

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 26, 2020

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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### MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

TUESDAY:

WED-THURS:

HOLYDAYS:

FRIDAY:

VIGIL - 5:00 PM

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA - 5:00 PM

6:30 AM IN CONVENT

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

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

#### January 2020

**26 Class – Word of God Sunday**

#### **Pope declares special Sunday each year dedicated to word of God**

ROME - To help the Church grow in love and faithful witness to God, Pope Francis has declared the third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be dedicated to the word of God.

Salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and sacred Scripture, he said in a new document.

Devoting a special day “to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God” will help the Church “experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world,” the pope said.

The declaration to have a “Sunday of the Word of God” was made in a new document, given *motu proprio*, on the pope’s own initiative. Its title, *Aperuit Illis*, is based on a verse from the Gospel of St. Luke, “Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”

“The relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians,” the pope said in the apostolic letter, released by the Vatican Sept. 30, the feast of St. Jerome, patron saint of biblical scholars.

“The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words,” the pope wrote. *Cruz*

#### PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Zula Comeaux	Loraine 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 January 25 – 31, 2020

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>People of Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	Parents & Ancestors of souls in Purgatory <i>By: Van Do</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>William “Tex” Turner</b> <i>By: Wife &amp; Children</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Charles Williams</b> <i>By: Mary Williams</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>People of Parish</b>



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

**St. Francis Xavier School Centennial**

Many thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate and support the opening mass and luncheon for our school centennial. We look forward to the other activities planned to celebrate 100 years of our school's existence.

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

The RAATE research study will evaluate if physical activity programs, developed with input from elderly African American adults, can help improve brain function later in life.

Are you:

\*African American?

\*65-85 years of age?

\*Capable of regular physical activity?

Compensation of up to \$200 is offered for participation

To learn more contact:

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Outreach Coordinator

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She will be speaking at the Masses on Sunday, February 2

***Wellness Ministry Corner***

**GET MOVING**

**EXERCISING  
IS A  
BLESSING,  
NOT A CHORE.  
I WORKOUT  
BECAUSE  
I AM GRATEFUL  
THAT I  
PHYSICALLY  
CAN.**

St. Francis Xavier, Baton Rouge will be the featured parish of the month on the Diocese of Baton Rouge Facebook page!

Every Friday in the month of January, they will share a picture and some facts about our parish.

Their Facebook page can be found at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/diobrArchives/>

**Mini 1 day Woman's Retreat**

**Saturday, February 8, 2020 9:30a-4:30p followed by Mass @ 5pm. \$12per adult woman (age 18+) which includes a box lunch. Checks made to SFX, mailed to Gail Jones 4344 Wells St. BR, LA 70808**

**Deadline for registration is Friday, January 24, 2020  
Please register early to assist us as we prepare for a fantastic retreat.**

**Stewardship  
January 19, 2019**

Regular Collection	\$7,052.45
School Support	\$180.00
Parish Needs	\$135.45

