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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.

EYEWITNESSES

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As the Latin Mass evolved in the first six centuries, the central prayer, what the Greeks called the *anaphora* and what we call today the Eucharistic Prayer, became fairly standard almost everywhere in the West. What we now know as Eucharistic Prayer I, or the Roman Canon, took a complex shape, not at all like the fluid and spontaneous prayers of early Rome, but a real architectural construction.

The city of Rome was in a terrible condition by that time, and a series of political upheavals, plagues, and invasions swept through. Not much of Rome's former glory was left standing, except for the pope, who became a symbol of protection and hope for the troubled people. The structures of law and administration were swept away in the chaos, and the pope gradually assumed authority to restore and maintain order. Soon, the public liturgy of Rome became the city's only glory. The Romans wanted "good order" not only in their civic life, but in their liturgy. One prayer, increasingly enriched by music (although when the music tried to overtake the prayer the pope banned musical instruments entirely) was the new rule of the day. That one prayer, the Roman Canon, was solidly in place when the first liturgical book we have, the Leonine Sacramentary of 540, was compiled.

Mass Intentions for August 5-8, 2017

Saturday 5:00 Do Family Ancestors

By: Do Family

Sunday 8:00 Lester Gauthier

By: Edward, Mary, Michael, Danna & Damien

11:00 Audrey & James Frazier

By: Melanie Holland

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm

PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr.
Zula Comeaux
Diane Edwards
Ora Lee Jordan
Thelma Jackson
Frazier Jordan
Elizabeth Whitfield
Rosemary Daniels
Janice Lewis

John Paul Moore
Loriene Perry
Martha Proctor
James Raby
Maria Rice
Whitney Robiho
Shelvia Stewart
Mary Johnson
Myrtle Moran

Walter Lewis
Catherine Murray
Joyce Decuir
Cenia Richard
Vivian LeDuff
Rebecca Nelson
Ceola Marcelle
Mildred Anderson
Charles Taylor

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

PSR News

August 6, 2017

Registration for classes has begun. Please report to the cafeteria to register your child. For those students are preparing to receive sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation) please bring a copy of your birth certificate when registering.

August 13, 2017

Coffee and Christ: 9:30 am in the cafeteria. The agenda for our first meeting will be the mandatory parent's meeting for CCD.

August 20, 2017

PSR classes begin. Registration is ongoing until September 17, 2017. Please register your child early so that we may make the Diocesan deadline for submitting required information.

August 26, 2017

Youth Summit: This event will hosted by Erion Davision. The summit will be held in the Parish Hall and is for one day only. Youth and young adults please make plans to attend.

Student Counselors are needed to administer Circles of Care lesson plans. The Circles of Care child protection program is promulgated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Each year all Catholic Schools and Parish Schools of Religion are required to administer these lessons. The lessons are available online on the Diocese of Baton Rouge website and will be administered on September 10 and September 17, 2017. If you are a counselor and wish to volunteer please contact Ms. Gaylyne Mack.

We are currently accepting recipes for the commemorative cookbook. If you would like to be a part of this endeavor to document recipes from loved ones who have passed on, or favorites that you currently enjoy cooking, please submit to the committee. The recipe collection sheets with instructions will be available in the cafeteria. We are encouraging everyone to participate by filling out the sheets and either email to lpourciau@juno.com or place your recipes in red collection box.

The collection file box will be available at mass times on Saturday and Sunday. We will collect these every Sunday after 11 o'clock mass. After meeting with the committee members, a time line for collection of the recipes will be set.

Our goal is to make this a successful project and a wonderful keepsake for years to come.

Sincerely,
Vanessa and Lester Pourciau

Stewardship July 30, 2017



Regular Collection
\$10,390.70
Parish Needs
\$324.45
School Support
\$80.00



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.

SING YOUR SONG

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

Psalms - The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading - Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).

Gospel - Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

The heavens proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.

— *Psalm 97:6*

New Church Pews & Flooring

There's still a chance to make a generous pledge to help fund the new pews and flooring. Cost estimates are higher than expected. In addition, we will be installing a handicap accessible restroom so additional funding would be appreciated. Pledge envelopes are available in the back of the church.