

# 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.

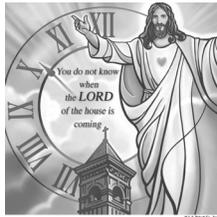
**CARE OF THE SICK:** PLEASE CALL THE PRIEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND /OR HOSPITAL VISITATION. IF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS CRITICALLY NEEDED, PLEASE CALL REV. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER NUMBER LISTED ABOVE OR THE CHAPLAINCY OFFICE AT THE HOSPITAL.

**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.

### GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

### December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**Mass at 9am & 6pm**

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

#### Mass Intentions for December 2-5, 2017

**Saturday 5:00 Ferdinand LeDuff**  
*By: Shirley Rivers*

**Sunday 8:00 Lester Gauthier**  
*By: Edward, Mary, Michael, Danna & Damien*

**11:00 Helen Taylor**  
*By: Edward & Davis Family*

**Tuesday 5:00 Carol Elam**  
*By: Melanie Holland*

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

### PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr. Zula Comeaux Diane Edwards Ora Lee Jordan Thelma Jackson Frazier Jordan Elizabeth Whitfield Rosemary Daniels Zelda Bates	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 Mildred Anderson Charles Taylor
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# First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

## PSR News

**December 3 - First Sunday of Advent** - Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

**December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** - Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — Catechism of the Catholic Church.

**December 9** – PSR Teachers Meeting at 10:00am

**December 10 - Coffee and Christ** - Our LPTE series continues with the virtue of Fortitude. - Today is rehearsal for our Christmas Programs.

**December 17 - "Gaudete" Sunday** - The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

**December 22 - Christmas rehearsal** will be at 6 pm.  
**December 24 - Christmas Performance** 5 pm Mass.  
**December 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
**December 31 - No PSR**

**January 1 - 2018 - HAPPY NEW YEAR! Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Pre-Sales for the SFX 100th Anniversary Cookbook will continue after each mass until they arrive. This cookbook will be a great keepsake and would be an awesome gift at \$20 each. Contact Vanessa Pourciau at 225 923-2397 if you have any questions. Gift certificates are available for Christmas gifts.

## New Church Pews & Flooring

Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to our Church Renovation project. Please continue paying on your pledges so that we can begin saving to build a Parish Center.

## Stewardship November 26, 2017



**Regular Collection**  
\$7,961.89  
**Parish Needs**  
\$240.00  
**School Support**  
\$458.00



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.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brunch Tickets Available

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Opening Mass Brunch will be held on January 21, 2018, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Tickets are available for purchase after weekend Masses and at the Parish Office. Prices are \$10.00 for youth and \$15.00 for adults.

## TV RAFFLE WINNER

The winner of the Ladies Auxiliary TV raffle is Janet Moore. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.

**Save the Date**  
**Breakfast w/Santa December 9**  
**10am - 12noon**  
**\$15.00 up to 4 people**  
**\$2.00 for each additional person**  
**Includes: 5x7 picture w/Santa and**  
**A Pancake Breakfast**

Tickets will be available after each mass. Contact Brandi Perkins-Howard at 225-978-2544 with any questions.

