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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.

DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to re-focus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm

Mass Intentions for February 25-28, 2017

Saturday 5:00 Do Ancestors & Departed Souls
By: Do Family

Sunday 8:00 People of the Parish

11:00 Valery Lowery, Jr.
By: The Family

Tuesday 5:00 Charles Williams
By: Mary Williams

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

PRAY FOR US

Geraldine Bell	John Paul Moore	Walter Lewis
Richard Camble, Jr.	Loriene Perry	Catherine Murray
Zula Comeaux	Martha Proctor	Joyce Decuir
Diane Edwards	James Raby	Cenia Richard
Ora Lee Jordan	Maria Rice	Vivian LeDuff
Thelma Jackson	Whitney Robiho	Rebecca Nelson
Frazier Jordan	Shelvia Stewart	Ceola Marcelle
Elizabeth Whitfield	Mary Johnson	Mildred Anderson
Rosemary Daniels	Myrtle Moran	Charles Taylor

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

PSR Bulletin Announcements

February 26, 2017- No PSR or RCIA Classes

February 28, 2017- Happy Mardi Gras

March 1, 2017- Ash Wednesday

March 4, 2017- Sankofa 9am – 3pm Xavier University Center Ball Room. Black Catholics join to reflect on the upcoming National Black Catholic Congress and the Ninth General Archdiocesan Synod. Facilitator: Sr. Addie Walker, SSND, PhD (*Oblate School of Theology*)

March 5, 2017- Coffee and Christ. Rite of Election. On the first Sunday of Lent, adult and child catechumen and candidates, along with their sponsors, that have been preparing for initiation into the Catholic faith meet at the Cathedral. As they are called by name and parish are greeted by the Bishop as they respond, “here I am LORD.” The Rite is followed by a reception.

Stewardship February 19, 2017



Regular Collection \$7,570.41
Parish Needs \$130.22
Flowers \$55.00



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 Election

Congratulations to Isiah Warner, Cynthia Beshears Stewart and Peter Breaux on their election to the Parish Council. We thank them for accepting their responsibility.

St. Francis Xavier 2017 Annual Lenten Fish Fry Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent

Donations/Volunteer List

We are asking for volunteers to donate items for our 2016 Annual Lenten Fish Fry to defray the cost in making it a success. If you are able to volunteer to work the fish fry or donate some of the needed items.

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| Pam Cooking Spray | Pet Milk | Peas |
| Potatoes | Relish | Butter |
| Full Size Alum Pans | Sugar | Mustard |
| Take Out Boxes | Mayo | Eggs |
| Catfish Fillets | Tony's Season | Spaghetti |
| Bread | Zatarain's | Fish Fry |
| Utensils | Cooking Oil | Ketchup Packets |
| | Cakes and Desserts | |

*All items may be dropped off at the School Cafeteria

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Mass and the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 9am & 6pm. Station of the Cross will be held at 2pm on all the Fridays of Lent.

JR. daughters are having a Fundraiser

CAKE BINGO

March 11th after 5: 00 pm mass . We will be selling food , drinks, & Bingo cards. If any parishioners would like to donate a monetary donation or store bought cake please contact Jr. Daughter Counselor Anissa Porter @ 225-324-4915 . Thanks in Advance !!!

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.