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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

TUESDAY:

WED-FRI:

HOLYDAYS:

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY:

VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA- 5:00 PM

9:00AM

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION- 3:30 PM

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. HENRY IHUOMA'S 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 March 2025

02 No PSR Class
09 Class - Rite of Election

What is the Rite of Election?

The Cathedral rite is celebrated with the Rite for Election of catechumens (adults, adolescents and children of catechetical age) and the Rite of Recognition of Baptized but previously Uncatechized Adults, Adolescents and Children of Catechetical Age Preparing to complete their Christian Initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are celebrated together. The rite should normally take place on the First Sunday of Lent and the presiding celebrant is the Bishop or his delegate. In the catechesis of the community and in the celebration of these rites, care must be taken to maintain the distinction between the catechumens and the baptized candidates.

For Whom?

The Rite of Election is for those adults, adolescents and children of catechetical age who are unbaptized catechumens. The Call of Continuing Conversion is NOT for those adults seeking only confirmation as they do not need this Rite and should not attend. These persons are expected to have conversion of mind and morals, a sense of faith and charity, and judged by those involved in the preparations to be worthy to receive the Easter sacraments at this year's Easter celebrations in the parish churches. (Cf. R.C.I.A. #120) Sponsors, godparents and Catechumenate parish team members are also invited to attend with the parish catechumens and candidates.

Fun Day!


Thanks to everyone who made "Fun Day" fun indeed. A special thanks to those who prepared and served the delicious food and to those who donated the cakes and games and to our Bingo callers. We hope to see you all at our next Fun Event. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Kids Corner

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 T Q D X M Y E N U O J
 C R B X J J A T I V P
 S P E A K S R E T V N
 H H A E U E T R S H N
 B V P A R A B L E S F

- Parable
- Blind
- Eye
- Splinter
- Beam
- Clearly
- Tree
- Fruit
- Heart
- Speaks

 SUNDAYKIDZ

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



PRAYER LIST

John Paul Moore * Loraine Perry * Martha Proctor * Whitney Robiho * Joyce Decuir * Patricia Armstrong

Elouise Noel * Betty Dupas * Denise Chutz * Fred Dejuan * Loretta Warren * Lorenzia Dardone * Patricia Tyson

Elizabeth Whitfield * Linda Gills-Beshears * Phyllis White * Mary E. Bourgeois * Easton Charles * Walter Gabriel

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

3 Ways to Give St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

*Online Giving: 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!

Bible Study

We will be having our Bible Study every Thursday at 6 pm at the Parish Office.

Birthday & Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On the last Weekend of each Month, we will say a prayer at each mass for those celebrating their birthday and anniversary for that Month and have a light refreshment for them on Sunday at 9:30 am. Join us.!

Parish Office

2024 Annual Statement of Offerings were mailed on January 31, 2025. If you do not receive your statement, contact the parish secretary.

A number of parishioners requested envelopes in 2024 and did not receive them. Please contact the new parish to verify your new address in order to receive your envelopes. Thank you.



"Register your child for the SFX School 2025-26, The Mustang Experience Awaits You." For more information, visit www.sfxbr.org or scan the QR Code.

Enrolling Grades K-8

(225) 387-6639



We are receiving donations for our fish fry fundraiser. Each family can support us by donating \$100 for a case of fish. We receive cash and check. You can also give online on the Parish Website. Please indicate the purpose of your collection on your check or envelope or online giving. Thanks for your continued support.

Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *GriefShare Ministry– Wednesday, 6 pm.
- *30 days Prayers to St. Joseph, Feb. 18 - Mar. 19.
- *Food Pantry Personal Hygiene Drive begins on March 1.
- *Ash Wednesday, March 5. Mass @ 9 am & 6 pm.
- *Fish Fry, Friday, March 4, 10am –2pm.
- *Station of the Cross, Friday, March 4 @ 3 pm.
- *Operation Rice Bowl, Wed. Mar 5.
- *Second Collection for Black and Indian Mission, March 9/10.
- *Lenten Revival - March 17 through March 19.

Mass Intentions March 01-07, 2025

Saturday	5pm	For the sick and shut in
Sunday	8am	Lester & Ronnie Gauthier <i>By: Mary, Danna & Edward</i>
	11am	Chavon White <i>By: Denise Williams</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Melvin Amar, Sr. <i>By: Laurie Leggo</i>
Thursday	9am	Pope Francis
Friday	9am	St. Francis Xavier School

Stewardship February 23, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$6,359.00
Online Support:	\$1,525.00
Parish Needs:	\$340.00
School Support:	\$384.00



Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
1 Sirach 27: 4-7, 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58, Luke 6: 39-45

God's Grace in the Here and Now

Mental healthcare professionals will tell you that constantly looking back on the past leads to depression and constantly looking toward the future causes anxiety. The one-two punch of anxiety and depression together can cause many a person to live a rather miserable reality. But is considerable consideration of both past and future even living at all? God's grace is not in the future. God's grace is not in the past. It was there at that time and it will be when the time comes, but it is not there now. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present" (Bill Keane).

What moment do we find ourselves in right now? We are on the cusp of the holy season on Lent. We are standing on the edge of the precipice, looking at the spiritual disciplines that lie before us, getting ready to sink or swim. Perhaps the water we jump into will be muddy and murky, requiring much effort just to resurface. Perhaps it will be clean and pristine, cleansing us from the moment our toes make contact.

When truly lived to the full, Lent is not for the faint of heart. Listen to the words of our second reading: "When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: *Death is swallowed up in victory.*" What exactly does that mean? We must allow ourselves to be changed, to be transformed. We who were once corruptible, must now flee from sinfulness. We who were once dead in our sins can be brought to everlasting life in Christ's forgiveness.

And who is the victor over death? We certainly cannot earn our own immortality. It is Christ who swallows it up through His death. Death conquered by death sounds so ludicrous. Why did it have to be this way? Of course God could simply say the word and we would all be saved, but He chose to send His Son and He chose to require our cooperation. "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."

And so it was that God Almighty sent the most unfathomable present to our here and now, our very own Teacher. His grace is with us in this moment, leading, guiding and loving. Let us receive this gift and open our hearts to all the lessons and graces He has in store for us today.

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