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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 2021

**5** PSR Class – **Second Sunday of Advent**

**7** Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**8** **The Immaculate Conception**

**Second Sunday of Advent** – The tradition for the second Sunday of Advent include lighting the second purple candle that is a symbol of **faith**.

The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming.

It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring.

Psalm 46:10 says:

...Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do-lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation: preparing our hearts, as we **faithfully await** the chance to celebrate the hour of our King.

**The Immaculate Conception** – It was Mary's closeness to Christ that made her receive God's "fullness of grace" to be sinless. Without God's grace, it would have been impossible for Mary to be sinless, and she too would be like the rest of humanity. However, because of her decision to say, "yes" in giving birth to Christ, she was given a special privilege by having no sin touch her. Catholics believe that God wanted a perfectly pure woman to carry His Son, the God of the universe, for nothing else short of perfection would do.

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Linda Gills-Beshears	Whitney Robiho	Geraldine Christopher
Mary Johnson	Shelvia Stewart	Elouise Noel
Betty Dupas		Cora Scott-Green

### **Mass Intentions for December 4 - 7, 2021**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Gladys Lee</b> <i>By: Mary Williams</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Lester &amp; Ronnie Gauthier</b> <i>By: Edward, Mary, Michael, Danna &amp; Damien</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Jerry William Cloutier</b> <i>By: Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Isaac Haney</b> <i>By: Barbara Decuir</i>



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

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Starting October 25, the deadline for bulletin entries will be Mondays by 12 noon. Please consider admission at least a week prior to the date of the announcement, when possible.

**Pray Daily - God Is Easier To Talk To Than Most People.**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Mass**  
**December 8, 2021**  
**9am & 5pm**

**The 2021 Retirement Fund Collection for Religious is scheduled for December 11th and 12th. Started in 1988 by the United States Catholic bishops, the fund gives assistance to religious communities of men and women for retirement needs, nursing care and medications. As you are able, you are invited to lend your generous support to this cause. For more information go to <https://retiredreligious.org>**

Dear SFX Family,  
 Today I would like to take a moment to recognize some important partners of St. Francis Xavier. Sometimes we take our Sunday bulletin for granted, but on the back page are ads from the companies that support us year-round. Please take some time today to look over our bulletin ads and when you patronize those businesses or services, say thank you from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. No one ever tires of hearing thank you. Our bulletin advertisers will appreciate it. They are part of our success at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

**United Men of St. Francis Xavier**

Over the last several years, the United Men of SFX worked tirelessly raising funds for the church and school through the semi-annual BBQ, provided scholarships to our church families, and many other things.

Since we have been outstanding stewards and showed our love of God through Matthew 6:21, it is now our time to ask the Church community to give us something in return. Over the life of the organization, we have lost many members through attrition by illness and death. For the United Men to continue its good works, we need additional, dedicated participants.

We are inviting you to show your love of God through this effort; please get in touch with us through the following means: **Call me 225.205.8542, text, or email [les.pourciau@gmail.com](mailto:les.pourciau@gmail.com), [unitedmenstfx@gmail.com](mailto:unitedmenstfx@gmail.com) or any member of the organization** or come to the cafeteria after the 8 o'clock mass 10/24/2021

I use the framework of "We are blessed to bless others" to appeal to "YOU" the men of the SFX Catholic Church community. Please assist us in this effort.

Thank you

Rev. Edward J. Chiffrieller, SSJ.

**JOIN US FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY**  
**EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7PM**  
 Just dial **1 720 7409653**  
 And enter access code **5217381#**

**Join us for the**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
*When: Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm*  
*Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church*  
*1120 Myrtle Street*

**Stewardship**  
**November 28, 2021**



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