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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.

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.

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm

Mass Intentions for Dec 30-Jan 2, 2017

Saturday	5:00	Ceola Marcelle <i>By: Will & Veronica Williams</i>
Sunday	8:00	Felician & Eunice Bellard <i>By: Norma Duell</i>
	11:00	Betty Thomas Winston <i>By: The Contemporary Choir</i>
Tuesday	5:00	People of the Parish

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

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	Mildred Anderson
Rosemary Daniels	Mary Johnson	Charles Taylor
Zelda Bates	Myrtle Moran	

PSR News

December 31 - No PSR

January 1 - 2018 - HAPPY NEW YEAR! Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Working Together for Racial Healing and Transformation

The Racial Harmony Commission for the Diocese of Baton Rouge invites all members of the Diocese who want to work together for racial healing and transformation in our diocese, cities and towns and civil parishes to come to an organizational meeting on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 9:30 am to 12 noon at room 105 of the Tracy Center at the Catholic Life Center. We will be planning for participation the MLK Festival of Service 2018; inviting Catholics from all over the diocese to enter into dialogue about the racial divide; constructing a website to serve as a hub of communication; planning for Diocesan Teach-In on racism in the spring.

MLK Festival of Service 2018

The Racial Harmony Commission of the Diocese of Baton Rouge invites all Catholics of the Diocese to join them in participation in the MLK Festival of Service 2018 on January 12-15, 2018. Join thousands of volunteers in this 4 day event in which the Wall Project facilitate the painting of blighted buildings and murals, planting up garbage. The project will focus on Scenic Highway in Scotlandville. You may register as an individual or as part of a group. You may choose the type of work you want to do. Please visit the website for more information and for registration. <http://thewallproject.org/mlk-festival-of-service/>

CHRISTMAS MASSES

- December 23 - 5pm, 4th Sunday of Advent**
- December 24 - 8am, 4th Sunday of Advent, No 11am Mass**
- December 24 - 5pm, Vigil of Christmas, Family Mass**
- December 25 - Midnight Mass**
- December 25 - 9am, Christmas Day**
- New Year's Day Mass - 9am**

New Church Pews & Flooring

Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to our Church Renovation project. Please continue paying on your pledges so that we can begin saving to build a Parish Center.

**Stewardship
December 17, 2017**



Regular Collection
\$8,607.89
Parish Needs
\$110.00
School Support
\$406.00



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.

**100th Anniversary
Brunch Tickets Available**

The 100th Anniversary Opening Mass Brunch will be held on January 21, 2018, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Tickets are available for purchase after weekend Masses and at the Parish Office. Prices are \$10.00 for youth and \$15.00 for adults.



Pre-Sales for the SFX 100th Anniversary Cookbook will continue after each mass until they arrive. This cookbook will be a great keepsake and would be an awesome gift at \$20 each. Contact Vanessa Pourciau at 225 923-2397 if you have any questions. Gift certificates are available for Christmas gifts.