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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 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

In the mid-1960s, many religious congregations that had maintained a custom of assigning new names to their members allowed a return to baptismal names. The practice stems from the origins of monastic life, when a desire to flee the world and its enchantments caused a severe break with family life and commitments. A new name signified that the old person had died and a new one was coming to life. Some orders even spread funeral palls over their entrants and tolled the funeral bell. On a practical level, in a crowded monastery of a few hundred monks or nuns, it made sense not to have six Brother Alfrics or nine Sister Clares. The one name, one person rule worked well.

In more recent times, a young woman entering the convent might be given her parents' names as a way of honoring their generosity, so Hilda might become Sister Philip Margaret after her father and mother. A cherished name in the order might be bestowed on a newcomer so that there would always be a Brother Owen around, or a young person might adopt the name of a beloved saint. A handful of religious congregations, like Mother Barat's Religious of the Sacred Heart, always used family names. Many monasteries still bestow a new name at the end of probation. Other religious institutes have revived the custom of changing their candidates' names at the end of novitiate, although for the most part religious who were around at the time of the Council were happy to get their baptismal names back. A few, of course, cherished their acquired names and have held on to them, so convents still hold the creativity badge for naming. Where else today can you find great names today like Madeleva, Siena, and Celestina?

WELL-READ?

When the day of judgment comes, we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done.

LET GO AND LET GOD

Many twelve-step programs use the phrase "Let go and let God." In all their simplicity, these five words are the heart of today's readings. For people who struggle with addictive behavior, these words plainly remind us that we can't manage, control, or manipulate certain areas of our lives. How many times can we look back in our lives and find evidence of some plan at work other than our own? These are the moments when, for whatever reasons, we let someone greater than ourselves work the plan. We probably didn't even recognize at the time that we were letting go of anything, but in retrospect, we see God's hand and loving presence. It is our awareness of these moments that gives us the courage and initiative to let go again later on. It is this courage and initiative that are highlighted in today's readings. We come to call it "faith."

Mass Intentions for October 1-4, 2016

Saturday	5:00	Ruth <i>By: Women of the Retreat</i>
Sunday	8:00	Lester Paul Gauthier <i>By: Edward, Mary, Michael, Danna, Damien & Clea</i>
	11:00	People of the Parish
Tuesday	5:00	People of the Parish

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

PRAY FOR US

Geraldine Bell	Viola Landry	Walter Lewis
Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Zula Comeaux	Loriene Perry	Joyce Decuir
Diane Edwards	Martha Proctor	Kenia 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	

PSR News

October Events

**October 9; Coffee and Christ for Parents Topic:
PSR Curriculum**

October 23; World Youth Day 6th - 12th Graders

October 29; Trunk -R- Treat

**Stewardship
September 25, 2016**



**Regular Collection \$7,198.67
School Support \$228.45
Parish Needs \$61.00**



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.

Flood Fund for Parishioners

Thanks to your generosity thus far we have collected \$8,625.00 to assist flood victims of the parish. We have also received \$6,105.00 from friends, family and churches outside the parish. We anticipate receiving another \$3,500 from a Church in upstate New York. We will continue accepting donation to the fund.

BBQ Chicken Dinner Sale

The United Men of St. Francis Xavier will be selling BBQ Chicken Dinners on Sunday, October 30 after the Masses. The donation is \$8.00. Proceeds will go to assist the flood victims of the parish.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm - If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading - Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel - Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Ct#12 will once again host a Burger Bash for the Senior Citizens and Senior Friends of our parish. It will take place on Saturday, October 08, 2016 immediately following the 5:00 mass. There will be food, fun and games. Come out, tell a friend, but most importantly tell us. We would like to be prepared. Please contact Lady Betty Lowery at (225) 235-3568, Lady Leslie Coates at (225) 803-4470, Lady Mary Williams at (225) 333-1866 or any Auxiliary member.

**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2016**

**Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.
— Psalm 95:6**

Thank You From Trunk or Treat

Thanks to everyone who donated and/or purchased school uniforms for the Trunk or Treat Uniform Sale. We made \$150 from sales and donations. The remaining uniforms were donated to area public and private schools for students who were affected by the flood.

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.