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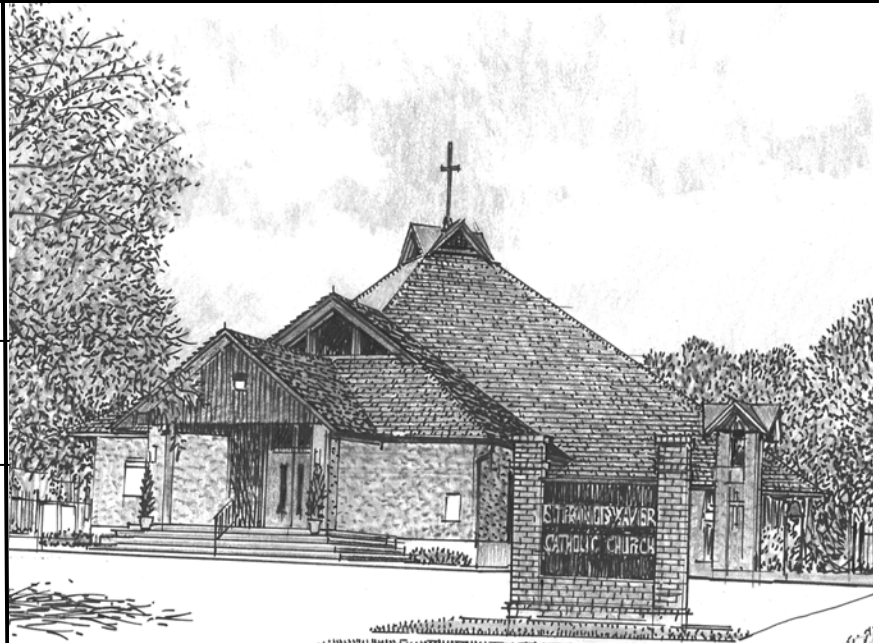
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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>8:00 AM &amp; 11:00 AM</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA~ 5:00 PM</b>
<b>WED ~THURS:</b>	<b>6:30 AM IN CONVENT</b>
<b>HOLYDAYS:</b>	<b>9:00 AM &amp; 6:00 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM</b>

**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.

### SHARE THE HOPE

The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

**In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm**

### BIG MOUTHS

What should not be heard by little ears should not be said by big mouths.

### LONGING

The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for.

### Mass Intentions for May 27-30, 2017

**Saturday 5:00 Grace Ricard Honore**  
*By: The Honore Family*

**Sunday 8:00 Eric Beshears**  
*By: Mary Williams*

**11:00 Elizabeth Ann Jones**  
*By: Anita Liggins & Family*

**Tuesday 5:00 Charles Williams**  
*By: Mary Williams*

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If you could somehow transport a third-century Christian into your twenty-first-century Sunday Mass, once the initial shock wore off he or she would be more or less at home with the structure of the first part of the liturgy, the Word. The second part might be more difficult to comprehend. The stumbling block would be the book. We have a book, a missal that is set down on the altar with a very precisely prescribed set of words for the priest to say and the people to sing at the Eucharistic Prayer. In the early days of the church, there were no set "formulas" for this prayer. The ancients would have raised eyebrows at our "bookishness" since they preferred to let the prayers roll forth from a gifted leader of prayer. There was a basic shape to the prayer of thanksgiving, and almost general agreement that the words of Christ at the Last Supper ought to be included.

By the second century, Justin Martyr wrote that the presider "gives thanks at some length . . . and when he has finished the prayers and the thanksgiving, all the people present give their assent by saying 'Amen.'" In the world before books, people could memorize long passages of prose and poetry, and so it is easy to see how particular phrases or expressions passed from church to church.

### 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 Shelvia 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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**PSR News**

**May 30, 2017** - PSR teachers meeting 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. We will make plans for Vacation Bible School that will begin June 19 and end June 23, 2017.

**The New Pews Are Coming!**

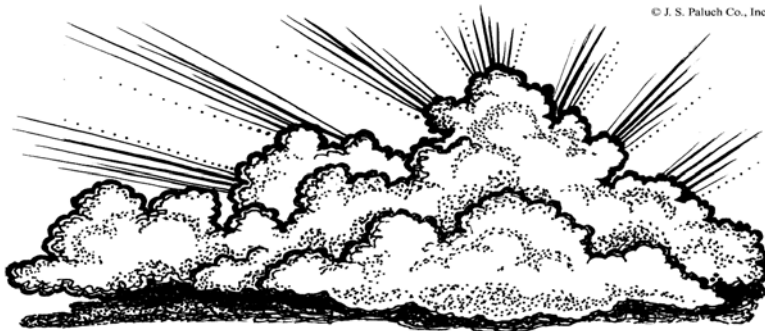
**The last Masses in the church will be held on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your dollies and wagons after 11:00 Mass and help us move items from the church to the cafeteria.**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**May 28, 2017**

He was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him from their sight.

— *Acts 1:9*



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**Summer Retreat**

The Annual Summer Retreat is schedule for the weekend of August 4, 5 & 6 at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center, Bay St. Louis, MS. We encourage you to consider taking this weekend for yourself, especially if you have not previously attended a retreat.

The cost for the weekend is \$150 double or \$180 for single. Deposit of \$25.00 is due by May 14 to reserve your space. Final payment is due by July 9. Checks should be made to SFX and sent to Norma Duell, 2924 Juban Ave, BR 70805.

**Stewardship**



**Regular Collection**  
\$5,912.67  
**Parish Needs**  
\$299.22  
**Flowers**  
\$127.00



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St. Francis Xavier Food Bank: is in need of non-perishables to assist the needy in our community. Please 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.

“Little Flowers” Junior daughters Ct.# 12 are still seeking young ladies to join our court ages 7-18. Please contact Anissa Porter at 225.324.4915.

Applications will be in the back of the church on the table.



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**New Church Pews & Flooring**

**There’s still a chance to make a generous pledge to help fund the new pews and flooring. Cost estimates are higher than expected. In addition, we will be installing a handicap accessible restroom so additional funding would be appreciated. Pledge envelopes are available in the back of the church.**