

# 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

#### Revealed Mystery

I was used to driving on dusty country backroads. In fact, I loved them because they signaled to me that an adventure had commenced. I pulled up to a modest home and was greeted by a huge sheep dog. A grey habited sister met me at the door and my discernment with SOLT began.

The weekend was full of prayer, service, and great conversation. I was at peace in the rhythm of religious life and could see myself in that community, but God didn't call me there for vocational reasons. Rather, He called me there for a different sort of adventure, something quite mysterious.

One afternoon, while in prayer, He led my mind's eye into a round room with latticed windows. The interior was a well-lit and cozy canvas yurt (similar to a teepee or a wigwam). As I was scanning the space, I was encircled by Mary's mantle to dwell there with her, and I wasn't alone. In the center of the room was God, the Holy Trinity, "floating" much like an orb (sphere), as best as my human prayer imagination could perceive. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit united in one space dwelt deep in Mary's core and I was standing before Him soaking Him in. I felt peace, awe, and wonder.

More than ten years later I am still unpacking this great mystery of God, the Most Holy Trinity, which we celebrate today. It is one of the most fundamental dogmas of Christianity and one that we have no access to without His gift of revelation. I don't understand it. I cannot comprehend it, but in regards to God's revelation to me that day, I am overwhelmed by the fact that He chose to gather us unto Himself under Mary's mantle. He destined His self revelation to be tied up with her.

I still don't know why God gave me that image, but I am grateful and want to make every use of the gift. Most of all, I simply want to dwell there with Him. I want to be in that sacred space and let my soul rest in Him under Mary's watch. My prayer for you is that today's solemnity would inspire you to meditate on the Most Holy Trinity's unity with Mary. I hope that you ask her to gather you under her mantle so that you may also dwell there with Him.

By Melissa Lucca

### 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

- \*Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19.
- \*Parish Council Retreat, Saturday, June 21, 8am.
- \*Junior Daughters Initiation, Saturday, June 21, 10am.
- \*Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 21/22.
- \*Vacation Bible School, June 23 - 27, 6pm - 8pm.
- \*Pantry Distribution, Thursday, June 26, 10am.
- \*School Advisory Board Meeting, Saturday, June 28, 10am.
- \*Usher's Meeting, Saturday, June 28, 10:30am.

### Mass Intentions June 14-15, 2025

Saturday	5pm	<b>Grace Ricard Honore</b> <i>By: The Honore Family</i> <b>Oliver &amp; Catherine Domino</b> <i>By: The Family</i>
Sunday	8am	<b>Melvin Amar, Sr.</b> <i>By: The Amar Family</i> <b>Deceased Usher Members</b> <i>By: SFX Ministry of Hospitality</i>
	11am	<b>The People of the Parish</b>

### Stewardship June 08, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$7,517.32
Online Support:	\$4,142.00
Parish Needs:	\$370.00
School Support:	\$35.00



Thanks for your Generosity!

**Today's Readings**  
**Proverbs 8: 22-31, Romans 5: 1 –5, John 16: 12–15**

**Getting to Know the Trinity**

As difficult as it is to understand the Holy Trinity, I am amazed that Jesus even bothered to tell us about the Father, the Spirit, and himself. As if his own life, his teachings about God's love, his miracles, his death and resurrection were not enough, he told us something about God that we never would have imagined: There are three Persons in one God. It is also something we cannot completely comprehend. So instead of trying to explain it, let's look at what it means for us believers.

One thing it shows is that God wants to be known by us. Since theologians and spiritual writers have been helping us do that for almost two thousand years, it may not seem like a big deal. But in ancient times, people expected their gods to be mysterious and hidden. Many cultures thought that you could control a spirit or god if you knew its name. So knowing anything about the inner life of a god would be huge. But our God is the only God, whom no one can control. God sees us not as a threat but as beloved children. Just as a couple falling in love wants to know everything about each other, so God wants to be known by those whom God loves. That leads to my second point.

The Trinity also shows us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16) because the three Persons are united in one God. The Persons of the Trinity already love each other perfectly, so God shares that love with us. God calls us to be united in love with God and with each other. Remember that God knows us perfectly and still loves us. How many of us would want another person to know everything about us? Yet knowing our weaknesses and our sins does not hurt God's love for us. On the contrary, our weaknesses allow God to help us by answering our prayers or inspiring someone to come to our assistance. God permits us to sin, knowing that we can experience divine love in forgiveness. We may not be able to grasp the full meaning of the Holy Trinity, but knowing that God shares this with faithful people helps us to love God even more.

Tom Schmidt