

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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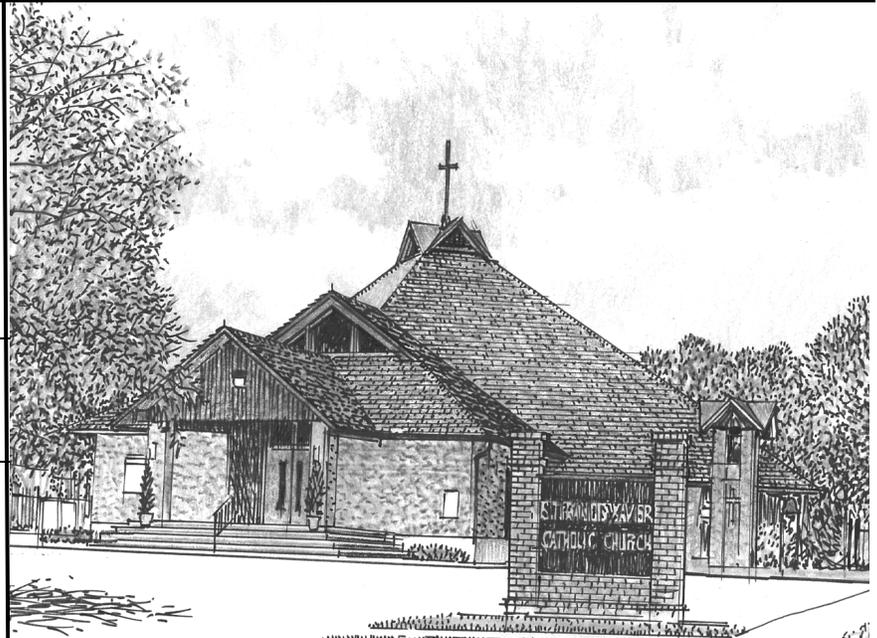
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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

<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.

### CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
— *Psalm 23:1*

### Mass Intentions for March 25-28, 2017

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

**Sunday 8:00 William "Tex" Turner**  
*By: Ladies Auxiliary*

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

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

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

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

### 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 Robiwo	Rebecca Nelson
Frazier Jordan	Shelvia Stewart	Ceola Marcelle
Elizabeth Whitfield	Mary Johnson	Mildred Anderson
Rosemary Daniels	Myrtle Moran	Charles Taylor

**PSR News**

**April 2** - Coffee and Christ. 9:30am in the cafeteria. Guest speaker; Diane Hanley, Executive Director of St. Joseph Spirituality Center. Diane will talk to the PSR Parents about the Word and Deed Program.

**April 9** - Parents meeting for First Communion.

**April 14** - Live Stations of the Cross 12 Noon.

**May 1** - Confirmation Rehearsal. Candidates and Sponsors must attend. St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church 6pm-7pm.

**May 3** - Confirmation Mass 7pm St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Candidates are to report to the Church by 5:30 pm. Sponsors are to be present by 6:30 PM.

**May 6** - Reconciliation Retreat for First Communion. Candidates are to report to Church. Retreat will be from 9am-12 noon. This retreat is mandatory.

**May 7** - First Communion 8am Mass.

**EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Here comes Peter Cottontail. If you love the smell of candy and can help; the Easter team will meet on Saturday, April 15th - 9:30am in the SFX School Cafeteria to assemble the 2017 Easter wagons. To join our 2017 team please telephone, text, or email: Bernadette Wilkinson, 2252708880, [bwilkin2@att.net](mailto:bwilkin2@att.net) or Patricia Haynes Smith, 2259783405, [phs51@aol.com](mailto:phs51@aol.com). We appreciate you!

Although the Easter Bunny is arriving later this year on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>; he's already looking for donations. Donations may be in the form of individually wrapped bags of candy and/or money and dropped off at the Church office during regular hours. Thank you for your continued support of our annual project. Questions please telephone, text or email: Bernadette Wilkinson, 2252708880, [bwilkin2@att.net](mailto:bwilkin2@att.net) or Patricia Smith, 2259783405, [phs51@aol.com](mailto:phs51@aol.com).

**Stewardship March 19**



**Regular Collection**  
**\$10,339.72**  
**School Support**  
**\$200.00**  
**Parish Needs**  
**\$300.22**



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.

**It's that time again!**

Time for the KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court #12 annual after Easter Casino bus trip. This years trip takes place on Monday, April 17, 2017. To the Silver Slipper Casino in Bay St. Louis, Ms. The cost is still \$20 with \$20 incentive from the casino, The bus leaves the rear parking lot at 8am sharp. To reserve your seat please contact Lady Leslie Coates at 225.803.4470 Lady Mary Williams at 225.333.1866 or any other auxiliary member no later than Thursday, April 6, 2017. Please be prepared to give your name, address and date of birth. We look forward to you joining us.

**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.

**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.