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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.

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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

June 2022

5 Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost (Whitsunday), with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the greatest feasts of Christianity. It commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, Mary and Disciples, but also the fruits and effects of that event: the completion of the work of redemption, the fullness of grace for the Church and its children, and the gift of faith for all nations. This day is marked by Catholic priests dressing up in red robes and draping the altar of the church in red cloth. Believers would often choose to get baptized on Pentecost, and today it has become the most common day for baptism. Simply put, Pentecost marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

Who belongs to the Catholic Church?

"All men are called to this catholic unity of the People of God.... and to it, in different ways, belong or are ordered: the Catholic faithful, others who believe in Christ, and finally all mankind, called by God's grace to salvation."

"Fully incorporated into the society of the Church are those who, possessing the Spirit of Christ, accept all the means of salvation given to the Church together with her entire organization, and who - by the bonds constituted by the profession of faith, the sacraments, ecclesiastical government, and communion - are joined in the visible structure of the Church of Christ, who rules her through the Supreme Pontiff and the bishops. Even though incorporated into the Church, one who does not however persevere in charity is not saved. He remains indeed in the bosom of the Church, but 'in body' not 'in heart.'"

"The Church knows that she is joined in many ways to the baptized who are honored by the name of Christian, but do not profess the Catholic faith in its entirety or have not preserved unity or communion under the successor of Peter." Those "who believe in Christ and have been properly baptized are put in a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church." With the Orthodox Churches, this communion is so profound "that it lacks little to attain the fullness that would permit a common celebration of the Lord's Eucharist."

The Church and non-Christians

"Those who have not yet received the Gospel are related to the People of God in various ways."

The relationship of the Church with the Jewish People. When she delves into her own mystery, the Church, the People of God in the New Covenant, discovers her link with the Jewish People, "the first to hear the Word of God." The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to God's revelation in the Old Covenant. To the Jews "belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ", "for the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."

and when one considers the future, God's People of the Old Covenant and the new People of God tend towards similar goals: expectation of the coming (or the return) of the Messiah. But one awaits the return of the Messiah who died and rose from the dead and is recognized as Lord and Son of God; the other awaits the coming of a Messiah, whose features remain hidden till the end of time; and the latter waiting is accompanied by the drama of not knowing or of misunderstanding Christ Jesus.

The Church's relationship with the Muslims. "The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day."

The Church's bond with non-Christian religions is in the first place the common origin and end of the human race:

All nations form but one community. This is so because all stem from the one stock which God created to people the entire earth, and also because all share a common destiny, namely God. His providence, evident goodness, and saving designs extend to all against the day when the elect are gathered together in the holy city. . . The Catholic Church recognizes in other religions that search, among shadows and images, for the God who is unknown yet near since he gives life and breath and all things and wants all men to be saved. Thus, the Church considers all goodness and truth found in these religions as "a preparation for the Gospel and given by him who enlightens all men that they may at length have life."

In their religious behavior, however, men also display the limits and errors that disfigure the image of God in them:

Very often, deceived by the Evil One, men have become vain in their reasonings, and have exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and served the creature rather than the Creator. Or else, living and dying in this world without God, they are exposed to ultimate despair.

To reunite all his children, scattered and led astray by sin, the Father willed to call the whole of humanity together into his Son's Church. the Church is the place where humanity must rediscover its unity and salvation. the Church is "the world reconciled." She is that bark which "in the full sail of the Lord's cross, by the breath of the Holy Spirit, navigates safely in this world." According to another image dear to the Church Fathers, she is prefigured by Noah's ark, which alone saves from the flood. ccc 336-345

Nest Issue: "Outside the Church there is no salvation"

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Mass Intentions for June 4 - 7, 2022

Saturday	5pm	Zula Comeaux <i>By: Catherine Veazie</i>
Sunday	8am	Lester & Ronnie Gauthier <i>By: Edward, Mary, Danna & Damien</i>
	11am	Parents & Ancestors of Souls in Purgatory <i>By: Van Do</i>
Tuesday	5pm	People of the Parish



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

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS

The Diocesan Racial Harmony Commission will celebrate a Mass of Racial Healing and Transformation on Saturday, June 18 at 10 AM at Immaculate Conception Church, Scotlandville. You are invited to attend.

Join the community at the Juneteenth Celebration on June 18, at Gus Young BREC (12pm-4pm) and then motorcade to the downtown celebration (4 pm -8 pm). Finally, place a candle in front of your home at nightfall.

God sees all the good works you have done in secret and he will reward you.

Calling all voices

St. Augustine said "When you sing, you pray twice."

The Contemporary Choir and the Men's Choir invites you to join them in making a joyful noise unto the Lord. Anyone interested in joining either Choir please call or text Kenny Williams at 225-205-8592 for rehearsal times and more details.

THE SPIRIT'S ACTIVE POWER

The mystery of the Trinity refers to one God in three persons. We frequently acknowledge Jesus as "the second person of the Trinity," but referring also to the Spirit as a "person" comes less naturally. In religious art, the Holy Spirit often appears as a dove or, as in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, tongues of fire. Much rarer are images of the Spirit as a "person" in recognizable human form. Today's readings do not settle the issue of how to picture the Spirit, but they certainly give shape to the Spirit's active power in the world and in each human heart. In Acts, the Spirit enables people to speak and understand a variety of languages. Paul's letter to the Corinthians praises the Spirit for all kinds of spiritual gifts, services, and "workings." Finally, in John's Gospel, Jesus calls the Spirit our Advocate and our divine teacher.

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Congratulations to Ms. Sade' Gray, the daughter of Nina Gray, for being accepted to run at the 2022 Outdoor Nationals presented by Nike at the University of Oregon. She will be traveling June 16-19 to attend this event in Eugene, Oregon. Sade' is currently a sophomore at Scotlandville Magnet High School and has run 11.74 seconds in the 100 meter Dash and 23.86 seconds in the 200 at the University of Texas. Donations are currently being taken for Ms. Gray to attend this prestigious honor. If you would like to donate, you can do so by CashApp \$ginelle23 or by contacting Ms. Nina Gray. Thanking the parishioners of SFX in advance for their continued prayers and donations throughout Ms. Sade' Gray's athletic journeys.

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