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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

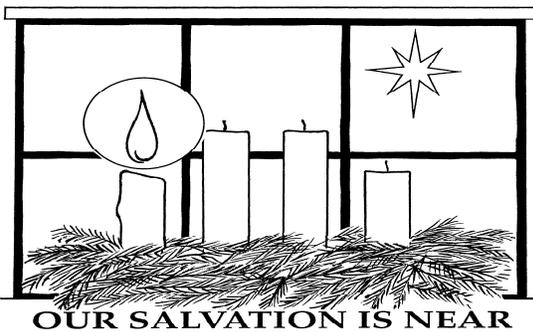


Welcome: You enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this 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

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.



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BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

Mass Intentions for November 26-29, 2016

Saturday 5:00 People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 Andre Domingue, Sr.
By: The Family

11:00 Paul B. Honore, Jr.
By: Lucy Honore

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
Richard Camble, Jr.
Zula Comeaux
Diane Edwards
Patsy Irvin
Ora Lee Jordan
Frazier Jordan
Elizabeth Whitfield
Rosemary Daniels

Viola Landry
John Paul Moore
Loriene Perry
Martha Proctor
James Raby
Maria Rice
Whitney Robiho
Shelvia Stewart
Mary Johnson
Myrtle Moran

Walter Lewis
Catherine Murray
Joyce Decuir
Cenia Richard
Vivian LeDuff
Rebecca Nelson
Ceola Marcelle
Mildred Anderson
Charles Taylor

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

PSR News

St. Francis Xavier T-Shirts are in and are available in the PSR office. The size ranges from Adult Small to XXXL. Supply is limited. Cost is \$10.00 each. Currently we are out of the XL, however, we will take orders for the XL and children sizes. Thank you for your continued support.

November 13, 2016 - Today we will have sign - up for the Christmas performance that will be held **December 24, 2016** at the 5 pm Mass. If your child sign up for a speaking role, please help up prepare them by helping them to learn and be comfortable with their parts.

November 27, 2016 – There will be no PSR Classes. Please enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend. As always, see you at the Masses.

Merciful to a World in Need, We Serve Others Together

Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Bishop Robert Muench directs a unique Catholic effort, ensuring special projects and ministry programs receive essential funding, and extending the mercy of Jesus Christ to parishioners and parishes that need the Lord's mercy most of all. As a Diocese, we begin our fourth decade of ministry support, thankful for the many thousands whose contributions have helped to fund vital work throughout the capital region over the years.

As we begin the new era of ministry support, this may be the year you decide to increase you gift. If so, we invite you to consider membership in The Crosier Society (for those whose gifts total \$500 or more), or The Bishop Stanley Joseph Ott Society (a tribute to the BAA's visionary founder, for parishioners whose gifts total \$1,000 or more). We encourage you to Be Merciful. "Be Merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).

Remember, the Lord blesses the Diocese of Baton Rouge through the BAA because of the shared commitment of every participant. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift by donating online at www.baabr.org or responding to the recent mailing from Bishop Muench. Together, we can accomplish much, and that is the legacy of the BAA.

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

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. Please turn in your pledge commitment form by November 28, 2016.

Stewardship November 20, 2016



Regular Collection
\$11,083.98
Flowers
\$203.00
Parish Needs
\$272.34



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.

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016

"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."

— *Matthew 24:44*

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

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