

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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.

### THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

### SPRING

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

**In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm**

### Mass Intentions for March 18-21, 2017

**Saturday 5:00 Do Family Ancestors**  
*By: Do Family*

**Sunday 8:00 Thomas Murray**  
*By: Shirley Murray*

**11:00 Chris Vaughn**  
*By: The Davis Family*

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

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord's table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the "casket" containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the "old rule of the church" as allowing for reserving the eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

### 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

**National Black Catholic Congress XII**

Parishioners are encouraged to attend Congress XII in Orlando, Fl., July 6th through 9th. The Josephites will pay the registration fee (\$375.00) for five (5) parishioners from each Josephite parish. See Fr. Ed for more information.

**Stewardship 3-12-17**



**Regular Collection**  
**\$7,616.67**  
**Flowers**  
**\$292.22**  
**Parish Needs**  
**\$240.00**



**Jr. Daughters Little Flowers Court #12**

**Would like to say thank you for all the monetary donations, delicious cakes, gifts, love and support. Cake Bingo was a huge success!!  
Again, thank you!**



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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Easter EGGstravaganza

Date: April 8, 2017  
Time: 12noon-3pm  
Where: SFX Parish Hall

Easter pictures \* Games \* Light Refreshments

This is a fundraiser for SFX Trunk or Treat

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 19, 2017**

While we were still sinners

Christ died for us.

— *Romans 5:8*

**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

**Tri Parish Revival**

**Make plans to attend our  
Lenten Revival on  
Monday, March 20  
at Immaculate Conception,  
Tuesday, March 21  
at St. Francis Xavier  
and  
Wednesday, March 22 at St.Paul's.**

**Fr. Greg Chisholm, S.J., Pastor St.  
Charles Borromeo Church,  
in Harlem, N.Y. will be our revivalist.  
Praise & Worship begins  
at 6 p.m.**

**New Church Pews & Flooring**

**There's still a chance to make a generous pledge to help fund the new pews and flooring. Cost estimates for the flooring are \$20,000 higher than expected and the bathrooms require extensive renovation, so additional funding would be appreciated. Pledge envelopes are available in the back of the church or from an usher.**