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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



Your reward will be great in heaven

**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.

### PSR NEWS

February 2019

**24 Lenten Workshop - Mass and Class** -The Annual Lenten Workshop will begin with *MASS* at 8:00am. Parents, please make every effort to ensure your child experiences the full benefits of the educational opportunities being provided by the PSR program at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Our next series will pertain to Lent –

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. In the desire to renew the liturgical practices of the Church, *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of Vatican Council II stated, "The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance — should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer" (no. 109). The word *Lent* itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lenc-ten*, meaning "Spring," and *lenc-ten-tid*, which literally means not only "Springtide" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls.

Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter. For instance, St. Irenaeus (d. 203) wrote to Pope St. Victor I, commenting on the celebration of Easter and the differences between practices in the East and the West: "The dispute is not only about the day, but also about the actual character of the fast. Some think that they ought to fast for one day, some for two, others for still more; some make their 'day' last 40 hours on end. Such variation in the observance did not originate in our own day, but very much earlier, in the time of our forefathers" (Eusebius, *History of the Church*, V, 24). When Rufinus translated this passage from Greek into Latin, the punctuation made between "40" and "hours" made the meaning to appear to be "40 days, twenty-four hours a day." The importance of the passage, nevertheless, remains that since the time of "our forefathers" — always an expression for the apostles — a 40-day period of Lenten preparation existed. However, the actual practices and duration of Lent were still not homogenous throughout the Church.

**Chancellor John Pierre, member of the commission and Southern Law Center chancellor, will present a lecture on Louisiana's participation in the Civil Rights movement on February 26 at St. Aloysius.**



***Through trials and tribulations, by God's grace, we triumph!***

**BLESSED**

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

**We are taking pre-paid orders for additional Centennial Books. The cost is \$30 and the order forms are located at the rear of the church.**

**Thanks for your support!**

**\*Please Support: The Jr. Daughters\*  
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We will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts after 5pm mass Saturday, February 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd.

Also, Sunday, February 3rd, 10th & 24th after 8am mass.

Donuts combo will be \$3.00 & \$4.00 dollars.

Proceeds will go towards National Convention in Texas.

See Junior Daughters for more information.

Thanks in advance,  
Juniors #12

**Mass Intentions for February 16-19, 2019**

**Saturday 5:00 Cecelia Young**  
*By: John Young*

**Sunday 8:00 Elliott Sr., Mabel & Frances**  
*By: The Family*

**11:00 People of the Parish**

**Tuesday 5:00 Terryl Francisco**  
*By: Judy Francisco*

**PRAY FOR US**

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Walter Lewis
Zula Comeaux	Loriene Perry	Catherine Murray
Ora Lee Jordan	Martha Proctor	Joyce Decuir
Frazier Jordan	Maria Rice	Cenia Richard
Elizabeth Whitfield	Whitney Robiho	Vivian LeDuff
Rosemary Daniels	Shelvia Stewart	Rebecca Nelson
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February 10, 2019**



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