

# 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.

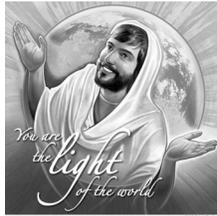
**CARE OF THE SICK:** PLEASE CALL THE PRIEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND /OR HOSPITAL VISITATION. IF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS CRITICALLY NEEDED, PLEASE CALL REV. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER NUMBER LISTED ABOVE OR THE CHAPLAINCY OFFICE AT THE HOSPITAL.

**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.

### THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

**CONGRATS to JR. Carmise Wade, she won Miss Blue and Silver with Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc, Top Teens of America. Jr. Daughters & Counselor would like to THANK YOU for all the PULL - TABS off can drinks. It's an on going Project .**

### Mass Intentions for February 4 - 7, 2017

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

**Sunday 8:00 Lester Paul Gauthier**  
By:

**11:00 Charles N. Scott**  
By: Cora Scott Green

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

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the custom of the stational liturgies was revived in the city of Rome in the early days of the twentieth century, the papal liturgy for Good Friday was appropriately housed in the stational church of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*, the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.

The church is off the tourist track today, but true pilgrims would never miss it. It stands on the grounds of the Sessorian Palace, the home of the Empress St. Helena, mother of Constantine. She dedicated her life to finding the true cross of Christ in Jerusalem, and desired to found a church in Rome for people who could not make the long and dangerous trip to the Holy Land. Eventually, it came to house relics of the cross. When the pope fled the city of Rome for Avignon, the religious institutions of Rome collapsed and the church was abandoned. Centuries later it was given into the care of monks. Amazingly, it concealed a forgotten treasure. In 1492 repairmen took down a brick wall and discovered a niche with the inscription "Title of the Cross," and within, an ancient wooden tablet on which was carved the inscription dictated by Pilate for the cross of Christ in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. No one is certain that this is authentic, although its discovery was enough to give the church great prestige among pilgrims. The veneration of the relic of the cross located here was a factor in shaping our restored Holy Week.

**In Bible Study every Thursday 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 Bulletin Announcements**

**February 5, 2017** – Today is the **National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family**. The focus for this day is **“Stand for What You Believe In”**. Dr. King said, “The Ultimate Measure of a Man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Today we are faced with both challenge and controversy. The adage, “if you don’t stand for something, you will fall for anything”, begs to question, during these days of challenge and controversy, where do I stand? Stand for what you believe in. I will stand for Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and forever. The Eucharist. Respect Life. Justice and Peace. The end of racism and hate. The end of Abortion of all acts of violence. I will stand with the poor and oppressed. With the forgotten, unwanted and unwelcome. I will stand for respect for the family especially our elders. Respect for our women and children. I will stand for the protection of our environment and all creation. *NDP AAAF 29<sup>th</sup> Year*

**Coffee and Christ** – Our topic for discussion today will be on the African American and African Family.

**February 11, 2017** – Day of Reflection for National Black Catholic Congress XII will be held at the Catholic Life Center from 10 am to 2 pm.

The theme of Congress XII is **“The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me: act justly, love goodness, and walk humbly with your God”**. The goal of the reflection time is to build enthusiasm about the upcoming Congress XII.

**February 18, 2017** – The Diocesan Youth Conference will take place at the Catholic Life Center from **8 am to 10 pm**. The day will include, Worship, Speakers, Competition, Reconciliation, Adoration, and Mass.

**2017 marks the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of the Holy Family of New Orleans. We will honor them on the weekend of February 11 & 12. Our second collection that weekend will be designated for the Sisters. We will honor them at the 8am Mass followed by a breakfast in the cafeteria. The Sisters have been here in Baton Rouge even before the establishment of our school in 1920. Please make plans to join us in honoring them on the weekend of February 11 & 12.**

**Stewardship**  
**January 29, 2017**



**Regular Collection**  
**\$6,892.91**

**School Support**  
**\$233.00**



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.

**Parish Council Elections**

We are accepting nominations for three seats on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are available at the entrance of the church. Nomination forms may be submitted until January 29. Elections will be held on the weekend of February 11-12.

**Diocese of Baton Rouge**  
**Office of Black Catholics**

**NBCC Day of Reflection will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017**  
**Catholic Life Center**  
**Baton Rouge, LA.**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Join with Black Catholics to reflect on the upcoming “National Black Catholic Congress”.**

**Please complete and return registration to:**  
**Office of Black Catholic**  
**P.O. Box 30**  
**Convent, LA 70723**

Forms are located in the rear of the church.

**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.