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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

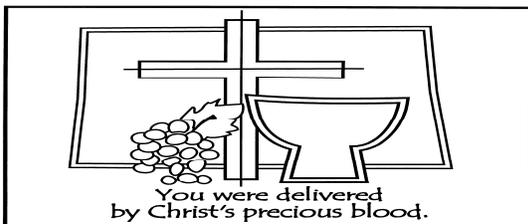


Welcome: You enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this 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.

ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are detected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm



Mass Intentions for April 29-May 2, 2017

Saturday 5:00 People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 Alvin Domingue
By: The Family

11:00 People of the Parish

Tuesday 5:00 Joseph Domino, Jr.
By: Cheryl Domino

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Some monks and nuns trace their community origins back a thousand years or so, before it became customary to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles. In their rules of life, which evolved from the lifestyle and prayer of their predecessors, the core experience of Christ's presence is at the altar itself, and in the symbol of assembly for prayer. To this day, when the monks or nuns file into their church in procession, they march two by two, and then bow profoundly to the altar before turning and bowing in reverence toward the brother or sister at their side. It is probably more difficult, in practice, to revere the presence of Christ in a person who irks you by taking the car keys, shirking a work duty, or burning the toast!

We can trace in these religious orders' enduring customs the ancient appreciation for the altar as the center of the church building, and of the community of the faithful as the Body of Christ. Usually, a monastery today will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in some quiet corner of the monastic church, in a fairly small space, more suitable for private prayer than for the gathering of the whole community. In a cloister, the architecture may allow the public limited access to this space. Liturgical law tells us, in both monasteries and parish churches, that there is no need for more than a few hosts in the place of reservation, just enough for viaticum, the "food for the journey" that is the final sacramental celebration for a dying Christian.

PRAY FOR US

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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

PSR News

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

A mandatory meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 9:30am in the Church. It is essential that all Extraordinary Ministers attend this meeting to review the training necessary for this vital ministry to the sacramental life of the church. Any parishioners who are interested in joining this sacred ministry or wish to learn more about the ministry are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Summer Retreat

The Annual Summer Retreat is schedule for the weekend of August 4, 5 & 6 at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center, Bay St. Louis, MS. We encourage you to consider taking this weekend for yourself, especially if you have not previously attended a retreat.

The cost for the weekend is \$150 double or \$180 for single. Deposit of \$25.00 is due by May 14 to reserve your space. Final payment is due by July 9. Checks should be made to SFX and sent to Norma Duell, 2924 Juban Ave, BR 70805.

Stewardship

April 23, 2017



Regular Collection
\$6,716.67
Parish needs
\$172.00
Food Pantry
\$150.00



The KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court 12 is awarding a \$500.00 scholarship to a deserving senior for the 2017-18 school year. applications are in the rear of the church. Directions for completing are included.



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.

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You have made known to me
the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy
in your presence.

— Acts 2:28

The Parish of SFX Catholic Church will like to honor all our graduates from High School, College, and Graduate school. Please sign your name on the list located on the table at the back of the church. Please indicate which Mass you will be attending 8am or 11am.

The deadline to sign up is Sunday May 14th and the graduate will be recognized on Sunday May 21st at the 8am and 11am Mass.

EFFECTS

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

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.