

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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.

### JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead - a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that - through Christ-God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and - with Christ - in our life everlasting.

**Stations of the Cross \* Fridays of Lent @ 2pm**

### Mass Intentions for April 1-4, 2017

**Saturday 5:00 People of the Parish**  
**Sunday 8:00 People of the Parish**  
**11:00 Do Family Ancestors**  
*By: Do Family*  
**Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up "making visits" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a "sanctuary lamp," a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the "chief" was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned.

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

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

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

## 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.

## Stewardship March 26



**Regular Collection**  
\$7,499.67  
**School Support**  
\$670.00  
**Candles**  
\$91.00



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.

## 2017 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 13 \* Mass 6pm

Good Friday - April 14  
Stations of the Cross 12 noon

Good Friday Services 3pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 15 \* Mass 8pm

Easter Sunday - April 16 Mass 8am & 11am

## 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).

## SFX Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 8 at the Parish Hall  
Pre-sale tickets will be available for purchase outside church after Sunday masses.

\*This event is a fundraiser for the Annual SFX Trunk-or-Treat\*

For any questions, contact Carla Fair at 225.326.5253 or Adria Fair at 225.772.9328

### 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

## 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.