

# 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-FRI:	9:00AM
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM
SATURDAY:	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—3:30 PM

**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. HENRY IHUOMA'S 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 June 2025

### 23 Vacation Bible School / Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

#### GIVE THEM SOME FOOD



**YOURSELVES**

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#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that "nobody wanted." He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.

Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an " anchoress," a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning.

#### Kids Corner

**Body and Blood of Christ**

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- Spoke
- Cured
- Twelve
- Crowd
- Loaves
- Fish
- Groups
- Bless
- Satisfied
- Basket

 SUNDAYKIDZ

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#### PRAYER LIST

John Paul Moore \* Geraldine Christopher \* Loraine Perry \* Martha Proctor \* Whitney Robiho \* Joyce Decuir \* Patricia Armstrong

Elouise Noel \* Betty Dupas \* Denise Chutz \* Fred Dejuan \* Loretta Warren \* Lorenzia Dardone \* Patricia Tyson

Elizabeth Whitfield \* Linda Gills-Beshears \* Phyllis White \* Mary E. Bourgeois \* Easton Charles \* Erica H. Louis

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

## 3 Ways to Give St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

\*Online Giving: [www.stfrancisxavier.org](http://www.stfrancisxavier.org) \*Text the word "GIVE" to (225) 396-4347 or scan the QR Code.  
Mail: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1120 Myrtle Walk Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802



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All online methods are safe and secured. Thank you for your generosity!

### Bible Study

We will be having our Bible Study every Thursday at 6 pm at the Parish Office.

### Parish Fair 2025

Please save the dates; Our Parish Fair is on the weekend of October 3rd, 4th and 5th. All Ministries are encouraged to participate and all are welcome.

Our Ministry Fair will be held on the weekend of June 21-22 and June 28-29. We can't wait to serve with you.

### Ministry

Is God calling you to join a ministry in our parish? Please feel free and sign up. There are applications at the back of the church for various ministries. You can meet the pastor or the ushers for further information. We can't wait to serve with you.



"Register your child for the SFX School 2025-26, The Mustang Experience Awaits You." For more information, visit [www.sfxbr.org](http://www.sfxbr.org) or scan the QR Code.

**Enrolling Grades K - 8**

(225) 387-6639



Join us for  
**Adoration, Praise, and Worship**  
**Every First Saturday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

### Upcoming Events in the Parish

- \*Vacation Bible School, June 23 - 27, 6pm - 8pm.
- \*Pantry Distribution, Thursday, June 26, 10am.
- \*The Most Sacred Heart, Friday, June 27.
- \*School Advisory Board Meeting, Saturday, June 28, 10am.
- \*Usher's Meeting, Saturday, June 28, 10:30am.
- \*Second Collection: Peter's Pence Collection, June 28-29.
- \*Birthday and Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, June 29, 9:30am.

### Mass Intentions June 21-22, 2025

Saturday	5pm	Earl J. Bourgeois <i>By: The Family</i> Raphael & Stella Hebert <i>By: Marlene</i>
Sunday	8am	The People of the Parish
	11am	For the intentions of our School

### Stewardship June 15, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$6,976.00
Online Support:	\$2,419.13
Parish Needs:	\$60.00
School Support:	\$885.00



Thanks for your Generosity!

**Today's Readings**  
**Genesis 14: 18-20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23–26, Luke 9: 11b–17**

**Give Them Some Food Yourselves**

The Gospel for this feast reminds me of what my aunt used to tell us when we would visit her and share a meal. She always fixed more than enough for everyone (even with her three kids and my parents' eight kids); her favorite saying was, "If you don't get enough to eat, it's your own fault." Perhaps Jesus would say the same as he feeds us with his Body and Blood.

Some say that the multiplication of loaves was not done by breaking the laws of physics. Instead, they say that Jesus, when he began to share the little bread that he had, touched the hearts of all those who had brought food with them. They followed his example by sharing their food also—so much that there were twelve baskets left over. While I don't doubt that Jesus could have multiplied the loaves he had, it reminds me of the temptation in the desert, when the devil told him to make bread out of rocks. If he rejected that temptation, why would he do almost the same thing now?

No, Jesus came to change people's hearts, to show them God's love and how to love one another. The miracle of the loaves shows us that Jesus can feed millions with his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. The miracle of changing bread and wine into his Body and Blood is not just so we can feel good about having Jesus so near to us. It is meant to strengthen us to do our best as his disciples. As food and drink help us to keep on working, his Body and Blood help us to keep on loving. Look around as the Communion procession goes by and think about how many are united with Jesus. Let the broken bread and poured-out wine remind you of how Jesus gave himself up to death on the cross.

When the disciples told Jesus about the hungry crowd, he told them, "Give them some food yourselves" (Luke 9:13). And one day they would. When they celebrated the Eucharist after Jesus' resurrection, they gave that spiritual food to the new followers of Christ. We continue that today. With Jesus' strength we can teach all people about the Father's love for them and how they can love each other.

Tom Schmidt