

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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 hal- lowed 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

One ancient Roman custom that was approved by the church was the veiling of the bride. When a single woman pledged her life to Christ, in a way of life not dissimilar to today's religious women, the outward sign of this commitment was a veiling. In ancient Rome, a woman with uncovered head was unmarried, and a veiled woman was "off limits to suitors." It was one small step to decide that a bride should receive a veil from the hands of the church as a sign of her new state in life. The prayer that accompanied the veiling was beautiful, and sung, a kind of consecratory prayer that was very similar to the prayer of ordination, or the prayers for blessing holy water or chrism. The "nuptial blessing" originally mentioned only the woman, although we know that the veil was often extended to cover the husband's shoulders also. The blessing was located before the kiss of peace, which the priest gave to the husband, and the husband to his new bride. Remember that this is in the early centuries, long before the kiss of peace virtually disappeared from liturgy.

The veiling and blessing was required when priests or deacons married, was recommended to lay- persons, but forbidden for certain public sinners and second marriages. The veiling of the couple was pre- served in England until the Reformation, and is re- turning to practice among Swedish Lutherans after having fallen into disuse about seventy-five years ago.

### Mass Intentions for April 30 – May 3, 2016

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

**Sunday 8:00 Lester Paul Gauthier**  
By: Edward, Mary, Michael,  
Danna & Damien

**11:00 Lucille Byrd & Cecile Domingue**  
By: The Family

**Tuesday 5:00 Paul Duell**  
By: The Family

### THE GIFT OF PEACE

We are offered another vision in today's second reading, a vision of the New Jerusalem, "coming down out of heaven from God" (Revelation 21:10). Read between the lines describing the radiant city, and we find that the greatest beauty revealed is the beauty of perfect symmetry and order, a city founded on the faith of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles, lit only by the glory of God.

The first reading and the Gospel are linked to this idealized description of the New Jerusalem. In both we read of distress and disturbance countered by the gift of peace. "[M]y peace I give to you," Jesus assures his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:27). In keeping with that gift, the apostles and elders, in the reading from Acts, decide not to disturb the peace of new Gen- tile believers. The undue burden of circumcision will not be imposed on them.

KPC Ladies Auxiliary-Court 12 and the Knights of Peter Claver #12 are both 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. The respec- tive application forms are located on a table in the rear of the church .

The annual summer retreat is schedule for the weekend of Au- gust 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 Du- ell, 2924 Juban Ave, BR 70805 or placed in collection with check labeled "Retreat".

### **Bible Study will be studying Paul's Epistles soon.**

### 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

# Sixth Sunday of the Easter

May 1, 2016

### PSR News

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

*1 Corinthians 10:16*

**First Communion** For the first time; **Nathan Crutchfield, Adonis Frazier, Amani Frazier, Brianna Landix, Briana Puckett and Kyler Washington** will be nourished with the Holy Eucharist together with their family of St. Francis Xavier.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, you left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank you for giving these children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and Neighbor, and fruitful in virtue that they may continue to receive You through their life. Amen.

**May 15, 2016** As always, you the parents, have entrusted your children to us with assisting you with their instruction, formation and Sacramental preparation in the faith of our Church and the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. So too have the teachers in our parish school of religion, dedicated their time, talent, and finances, in the formation of our children. It is only fitting that we recognized them, offer them our support and show our appreciation for the great job that they are doing by carrying out our baptismal obligation and promise to catechize our children through their selfless dedication; **Sr. Edna Mae Jones, Ms. Hermeain DeGruy, Sr. Marie deMonfort Breaux, Miss Asa Young, Ms. Lisa Prater, Mrs. Lynn Carmouche, Sr. Donald MC, Sr. Soubirious, MC, Sr. Christa, MC and all the Sisters of Charity, Mrs. Gaylyne Mack, Mrs. Mary Marshal, Ms. Michelle Dennis, Mrs. Cynthia B. Stewart, James and Kimberly Papillion and John and Linda Young**, may Christ bestow his choicest blessing upon you and your family and strengthen you and your family in your endeavors as you continue to carry out His teachings. On **May 15, 2016, the 2015 - 2016** Parish School of Religion will be complete. Please ensure that your child pick up his/her certificate for your records, and if you would, please extend your appreciation to their instructors. Thank you and thank God for a successful year. PEACE!

**Vacation Bible School** Hold on! We ain't finished yet! Vacation Bible School will be held from **Monday June 27, 2016 thru Friday July 1, 2016** from **5:00 PM till 7:00 PM**. 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.

### Stewardship

April 24, 2016



**Regular Collection**  
\$6,798.15  
**School Support**  
\$451.00  
**Food Pantry**  
\$200.00



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.

**Thanks to everyone who assisted in making the 2015 Annual Fish Fry a great success!**  
**We raised a total of \$6,163.74**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter May 1, 2016**

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!  
— *Psalm 67:6*

**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.**