

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 - 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.

COPLES 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.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today's responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm



Mass Intentions for April 15-18, 2017

Saturday 5:00 Charles Williams
By: Mary Williams

Sunday 8:00 Terryl Francisco
By: Judy Francisco

11:00 People of the Parish

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Easter is nearly three weeks later this year than last. Why does the date wobble around the calendar so? The way of calculating the date was set by the Emperor Constantine in 325. The decision ended a very bitter controversy in the church. Some people wanted to synchronize the Pasch with Passover on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nissan, and their opponents wanted it after the Passover was complete, on the Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. The ecclesiastical rules do not exactly connect with the astronomical rules. The emperor squashed the hopes of the quartodecimans, as the fans of 14 Nissan were called, and chose Sunday. The traditional rule is that Easter is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox, the fourteenth day of the new moon, and later than March 21. Thus, Easter wobbles between March 22 and April 25.

The actual tables and methods for computing the date are extraordinarily detailed, with subtle variations and mind-bending exceptions and charts with "golden numbers," "dominical letters," and "epacts" measuring leap years. In 1954 and 1962 the ecclesiastical calculations actually overrode the astronomical new moons and bumped Easter back a month! Today, there is a movement in the World Council of Churches (Protestants and Orthodox) for all Christians to combine their celebrations, based on the star charts for the Jerusalem skies. In principle, the Catholic Church is open to an ecumenical agreement on a fixed date for Easter, but we desire a unanimous decision from the World Council.

PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr. Zula Comeaux Diane Edwards Ora Lee Jordan Thelma Jackson Frazier Jordan Elizabeth Whitfield Rosemary Daniels	John Paul Moore Loriene Perry Martha Proctor James Raby Maria Rice Whitney Robiho Shelia Stewart Mary Johnson Myrtle Moran	Walter Lewis Catherine Murray Joyce Decuir Cenia Richard Vivian LeDuff Rebecca Nelson Ceola Marcelle Mildred Anderson Charles Taylor
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

April 16, 2017

PSR News

May 1 - Confirmation Rehearsal. Candidates and Sponsors must attend. St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church 6pm-7pm.

May 3 - Confirmation Mass 7pm St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Candidates are to report to the Church by 5:30 pm. Sponsors are to be present by 6:30 PM.

May 6 - Reconciliation Retreat for First Communion. Candidates are to report to Church. Retreat will be from 9am-12 noon. This retreat is mandatory.

May 7 - First Communion 8am Mass.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading - All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading - Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel - Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or

Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

It's that time again!

Time for the KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court #12 annual after Easter Casino bus trip. This years trip takes place on Monday, April 17, 2017. To the Silver Slipper Casino in Bay St. Louis, Ms. The cost is still \$20 with \$20 incentive from the casino. The bus leaves the rear parking lot at 8am sharp. To reserve your seat please contact Lady Leslie Coates at 225.803.4470 Lady Mary Williams at 225.333.1866 or any other auxiliary member no later than Thursday, April 6, 2017. Please be prepared to give your name, address and date of birth. We look forward to you joining us.

Stewardship

April 9, 2017



Regular Collection
\$11,037.09
Parish needs
\$277.00
Food Pantry
\$1,575.00



The KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court 12 is awarding a \$500.00 scholarship to a deserving senior for the 2017-18 school year. applications are in the rear of the church. Directions for completing are included.



St. Francis Xavier Food Bank: is in need of non-perishables to assist the needy in our community. Please do donate: Canned Corn, Peas, String Beans, Carrots, Fruit, Chili, Pasta, Grits, Cereal, Tuna, Rice, Bread, Soup, Soap, Tooth Paste, Deodorant etc. We also accept monetary donations to purchase food.

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.
— Colossians 3:4

DANCING FOR JOY

The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior.

National Black Catholic Congress XII

Parishioners are encouraged to attend Congress XII in Orlando, Fl., July 6th through 9th. The Josephites will pay the registration fee (\$375.00) for five (5) parishioners from each Josephite parish. See Fr. Ed for more information.

New Church Pews & Flooring

There's still a chance to make a generous pledge to help fund the new pews and flooring. Cost estimates for the flooring are \$20,000 higher than expected and the bathrooms require extensive renovation, so additional funding would be appreciated. Pledge envelopes are available in the back of the church or from an usher.