and 3 night stay. Deposit of \$25.00 is due by May 22 to reserve your space, balance may be paid monthly. Final payment is due by July 17. Checks should be made to SFX and sent to Norma Duell, 2924 Juban Ave, BR 70805 or placed in collection with check labeled "Retreat".

Bible Study will continue on Thursday's at 6pm

Mass Intentions for April 23-26, 2016

Saturday 5:00 Alvin & Cecile Domingue
By: The Domingue Family

Sunday 8:00 Paul B. Honore, Jr.
By: Lacy Honore
11:00 Alvin & Cecile Domingue
By: The Domingue Family

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

PRAY FOR US

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

Fifth Sunday of the Easter

April 24, 2016

PSR News

The Fifth Sunday of Easter May each one of us experience in our own life the efficacy of Jesus' assurance!
May Mary, Queen of the Saints and a model of perfect communion with her divine Son, help us. May she teach us how to continue "to abide" in Jesus, united to him as branches to the vine, and never to cut ourselves off from his love. Indeed, without him we can do nothing, for our life is Christ, alive and present in the Church and in the world. Today and forever. Praised be Jesus Christ! *St. Pope John Paul II*

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

First Communion will be **May 1, 2016** at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
No PSR Classes

Vacation Bible School Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday **June 27, 2016 thru Friday July 1, 2016** from **5pm till 7pm**. The theme for this year is; **Deep Sea Discovery**. Please register early and turn in the forms in the Office of Religious Education so that supplies may be ordered accordingly and on time. Registration forms are on the table at the entrance of the Church.

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

DWELLING PLACE - God dwells wherever we let God in.

Stewardship

April 24, 2016



Regular Collection
\$6,594.34
School Support
\$180.00
CCD
\$299.00



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. We also accept monetary donations to purchase food.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

“Behold,

God’s dwelling is with the human race.”

— *Revelation 21:3*

Agenda Item Request Forms for SFX Parish Council are located in the rear of the Church.

Agenda items are due in the Agenda Item Request Box, or you may fax request form, no later than 15 days prior to the meeting date requested.
Regular Meetings are held @ 9:30am every 4th Saturday of the Month except July and December

Fax: 225-388-5458

New Church Pews & Flooring

We have begun 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.