

# 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.

### PSR News

#### February 2020

- 16** Class – **Lenten Workshop** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
- 23** No Class – **Carl A. Fisher, SSJ ordained Catholic Bishop 1987 California**
- 25** **Happy Mardi Gras!**
- 26** **Ash Wednesday**

Fasting - In the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has declared that "the age of fasting is from the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth." In accordance with canon 1253 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law, the USCCB has also allowed that some other form of penance for the traditional abstinence on all of the Fridays of the year, except for those Fridays in Lent, fulfills the obligation of penance. Thus, the rules for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

\*Every person 14 years or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

\*Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

According to the USCCB:

Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

Because of this, some Catholic parishes in the United States sponsor a fish fry during Lent. In predominantly Catholic areas, restaurants may adjust their menus during Lent by adding seafood items to the menu in an attempt to appeal to Catholics. However, the same USCCB website says that:

While fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice.

#### 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

#### Mass Intentions for February 15 – 21, 2020

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Ceola Marcelle</b> <i>By: The Honore Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Mr/Mrs Felician Bellard</b> <i>By: The Family</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Fred LeDuff</b> <i>By: Shirley LeDuff Rivers</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Joseph Nelson</b> <i>By: Fran &amp; Bridgett</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>People of Parish</b>



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

**"Please come preview the Black History Display located on the rear table at the back of the Church during Black History Month from February 1 - March 1, 2020. This display is sponsored by the SFX Ministry of Hospitality."**

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

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training**

We are in the process of recruiting and renewing extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC). If you have a desire to join this sacred ministry that is vital to the sacramental life of the church, we will have a training that will include a spiritual reflection and practical preparation on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am in the church. We welcome and encourage new members – young (18+) and seasoned. If interested please let Fr. Ed know or contact Ruby Jordon 225.337.0766

**Ash Wednesday Masses  
9am and 6pm  
Stations of the Cross at 2pm on Fridays of Lent**

**It's that time of year again fellow parishioners!**

To help defer the expenses for our Annual Lenten Fish Fry, we are accepting food supplies as well as monetary donations. There is a box and envelopes located in the back of the church to receive your generous donations. Our goal this year is to reach over \$15,000. February 26th begins Lenten season and the Fish Fry will continue through Good Friday, April 10th. Volunteers are encouraged and welcomed to sign up as well. As always, we appreciate your consideration in this endeavor.

**Parish Council Elections**

There is no need for an election since only three parishioners agreed to serve on the Council. They are Arthur Dubriel, Roderick Thymes and Travis Torrence. Thank you for willingness to serve.

**Save the Date: The Tri Parish Revival will be on March 2, 3, 4. More information will follow.**

***Wellness Ministry Corner***

**Did you know . . .**

The Bridge Center for Hope, a new mental health facility, will open in 2020 in Baton Rouge. Sixty-eight percent of voters said yes to the tax proposal. The Bridge Center will have 30 beds, be open 24 hours a day, and have 42 staff members consisting of doctors, nurses, and social workers. It will be located at 3455 Florida Boulevard. No specific date for the opening has been given. This facility will provide a place for law enforcement to bring mental health patients, instead of jail. East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Hillar Moore estimates up to 30 percent of the prison population are mentally ill and should not be there. More details to come.

**Stewardship  
February 9, 2020**

Regular Collection \$9,858.67  
School Support \$260.00  
Flowers \$179.45

