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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

Around the turn of the fourth century, Augustine, still fairly fresh from the baptismal waters in Milan, was elected bishop of a tiny city in North Africa, Hippo. He told his people, "While I am frightened by what I am for you, then I am consoled by what I am with you. For you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian." He had his priorities right, and also knew that everyone coming from the water arises with a ministry, a specific role, in bringing about God's kingdom.

If we were asked to purge English of Greek vocabulary, we would gain an insight into key ministries in our church. Bishop, from the Greek *episkopos*, would become simply "overseer;" priest, from the Greek *presbyter*, would become "elder;" and deacon, from the Greek *diakonos*, would be "servant." Each title stands in relationship to all the baptized, serving the community, helping it to be the Body of Christ. In our deepest tradition, each of these ordained ministries is attuned to help us become our best selves, to hunger and thirst for the coming of God's kingdom. The goal for each one of us is to be able to recognize the presence of Christ in worship and in service. Although only some of us are ordained to ministry, each of us is called to ministry.

Mass Intentions for May 21-24, 2016

Saturday 5:00 Endas Vincent, Jr.
By: Mickey & Annette Morrison

Sunday 8:00 The Children
By: Moms who P.U.S.H.

11:00 Kent G. Hall
By: Bernie Collins & Daughters

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

JOURNEY OF FAITH

We are on a long and eventful journey. Today's readings for Trinity Sunday succinctly cover the depth and breadth of our human travels.

The very beginnings of our journey are revealed in the reading from Proverbs. God's plan filled with divine wisdom was born before the earth was made. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of his own personal journey. He has come from the Father and will return to the Father. Only then will the Advocate - the Spirit of Truth—take us onward.

This does not diminish the fact that the journey will be hard. The very setting of the Gospel is the night before Jesus died. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, "[W]e even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope" (Romans 5:3-4).

Ultimately, our human journey is modeled by the Holy Trinity - a family of love among Father, Son, and Spirit that we are all called to emulate.

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".

**In Bible Study we are studying Paul's Epistles
Thursdays at 6:00 pm**

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

PSR News

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
May 15, 2016



Regular Collection
\$7,417.30
Flowers
\$62.00
Parish Needs
\$252.00



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The Most Holy Trinity
May 22, 2016

[T]he love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
— *Romans 5:5b*



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.

SFX Wellness Ministry Exercise Class

Spring into fitness with St. Francis Xavier's very own "gospel aerobics" exercise class. This 60 minute low impact aerobic class is fun and designed to burn calories and build muscles while you sweat to the best gospel sounds.

- **Note: May 27/28 weekend-the date of exercise class is June 4th**

Mary Williams would like to thank the parishioners for their generous donations during her time of need.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: Eighth Week in Ordinary Time; Victoria Day (Canada)
Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
Thursday: St. Philip Neri
Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Before anything was created, the wisdom of God was brought forth (Proverbs 8:22-31).

Psalms - O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8).

Second Reading - God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Romans 5:1-5).

Gospel - Everything that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take from what is mine and declare it to you (John 16:12-15).

United Men of SFX

The UMOSFX are planning a BBQ Chicken Dinner for June 26, (4th Sunday) after 8am and 11am masses. Pre-sale tickets will be available after each mass starting June 4.

WISDOM'S ROOT

Wisdom has its roots in goodness, and not goodness its roots in wisdom.

OPEN AND SHUT

There are two times when to keep your mouth shut: when swimming and when angry.

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.