

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 10, 2016

# 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

From the earliest centuries, we know that some Christian women desired to vow themselves to a celibate life to pray and serve. Some, but by no means everyone, wanted a kind of monastic life. Others wanted to stay in the family home. By the fourth century, the church was celebrating the "Consecration of Virgins," a rite performed by the bishop, and involving a "veiling" of the woman. It was looked upon as a form of marriage with Christ, partly because in the culture of the day a woman's status in society was linked to a man. The prayers and ritual for the consecration of virgins were exactly the same as the prayers and ritual for the consecration of a bride on her wedding day. The public character of the rite gave the bishop the opportunity to commend the virgin to the faithful, and to threaten with punishment anyone who tried to turn her from her commitment. Eventually, the rite fell into disuse for women living in the world, and was reserved for nuns. The Second Vatican Council directed that it be revived and restored, and in nearly every diocese, single women have embraced this form of consecrated life.

#### Mass Intentions for April 9-12, 2016

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

**Sunday 8:00 Louie Harris**  
*By: Janice Harris & Family*

**11:00 Lucille Byrd**  
*By: The Family*

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

### REDEMPTION

Do you remember Peter on the night Jesus was arrested? He claimed he had never heard of Jesus. Today we are called to join Peter in testifying to the name of Jesus as he does in the first reading, and in proclaiming our love for him as Peter does in the Gospel passage. The powerful imagery of John's vision in the second reading from the book of Revelation shows us the company we keep when we have faith in the name of Jesus. We join all living creatures, "countless in number" from "heaven, earth, under the earth, in the sea; everything in the universe" (Revelation 5:11, 13). The dignity and majesty described in each reading are in stark contrast to the dark and pitiful image of Peter and the other apostles at the time of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What a relief that we can all be redeemed so completely!

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 .

### JUST DO IT

Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.

**Bible Study will continue on Thursday's at 6pm**

### 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	

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### PSR News

**The third Sunday after Easter**, being so named from the first word of the Introit at Mass — "Jubilate Deo omnis terra" (Psalm 65). In the liturgy for this and the two following Sundays, the Church continues her song of rejoicing in the Resurrection. Throughout the whole of Paschaltide both Office and Mass are expressive of Easter joy, Alleluia being added to every antiphon, responsory, and versicle, and repeated several times in the Introits and other parts of the Mass. The Introit for this day is an invitation to universal joy; the Epistle exhorts all, especially penitents and the newly baptized, to obey loyally the powers that be and to show themselves worthy disciples of the Risen Christ; and the Gospel gives similar advice, encouraging us to bear patiently the trials of this life in view of the heavenly joys that are to come hereafter. *Catholic Encyclopedia*

**Confirmation** - Congratulations to our Confirmandi; Tanner Colson, Jada Delpit, Kali Dobard, Paris Duncan, Charrissa Gibson, Anthony Gray, Imari Hammond, Caleb, Carlin and Cameron Johnson and Jade Varret.

**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. No PSR Classes

**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.

### **BETTER THAN MIRACLES**

Suffering out of love of God is better than working miracles.

### Stewardship

April 3, 2016



**Regular Collection**  
\$9,502.48  
**Parish Needs**  
\$437.34  
**Building Fund**  
\$600.00



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.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** - Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

**Psalm** - I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** - In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

**Gospel** - Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

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“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and riches,  
wisdom and strength,  
honor and glory and blessing.”

— *Revelation 5:12*

### 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.