

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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

#### December 2019

**15** Class – **Gaudete Sunday** – The students continue their rehearsal for the **Nativity**. The **Bill of Rights became law**, thereby guaranteeing the rights of all U.S. Citizens - 1791

**24** **The Nativity** – The PSR Students will enact the **Nativity** at the 5 PM Mass.

**25** **Merry Christmas!**

**Gaudete Sunday** - The third Sunday of Advent, so called from the first word of the Introit at Mass (*Gaudete*, i.e. Rejoice). You will notice that the priests garments turn from the penitent color purple to the joyful color rose, and that the third candle of the Advent wreath is rose color as well. We rejoice and are glad in the joyful anticipation to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his return!

In both Office and Mass throughout Advent continual reference is made to our Lord's second coming, and this is emphasized on the third Sunday by the additional signs of gladness permitted on that day, hence, the rose color garments and advent candle. Gaudete Sunday is further marked by a new Invitatory, the Church no longer inviting the faithful to adore merely "The Lord who is to come", but calling upon them to worship and hail with joy "The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand". Rejoice and be Glad!

#### PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Zula Comeaux	Lorraine Perry	Joyce Decuir
Ora Lee Jordan	Martha Proctor	Cenia Richard
Frazier Jordan	Maria Rice	Vivian LeDuff
Elizabeth Whitfield	Whitney Robiho	Mildred Anderson
Rosemary Daniels	Shelvia Stewart	Charles Taylor
Zelda Bates	Mary Johnson	John Ristic
Myrtle Moran	Julie Franklin	Norma Duell
Elaine Johnson	Betty Camble	Ronald Toval
	Ruby Jordan	

#### Mass Intentions for Dec. 14 - 20, 2019

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Parents &amp; Ancestors of souls in Purgatory</b> <i>By: Van Do</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Parents &amp; Ancestors of souls in Purgatory</b> <i>By: Van Do</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Helen Taylor</b> <i>By: The Davis Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Sybil Harris</b> <i>By: The Family</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Felician Bellard</b> <i>By: The Family</i>

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 15, 2019**



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

**Save the Date: On Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the 10:30am Mass, we will celebrate the opening of the St. Francis Xavier School Centennial Year. Lunch will follow at the Catholic Life Center. Tickets are \$20**

**Bible Study - Thursdays @ 6pm  
We are studying the Historical Books of the Old Testament.**

**15th Annual Sock It To Me  
Presented by Baton Rouge Parents Magazine  
November 11- December 16**

Accepting new and unused socks to help children and adults in need.

**All donated socks will be collected on December 16th and will be distributed in January.**

We are in need of volunteers to assist in cleaning the sanctuary on Friday's from 10am - 11am. All interested parties may contact Ms. Mary Williams at 225.333.1866

**SFX CENTENNIAL COOKBOOKS make great CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

As you make your Christmas gift list, don't forget about our Centennial Cookbooks, \$20 each. Please see an usher to purchase one.

**Holiday Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve 5pm & Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day 9am  
New Years Eve - Tuesday, December 31 @ 5pm  
New Years Day, January 1 @ 9am**

***Wellness Ministry Corner***  
**GET MOVING**

**THE 12 EXERCISES OF CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE**

You want to look good for the holidays, right? Here's the idea: every day until Christmas do these 12 exercises. You don't have to do the number or amount of time this says if you don't feel comfortable doing so. This is only meant to challenge you.

- 15 BURPEES
- 50 SQUATS
- 45 SECONDS PLANK
- 100 JUMPING JACKS
- 50 SIT UPS
- 1 MINUTE WALL SIT
- 40 PUSH UPS
- 35 LUNGES
- 30 SECONDS HIGH KNEES
- 1 MINUTE JUMP ROPE
- 25 SIDE LEG LIFTS
- 15 JUMP SQUATS

You can do them in any order you choose. You don't have to do them all at once. Feel free to spread these throughout your day if it's more convenient.

**Stewardship  
December 8, 2019**



**Regular Collection \$8,800.35  
Parish Needs \$285.00  
School Support \$210.00**

