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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.

THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

Mass Intentions for January 14-17, 2017

Saturday 5:00 Eunice Bellard
By: The Family

Sunday 8:00 Helen Taylor
By: Edwards’ & Davis Family

11:00 People of the Parish

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

The Jr. Daughters: Little Flowers Court #12 are still collecting pull tabs off can drinks. “Ronald McDonald” houses are in the back of the church.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today’s shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple “low” Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm

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 | 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

January 13 - 15, 2017 - Gulf South Faith Formation Conference

January 15, 2017 - On this day in 1929, was born **Michael Luther King, Jr.**, but later had his name changed to **Martin**.

January 16, 2017 - MLK Day On not Off. A day of remembrance. Now, as it was during the 50's and 60's, we are faced with social injustice and violence. Dr. King's response was; "I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality...I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word...for love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. " What can I do? On this day of remembrance, show some love. Peace.

The Jr. Beta Club of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School is sponsoring a collection of pairs of new socks, to be distributed to homeless shelters, with the assistance of St. Vincent de Paul. Socks are the number one requested item at homeless shelters. They are not only used for feet, but also as a substitute for gloves. Collecting socks is one way to touch the lives of men, women, and children throughout the Baton Rouge area. Mrs. Paulette Hamilton is the sponsor of this project. Please call the school office at 225.387.6639 if there are any questions.

We have collection boxes throughout the school campus, including in the back of the church. This service project continues through January 13, 2017. Please consider helping us to reach or exceed our goal of 500 pairs of new socks. Thank you for supporting our project and making a difference in our community.

Stewardship
January 8, 2017



Regular Collection
\$9,153.12
Parish Needs
\$150.00
Flowers
\$294.00



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.

GOD KNOWS BEST

God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

Principal of the Year

Our Principal, Ms. Paula Fabre has been chosen by the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Baton Rouge as Principal of the Year for 2016-2017. Congratulations to her. We are grateful to her for her untiring dedication and commitment to the children of our school. We are blessed to have her as principal of St. Francis Xavier School.



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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.