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MASS SCHEDULE:

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| 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 SUNDAY FROM 9:30A.M. TO 10:45A.M. PLEASE CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE AT 225.343.3075

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

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them “papal bulls.”

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or “Ring of the Fisherman.” It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of “fishing for human beings.” Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope’s name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope’s death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

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

Mass Intentions for August 13- August 16, 2016

Saturday 5:00 Edward Gauthier, Sr.

By: The Family

Sunday 8:00 Terryl Francisco

By: Judy Francisco

11:00 Ida E. Smith

By: The Smith Family

Tuesday 5:00 Phillip Harris

By: Mary of St. Agnes

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today’s responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain “Here am I, Lord.” This “Here am I” is Jeremiah’s great prophetic response to God’s call. But today’s story of Jeremiah and the refrain “Lord, come to my aid!” remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a “sneak preview” of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today’s words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

Rest From Your Labor The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary will have its annual Labor Day Casino bus trip on Monday September 5, 2016. We roll to the Beau Rivage Casino in Biloxi. The bus leaves the rear parking lot at 8:00 a.m. promptly. The cost is \$20.00 and includes food, fun and games. For more information or to place your name on the list you may contact Grand Lady Leslie Coates @ 803-4470, Lady Mary Williams @ 333-1866, Lady Betty Camble @ 355-7914 or any other Court 12 member. Come prepared to have a good time!

LIVE TODAY WELL

Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope.

PRAY FOR US

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016

PSR News

Color is not a human or personal reality; it is a political reality. *James Baldwin, 1924-1987 Writer and Activist.*

August 20, 2016

Any adult teacher or minister that deals with children, must fill out the volunteer application (EAAPS) and take the **Dynamics of Disclosure Seminar**. You may find the Volunteer EAAPS on the Diocesan web site @ <http://www.diobr.org>. The **Dynamics of Disclosure** will be held **Saturday August 20, 2016** in the school library. All applications must be turned into the parish office to Ebony Garnett for processing.

August 21, 2016

PSR Classes Begin

You are invited to a special Mass to celebrate the Canonization of Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta on Sunday, September 4, at 3pm at St. Agnes Church. Bishop Muench will be the Celebrate.

THE MARK OF THE MAKER

If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them! The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.

Obesity and diabetes are all too prevalent in our community. The LEAN project, coordinated by LSU's Pennington Biomedical Research Center, focuses on designing a successful and sustainable weight loss program for African American adults attending participating churches in the Baton Rouge area.

The LEAN project will take place at your church and we want you to be a part of it. You and your church members will be making a commitment to improve your health through strategies designed to increase your physical activity and modify your diet so you can lose weight.

In order to be in the study, each church member must be:

- willing to make a year-long commitment
- African American
- 18-75 years old
- Overweight
- Own a mobile phone with text messaging capabilities
- At risk or have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes

Earn up to \$60 for participating.

To participate: call 225.763.2923 or email emily.foret@pbrc.edu

Stewardship

August 7, 2016



Regular Collection
\$7,946.00
Parish Needs
\$475.00
School Support
40.00



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.

Meeting of all Youth Ministers of the Word (Lectors) on August 13 and August 27. We are inviting all of our children 4th grade to 12th grade. We need more Youth Proclaimers. Parents, encourage our children to step out in Faith.

The Leo's of the Lions Club are asking for your old eyeglasses. There's a box in the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you.

Missionary Cooperative Plan

Fr. Ariel Valencia will preach at all the Masses next weekend August 20 & 21. Our second collection will assist the Diocese of Gumaca, Philippines. Please be generous.

Jr. Daughter Service Project

Will be collecting pull tabs from coke/drink cans. Ronald McDonald boxes will be in the church. Please place in a ziplock bag and drop in the box at the back of the church. Any questions or comments please call me @ 225.324.4915 or anissadelta@yahoo.com (Jr. daughter Counsel)

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.