

# 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.

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.

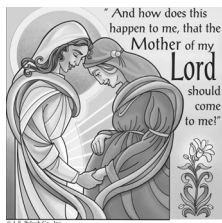
**CARE OF THE SICK:** PLEASE CALL THE PRIEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND /OR HOSPITAL VISITATION. IF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS CRITICALLY NEEDED, PLEASE CALL REV. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER NUMBER LISTED ABOVE OR THE CHAPLAINCY OFFICE AT THE HOSPITAL.

**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.

### PSR NEWS

#### December 2018

- 23 Class and Christmas Rehearsal Continues
- 24 **Christmas Performance** - 5 PM Mass
- 25 **Merry Christmas**
- 30 No PSR **SFX 100 Anniversary Mass 10:30 AM**  
**Centennial Gala - Bell of Baton Rouge Atrium 6:00 PM**

#### Advent Candles



An Advent Crown is another form of candles that are used to count down Advent. These are often used in Churches rather than in people's homes. The crown is often made up of a wreath of greenery and has four candles round the outside and one in the middle or in a separate place. Sometimes a more traditional candelabra is used to display the five

candles.

One candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent, two are lit on the second Sunday and so on. Each candle has a different meaning in Christianity. Different churches have given them different meanings, but I was taught the following:

- The first represents Isaiah and other prophets in the Bible that predicted the coming of Jesus.
- The second represents the Bible.
- The third represents Mary, the mother of Jesus.

The fourth represents John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who told the people in Israel to get ready for Jesus' teaching.

The middle or separate candle is lit on Christmas Day and represents Jesus, the light of the world. In Germany this fifth candle is known as the 'Heiligabend' and is lit on Christmas Eve.

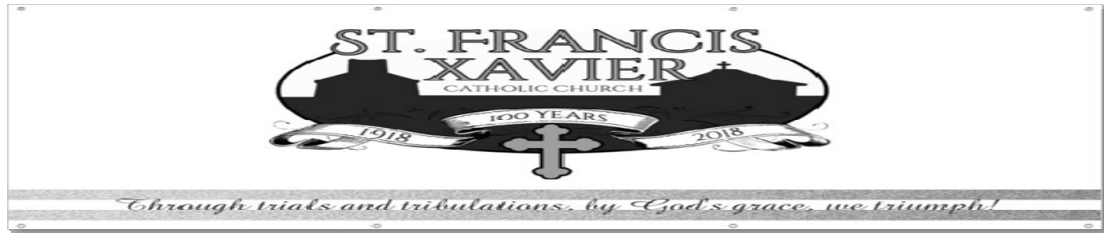
In many churches, the color purple is used to signify the season of Advent. On the third Sunday, representing Mary, the color is sometimes changes to pink or rose.

#### Mass Intentions for December 22-25, 2018

- Saturday 5:00** **Mr. & Mrs. Carl Marcelle**  
*By: Daughters*
- Sunday 8:00** **Alvin Domingue, Jr.**  
*By: The Family*
- 11:00** **William "Tex" Turner**  
*By: Lorina, Patrick & Angel*
- Tuesday 5:00** **People of the Parish**

#### PRAY FOR US

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|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Richard Camble, Jr. | John Paul Moore | Walter Lewis     |
| Zula Comeaux        | Loriene Perry   | Catherine Murray |
| Ora Lee Jordan      | Martha Proctor  | Joyce Decuir     |
| Frazier Jordan      | Maria Rice      | Cenia Richard    |
| Elizabeth Whitfield | Whitney Robiho  | Vivian LeDuff    |
| Rosemary Daniels    | Shelvia Stewart | Rebecca Nelson   |
| Zelda Bates         | Mary Johnson    | Mildred Anderson |
| Myrtle Moran        | Judy Franklin   | Charles Taylor   |



***Through trials and tribulations, by God's grace, we triumph!***

Centennial Corner

**Mark your calendars for the following activities celebrating our 100 years.**

Date	Activity	Place	Time
December 30	Closing Mass	SFX	10:30am
December 30	Gala - \$75pp	Belle of BR Atrium	6:00pm

**Centennial Cookbooks can now be purchased online by going to the church website, at [www.stfrancisxavierbr.org](http://www.stfrancisxavierbr.org).**

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**Holiday Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve 5pm & Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day 9am

**Centennial Weekend Schedule**

Saturday, Dec 29, 5pm  
Sunday, Dec 30, 10:30am  
New Years Day, Jan 1, 9am

**CENTENNIAL GALA RIDE SHARE**

Some SFX Parishioners do not drive at night and will miss the Centennial Gala. To prevent this from happening, we have placed a ride share form on the table in the back of church. If you **NEED A RIDE** or can **GIVE A RIDE**, to the **CENTENNIAL GALA** please sign the form.



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 23, 2018**

Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
— Luke 1:42



**Stewardship  
December 16, 2018  
Regular Collection  
\$11,637.00  
School Support  
\$361.00  
Parish Needs  
\$160.00**

