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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 TUESDAY AT 6:00 P. M . PLEASE CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We return to our reflections on the rites of marriage with a brief consideration of reforms from the Council of Trent. When the Protestant Reformation took hold, the fairly recent achievements of the Church in regard to the sacrament of marriage were reviewed with a critical, reforming eye. In general, Protestants returned to an earlier view that marriage was a civil matter, although some said that the civil society had to be in harmony with Christian teaching. In the Catholic Church, the Council of Trent took the question up in 1563, and decided to shore up its teaching on the sacramentality of marriage. They identified many threats to this, including secret marriages and easy divorce. So they enacted laws that still govern our practice today: to be valid, marriage consent must be exchanged in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Ever since Trent, marriages must also be announced three weeks in advance to the community, and recorded in a register. In some places in the world, the “banns” are still posted in the public square. In the United States, parishes sometimes publish the “banns” in the bulletin.

Anyone who has ever watched a soap opera has seen the standard scene of a minister announcing gravely, “If there is anyone here present who sees any reason why these two should not be married . . .” This bit of drama has no place in the Catholic liturgy, but survives among Protestants who broke with us before Trent edited this cliffhanger out of our public prayer.

JOINING THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS

What will help you to believe? Today’s scripture readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories “recorded to help you believe,” as the passage from John’s Gospel (20:31) remarks today. There is an urgency about this. On this Second Sunday of Easter we are challenged to join the company of believers—countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles’ faith.

There is no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports John’s mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, “Once I was dead, but now I live” (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel gathers everyone but Thomas to see the Risen Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit from him. Like Thomas, we who have come along later must have faith so that we can have life.

Bishop Robert Muench
will be the celebrant at 8 o’clock Mass
on Sunday April 10

TRUE TEACHERS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

Bible Study will resume on Thursday April 7 at 6pm

Mass Intentions for April 2-5, 2016

Saturday 5:00 People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 Lester Paul Gauthier
By: Edward, Mary, Michael, Danna, Damien & Clea

11:00 Paul B. Honore, Jr.
By: Lacy Honore

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

PRAY FOR US

Geraldine Bell	Viola Landry	Walter Lewis
Eric Beshears	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Bernadine Bouligny	Loriene Perry	Joyce Decuir
Richard Camble, Jr.	Martha Proctor	Cenia Richard
Zula Comeaux	James Raby	Vivian LeDuff
Diane Edwards	Maria Rice	Rebecca Nelson
Olivia Gauthier	Whitney Robiho	Michael Vincent
Patsy Irvin	Shelvia Stewart	Ceola Marcelle
Ora Lee Jordan	Charles Taylor	Mildred Anderson
Frazier Jordan	Elizabeth Whitfield	

Second Sunday of the Easter

April 3, 2016

PSR News

Alleluia! He Is Risen! - Please welcome our new members: Louella Gettridge, Precious Causey, Princess Duncan, Bryce Reese, Amanda Joseph and Kennedy Elizabeth Davis.

Confirmation - Confirmation is **Sunday, April 10, 2016** at St. Francis Xavier during the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Bishop Robert Muench will be the celebrant.

First Communion Retreat – First Communion Retreat will be held **April 30, 2016**.

First Communion will be **May 1, 2016** at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

PSR Parents - After Mass and after we escort our kids to CCD Classes, for the next hour and fifteen minutes we patiently wait in our vehicles until classes are done. Whether we exercise meditative prayer, converse with other parents, read, or just go over our to do list for the week, to these parents whom I affectionately refer to as “parking lot parents” we invite you to join together in the cafeteria to discuss with each other what the children are discussing in class. Each week we will compile a list of discussion questions, based on the lesson plans for each class. Our vision is that through these meetings, assistance to the parents who are the first teachers of our children in the faith, will help to promote faith discussions at home and to share and discuss some of the questions that only kids can ask about our religion. This parents meeting will be led by you the parents with the first volunteer leader being Pilar Green Crutchfield. Please see Pilar, call or text her at 225.614.0094 to establish a start date.

Stewardship

Will return next week

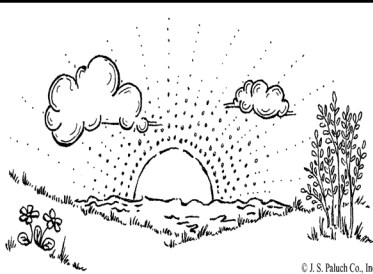


St. Francis Xavier Food Bank: is in need of non-perishables to assist the needy in our community. Please donate: Canned Corn, Peas, String Beans, Carrots, Fruit, Chili, Pasta, Grits, Cereal, Tuna, Rice, Bread, Soup, Soap, Tooth Paste, Deodorant etc.



HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity . . . with it you can accomplish what you desire.



Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 3, 2016

Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever
and ever.

— Revelation 1:18a

Special thanks to everybody that helped to make our Annual Lenten Fish Fry a success once again this year! Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated...God Bless You!

New Church Pews & Flooring

We will soon begin a pledge campaign to raise \$100,000 (\$60,000 pews & \$40,000 flooring) to replace our pews and flooring. In order to begin the project we need the cash on hand. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to this important project in preparation of our 100th Anniversary in 2018.