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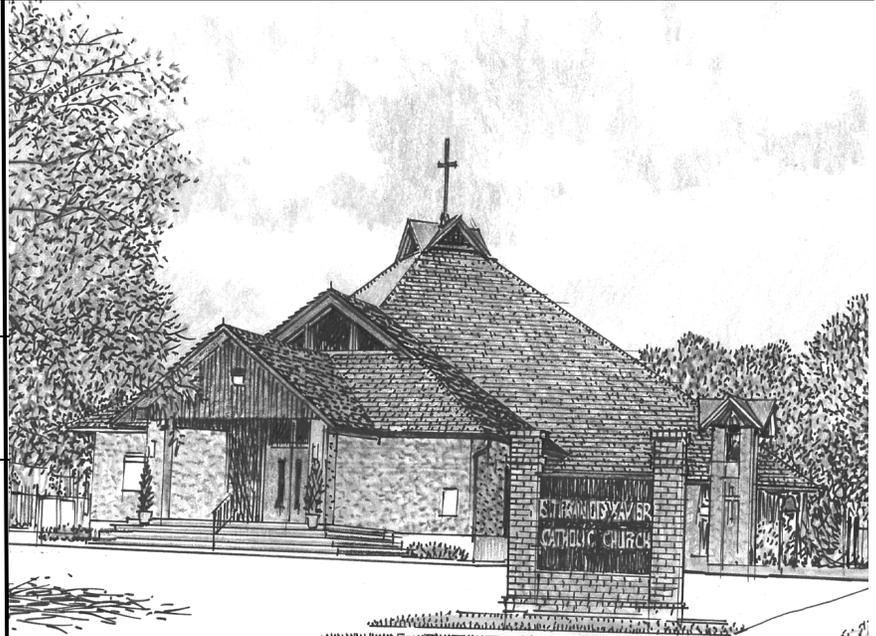
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MASS SCHEDULE:

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.

PSR NEWS

February 2019

24 Lenten Workshop - The Annual Lenten Workshop will begin with MASS at 8:00 AM and ends at 12:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided.

March 2019

5 Happy Mardi Gras

6 Ash Wednesday - Mass 9 AM and 6 PM

10 Rite of Sending - 8 AM Mass. Rite of Election - St. Joseph's Cathedral, time to be announced.

23 Confirmation Retreat - Angola State Penitentiary

The series on Lent continues with: The Duration of Lent -

In determining this period of forty days the example of Moses, Elias, and Christ must have exercised a predominant influence, but it is also possible that the fact was borne in mind that Christ lay forty hours in the tomb. On the other hand just as Pentecost (the fifty days) was a period during which Christians were joyous and prayed standing, though they were not always engaged in such prayer, so the Quadragesima (the forty days) was originally a period marked by fasting, but not necessarily a period in which the faithful fasted every day. Still, this principle was differently understood in different localities, and great divergences of practice were the result. In Rome, in the fifth century, Lent lasted six weeks, but according to the historian Socrates there were only three weeks of actual fasting, exclusive even then of the Saturday and Sunday and if Duchesne's view may be trusted, these weeks were not continuous, but were the first, the fourth, and sixth of the series, being connected with the ordinations (Christian Worship, 243). Possibly, however, these three weeks had to do with the "scrutinies" preparatory to Baptism, for by some authorities (e.g., A.J. Maclean in his "Recent Discoveries") the duty of fasting along with the candidate for baptism is put forward as the chief influence at work in the development of the forty days. But throughout the Orient generally, with some few exceptions, the same arrangement prevailed as St. Athanasius's "Festal Letters" show us to have obtained in Alexandria, namely, the six weeks of Lent were only preparatory to a fast of exceptional severity maintained during Holy Week. This is enjoined by the "Apostolic Constitutions" (V.13), and presupposed by St. Chrysostom (Hom. xxx in Gen., 1). But the number forty, having once established itself, produced other modifications. It seemed to many necessary that there should not only be fasting during the forty days but forty actual fasting days. Thus we find Ætheria in her "Peregrinatio" speaking of a Lent of eight weeks in all observed at Jerusalem, which, remembering that both the Saturday and Sunday of ordinary weeks were exempt, gives five times eight, i.e., forty days for fasting. On the other hand, in many localities people were content to observe no more than a six weeks' period, sometimes, as at Milan, fasting only five days in the week after the oriental fashion (Ambrose, "De Elia et Jejunio", 10). In the time of Gregory the Great (590-604) there were apparently at Rome six weeks of six days each, making thirty-six fast days in all, which St. Gregory, who is followed therein by many medieval writers, describes as the spiritual tithing of the year, thirty-six days being approximately the tenth part of three hundred and sixty-five. At a later date the wish to realize the exact number of forty days led to the practice of beginning Lent upon our present Ash Wednesday, but the Church of Milan, even to this day, adheres to the more primitive arrangement, which still betrays itself in the Roman Missal when the priest in the Secret of the Mass on the first Sunday of Lent speaks of "sacrificium quadragesimalis initii", the sacrifice of the opening of Lent.

Source :New Advent

Save the Date:

Tri-Parish Revival - March 11, 12, 13.

Bishop Fernand Cheri, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans



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

Annual Summer Retreat

The annual summer retreat is schedule for the weekend of August 2, 3 & 4 at the William Kelley Retreat Center at 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 \$160 which includes five meals and two nights. Deposit of \$25.00 is due by May 5 to reserve your space. We are limited to 40 participates. Final payment is due by July 14. Checks should be made to SFX and sent to Norma Duell, 2924 Juban Ave, BR 70805.

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*
(Little Flowers Court #12)**

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

FISH FRY DINNER - DRIVERS NEEDED

Drivers are needed to deliver Fish Dinners between 10am-12noon every Friday during Lent. Please sign the list on the table in the back of church, if you can help.

Please call Charles at 225.326.5287 if you have any questions .

**Ash Wednesday Masses
9am & 6pm**

Mass Intentions for February 23-26, 2019

Saturday 5:00 People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 Ceola Marcelle
By: Daughters

11:00 Diane Edwards
By: Contemporary Choir

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

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
Zelda Bates	Mary Johnson	Mildred Anderson
Myrtle Moran	Judy Franklin	Charles Taylor
	Elaine Johnson	

SFX KPC LADIES AUXILIARY COURT 12

Will be selling chicken and sausage gumbo dinners after 8am and 11am mass on February 24, 2019 in the school's cafeteria. Gumbo Dinner: with rice or potato salad \$6.00
Drinks and Desserts \$1.00

**Stewardship
February 17, 2019**



Regular Collection \$10,470.45
School Support \$145.00
Parish Needs \$288.00

