

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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.

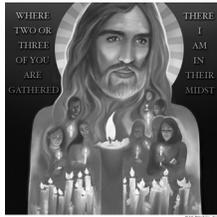
**CARE OF THE SICK:** PLEASE CALL THE PRIEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND /OR HOSPITAL VISITATION. IF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS CRITICALLY NEEDED, PLEASE CALL REV. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER NUMBER LISTED ABOVE OR THE CHAPLAINCY OFFICE AT THE HOSPITAL.

**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.

### GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

### Mass Intentions for September 9-12, 2017

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

**Sunday 8:00 Paul Murray**  
*By: Shirley Murray*

**11:00 People of the Parish**

**Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?

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

### PRAY FOR US

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

**PSR News  
September 10**

PSR Classes **Safe Environment/Circles of Care Lessons. Coffee and Christ Meeting** 9:30 am in the school Library. This meeting will also be the **parents mandatory** meeting as required and as documented in the PSR Handbook of Parish Policies.

**September 17**

**Catechetical Sunday - "Living as Missionary Disciples"** Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. The PSR teachers will be commissioned at the 8 am Mass.

**What does the word "Catechetical" mean?**

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis, is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teaching to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

We are currently accepting recipes for the commemorative cookbook. If you would like to be a part of this endeavor to document recipes from loved ones who have passed on, or favorites that you currently enjoy cooking, please submit to the committee. The recipe collection sheets with instructions will be available in the cafeteria. We are encouraging everyone to participate by filling out the sheets and either email to [lpourciau@juno.com](mailto:lpourciau@juno.com) or place your recipes in red collection box. The collection file box will be available at mass times on Saturday and Sunday. We will collect these every Sunday after 11 o'clock mass. After meeting with the committee members, a time line for collection of the recipes will be set. Our goal is to make this a successful project and a wonderful keepsake for years to come. Sincerely, Vanessa and Lester Pourciau

**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.**

**Stewardship  
September 3, 2017**



**Regular Collection \$8,096.45  
Parish Needs \$665.00  
Candles \$94.00**



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.

**Volunteers are needed assist with cleaning the Church on Fridays at 10 after Children's Mass. If you have any further questions call Mary Williams 225-333-1866**

**Save the Date  
4th Annual SFX Trunk or Treat**

Saturday, October 28, 2017  
6-8pm  
SFX School Parking Lot  
Please contact Brandi Perkins Howard at 225.978.2544 to host a trunk, sponsor a game, and/or make a monetary or candy donation.

**Ladies Auxiliary Senior Burger Bash  
Saturday, October 14, 2017  
After 5pm Mass  
Free to seniors 50 and over**

**Rosary Making Ministry**

SFX is starting a new ministry that will not only teach you how to make rosaries but also:

\*serve the sick & shut ins of our parish

\*provide rosaries for visitors at Mass, for CCD students, to any other ministries as requested, and anyone interested in learning how to say the rosary.

Rosary makers will meet on Sat. Sept 9th from 10:00-12:00 in the Parish Office for the 1st organizational meeting.

These rosaries will bring more and more people to prayer.

For further information contact: Evelyn Haney 955-8433 or Gail Jones 772-0177