

# 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 2020

13 PSR Class - Virtual online - **Gaudete Sunday**

20 PSR Class - Virtual online - Fourth Sunday of Advent

### What is Gaudete Sunday?

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. Here are a few things to know about this important day during the Advent season: 1) What does Gaudete mean? "Gaudete" is a Latin word meaning "rejoice." It comes from the opening word of the introit (entrance song) of the third Sunday of Advent liturgy, which is derived from Philippians 4:4-5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." 2) Why pink (rose)? The priests wear rose colored vestments on this day. The third candle on the Advent wreath is rose (pink) as well. While purple/violet is a color to signify prayer, penance, and preparation, the color change to rose signifies the joy we can experience now that Christmas is almost here. 3) Why the third Sunday? By week three we have passed the half-way point of Advent. Jesus is near. Christmas is almost here. So many people are tempted by the stresses of the holiday season. This third Sunday of Advent is a reminder to seek and spread joy in the coming of Christ. So, here is your challenge during the third week of Advent: spread joy not stress! Be a source of joyful appreciation for all that God has given to you and share that joy with others.

### "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Haven and Earth" continued

#### THE VISIBLE WORLD continued:

The beauty of the universe: the order and harmony of the created world results from the diversity of beings and from the relationships which exist among them. Man discovers them progressively as the laws of nature. They call forth the admiration of scholars. The beauty of creation reflects the infinite beauty of the Creator and ought to inspire the respect and submission of man's intellect and will.

The hierarchy of creatures is expressed by the order of the "six days", from the less perfect to the more perfect. God loves all his creatures and takes care of each one, even the sparrow. Nevertheless, Jesus said: "You are of more value than many sparrows", or again: "of how much more value is a man than a sheep!"

Man is the summit of the Creator's work, as the inspired account expresses by clearly distinguishing the creation of man from that of the other creatures.

There is a solidarity among all creatures arising from the fact that all have the same Creator and are all ordered to his glory: May you be praised, O Lord, in all your creatures, especially brother sun, by whom you give us light for the day; he is beautiful, radiating great splendor, and offering us a symbol of you, the Most High. . .

May you be praised, my Lord, for sister water, who is very useful and humble, precious and chaste. May you be praised, my Lord, for sister earth, our mother, who bears and feeds us, and produces the variety of fruits and dappled flowers and grasses. . . Praise and bless my Lord, give thanks and serve him in all humility. ccc337-344

The visible continues next issue.

**SFX CENTENNIAL COOKBOOKS**  
**MAKES A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT**  
**FOR ONLY \$20.00**

### PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Zula Comeaux	Loraine Perry	Joyce Decuir
Ora Lee Jordan	Martha Proctor	Kenia Richard
Frazier Jordan	Maria Rice	Vivian LeDuff
Elizabeth Whitfield	Whitney Robiho	Mildred Anderson
Zelda Bates	Shelvia Stewart	John Ristic
Elaine Johnson	Mary Johnson	Julie Franklin
Linda Gills-Beshears	Geraldine Christopher	Betty Camble

### Mass Intentions for December 12 - 18, 2020

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Chandler Whitley</b> <i>By: Suzan Lancaster</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Elsie Bates</b> <i>By: Evelyn Haney</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Keith Thierry</b> <i>By: Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Parents &amp; Ancestors of Souls in Purgatory</b> <i>By: Van Do</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Norma Duell</b> <i>By: Family</i>



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

**Our Christmas Eve Mass will be at 5PM. We will not have a children's pageant.  
Christmas Day Masses will be at 9 & 11 AM No Midnight Mass**

**3 Ways to Give**  
**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**  
\* Online Giving: [www.stfrancisxavier.org](http://www.stfrancisxavier.org) \*Text the word "GIVE" to (225) 396-4347  
Mail: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1120 Myrtle Walk Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
All online methods are safe and secured. Thank you for your generosity!

**RIGHT NOW, OUR NATION NEEDS PRAYER MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE!**

Join us for Praying the Rosary by: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Members

**EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7:00PM**

We will be using a free conference call  
Just dial 720 740 9802  
And enter access code **8639380#**

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Until further notice we will have only one Mass on Sundays at 9am. We will continue to have the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass.  
Starting September 1 we will resume Tuesday Mass at 5pm with Novena.

**Organist/Pianist and Contemporary & Male Choir Director**

SFX is taking applications for the position of Church Organist/Choir Director. We are seeking someone who is experienced in the Church liturgy and hymnody. We will, however, give consideration to all applications based on experience and level of expertise.

Part-time position      Salary: Negotiable

**Choir schedule:**

Contemporary Choir Practice - Mondays 7pm  
Male Chorus Practice - Wednesdays 7pm

**Scheduled Services:**

11am Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays  
8am Mass 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays  
Email resumes to: [ejchiffssj@aol.com](mailto:ejchiffssj@aol.com)

**This is the Year of Mercy (LOVE)**

Join us for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
Starting on November 28, 2020

What a wonderful way to begin the Advent Season, and  
continue every week throughout the year showing the  
Lord our love.

When: Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm  
Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
1120 Myrtle Street

**Sock it to me!**

The Sock it to Me Sock Drive is an affordable and convenient way to touch the lives of children and adults in our community.

The 2020 sock drive will begin in October and continue through December. The 2020 goal is to collect 20,000 pairs of socks, and we need your help.

**Stewardship  
December 6, 2020**



**Regular Collection**  
\$13,136.12

**School Support**  
\$245.00

**Parish Needs**  
\$237.00



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WE ARE SUBMITTING FOR  
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