

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

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| <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

“Order” and “presbyter” are not everyday words in our vocabulary, since we think of order as a quality of life rather than a collective noun, and “priest” usually does just fine in everyday conversation. Yet each word has deep roots in our tradition. At an ordination we select men for service to the community. *Ordo* is a Latin word drawn not from pagan religious life but from Imperial Rome. It meant a distinct body standing apart from the people, such as a body of people responsible for civil governance, senators for example. Think of the selectmen or board of governors in your civic home, and you will get the idea. The church borrowed the term to describe the place of certain people within the people of God, thus the “order of deacons,” “the order of presbyters,” and even “the order of virgins, catechumens, widows, neophytes, penitents,” and so on, as distinct groups within the church.

Just as ancient Rome had various uniforms for the ranks and stations in civil life, so too did certain garments give clues to membership in an “order” in the church. So, our tradition favors the idea of an ordination liturgy not as receiving something so much as being received. This is clearly expressed in the liturgy. The “kiss of peace” is given only by the ordaining bishop and priests to the newly “ordained,” not by the faithful, the deacons, or the concelebrating bishops who are present.

### THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The church wakes up to an amazing message this morning. Look around and see who has been called. Listen to the voices of those who proclaim Jesus is Lord. You’ll find no race of people left out; you’ll find no language on earth unfit to proclaim the glory of God. We call Pentecost Sunday the “birthday of the church.” In many ways, the church is still being born. Only when we all know the peace Jesus offered in today’s Gospel will we really know the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul assures us in today’s second reading that “all of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.” When we look around us in the church we should see everyone. But we don’t. Not yet. What is holding us back from fully embracing the one Body of Christ? When will we see our differences as manifestations of the same Holy Spirit?

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**

### Mass Intentions for May 14-17, 2016

**Saturday 5:00 The Children**  
*By: Moms who P.U.S.H.*

**Sunday 8:00 Louis Jones**  
*By: Wilma Greene & Family*

**11:00 Alvin & Cecile Domingue**  
*By: The Domingue Family*

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

### PRAY FOR US

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| 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   |

# Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

## PSR News

**Seventh Sunday of Easter** - Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This Feast used to be celebrated on the Thursday before the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Several years ago, though, the Bishops of the United States moved the celebration of the Ascension to what had been the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The richness of this mystery is spelled out in two statements: Jesus gave instructions, and then Jesus took his place.

The instructions indicated, above all, that the Apostles were to wait for the Holy Spirit, who was the gift of the Father. From the beginning, it had to be crystal-clear that the source of the Apostles' strength is the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who guides the Church in the way of truth; the Gospel is to spread through the power of God, and not by means of human wisdom or strength....

And the second reflection on the meaning of the Ascension is found in this phrase: Jesus took his place. After having undergone the humiliation of his passion and death, Jesus took his place at the right-hand of God; he took his place with his eternal Father. But he also entered heaven as our Head. Whereupon, in the expression of Leo the Great, the glory of the Head became the hope of the body. For all eternity Christ takes his place as the firstborn among many brethren: our nature is with God in Christ. And as man, the Lord Jesus lives for ever to intercede for us with Father. At the same time, from his throne of glory, Jesus sends out to the whole Church a message of hope and a call to holiness. *Homily of Saint Pope John Paul II 24 May 1979*

**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

May 8, 2016



**Regular Collection**  
**\$10,117.75**  
**Flowers**  
**\$224.00**  
**Parish Needs**  
**\$866.00**



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.

## 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. No worries if you're a beginner or novice, you will be encouraged and motivated to workout at your own pace. So mark your calendars and dust off your tennis shoes and join us next **Saturday morning, May 21 at 9:00 am** in the Parish Office.

Be sure to mark your calendar and make your reservations now for St. Paul the Apostle's "First Annual Pre-Father's Day Father & Sons Prayer Breakfast! We are calling out to all men to join us on Saturday morning June 11th from 8 until 12 for a day of Prayer, Fellowship and Reflection as we celebrate the blessings and responsibilities of being strong, healthy, positive, prayerful, spiritual men in today's families, our community, Church and world. Please call St. Paul's parish office to register.

## 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.