

# 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 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

Imagine the frustration of bishops who work strenuously over their *ad limina* reports, directing study committees, assembling data, honing the texts, traveling to Rome “to the threshold,” only to have it all collapse into a fifteen-minute group meeting with the pope. More than a few have grumbled at the weight of this “treasure” from our tradition, yet from the pope’s vantage point, they are essential to his ministry.

Pope John Paul II recalled his own experience as the Bishop of Kraków, visiting with Pope Paul VI in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The memory of those individual visits caused him to strengthen the format, assuring each of the world’s 2,744 bishops a privileged fifteen private minutes with the pope every five years. If you wonder what the pope does all day, the thought of dealing with five hundred bishops a year and reading their detailed reports on diocesan life should help fill up the calendar. Pope John Paul II used to say that he approached each individual meeting with the personal goal of learning something new about the Church, and his lively interest made the visits immensely worthwhile. The content of the private meetings remains under a privilege of secrecy, or as Cardinal Theodore McCarrick once said, “You’re only supposed to quote the pope if he tells a joke.”

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** - The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

**Psalms** - The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** - The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

**Gospel** - The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:9-14).

### HAVEN

There are places and moments in which one is so completely alone that one sees the world entire.

### NO COMPARISONS

How many times have we read or heard about someone who’s gotten into trouble—maybe even fired from a job—because of a brush with the law? While our “Christian” minds tell us to be sorry and even pray for the person, a little voice inside our heads may also be saying, “I’m glad I would never do anything like that.”

And perhaps we wouldn’t. But are there some things we do that are still not pleasing in God’s eyes? Today’s readings caution us not to look so intently at someone else’s wrongdoing that we overlook our own weaknesses and shortcomings. When we measure ourselves against the worst people we can think of, we come out looking pretty good. There is a danger, however, in using someone else’s behavior as a way of reflecting our own goodness.

### Mass Intentions for October 22-25, 2016

**Saturday 5:00 Charles Williams**  
*By: Mary Williams*

**Sunday 8:00 Olivias Gauthier**  
*By: Moms who P.U.S.H.*

**11:00 Charles N. Scott**  
*By: Dr. Melvin & Mrs. Carmen Jones*

**Tuesday 5:00 Joseph Domino, Jr.**  
*By: The Domino Family*

**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**

Thanks to all the parents that have made Coffee and Christ such a huge success. Given its success, we will move Coffee and Christ from the second Sunday of each month to the first Sunday of each month to allow the parents that have various other meetings on Sundays to join us.

**October 23** – We will begin the sale of tickets for our annual Red Bean and Rice and Raffle fund raiser. The Red Bean and Rice tickets are \$6 each. This year we will be raffling off an **iphone 7** gift certificate. Donation is \$5 each. Do not forget to purchase you SFX T Shirt from the PSR office. \$10 each.

**October 23 - World Youth Day** - Parents please be reminded to drop off and pick up your kids at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, located on Marquette St. at Government St. The day will begin with Mass and class here at St. Francis where the students from 6th - 12th grades will be making SWAPS for WYD. Snacks will be provided from 11 am to 11:30 am. Prepare to load up to travel to OLOM. WYD activities will be from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm. So that our group will be readily identifiable, we encourage those that have the yellow SFX T Shirts to wear them. We will have shirts available for anyone that would like to purchase them @ \$10.00 each.

**October 29 – BOO!** Don't forget **Trunk - R - Treat!**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2016 TRUNK OR TREAT**

Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 6-8pm  
SFX School Parking Lot

Please contact Brandi Perkins Howard at 225 978-2544, if you are interested in hosting a Trunk, sponsoring a game, and/or making a monetary or candy donation.

**Stewardship**  
**October 16, 2016**



**Regular Collection**  
\$6,549.34  
**Flowers**  
\$120.00  
**Parish Needs**  
\$267.34



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.

**BBQ Chicken Dinner Sale**

**October 30, 2016**

**Proceeds of this fundraiser will go to the flood victims of the parish**

**Donation - \$8.00**

**Served after the 8:00am and 11:00am Masses**

**Masses**

**All Saints Day**  
**9am & 5pm**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 23, 2016**

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;  
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw  
till the Most High responds.

— *Sirach 35:17-18a*

**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.