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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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With Thanksgiving approaching, we think of the quest of the Puritans who arrived on the *Mayflower* from their first exile in Leyden, Holland. Like the Catholics of England, they were religious dissenters who suffered penalties for not participating in the worship life of the established church. The Catholics established monasteries, schools, and convents on the continent to assure the vigor of their faith's intellectual and spiritual life. The Puritans fled to the tolerant Netherlands with similar hopes of preserving their way of life, but were unable to adapt to Dutch ways.

There were Catholics who made a similar colonial journey. The hero of the story is George Calvert, Lord Baltimore, the former Secretary of State of Britain and a Catholic. He proposed that King Charles I establish a proprietary colony that he would own and rule, named Maryland in honor of the Catholic Queen Henrietta Maria. George Calvert died unexpectedly in the midst of this project, but his son Cecil faithfully carried out his father's wishes. Maryland became a symbol of freedom for wealthy recusant English families, as well as for the poor who held to the Catholic faith despite great hardship. From the start, the colony was open to Protestants and Catholics equally, and the seeds of the religious freedom so dear to the American spirit were sown with the first colonists in 1634.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19).

SELF-PORTRAIT

Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with quality.

GOD'S HEALING JUSTICE

An old expression holds that the sun-warmed stone heals. Perhaps. But Malachi explains that only dark, sunless days are in store for those who do not find a place for God in their lives. Conversely, he tells us that the warmth and light of God's healing justice await those who fear the Lord. That's a pretty comforting notion - especially now in the already short and growing even shorter days of November. It's the sun-warmed stone, and then some.

Paul speaks to us of justice as well, but points out that it is not a passive thing. To be treated justly, we need to do our fair share. If we are diligent and persevere we will be rewarded with and by the fruits of our labor. Lastly, Luke, too, tells us to persevere—in faith, this time—and our lives will be secure in God regardless of how we are treated by our enemies.

Mass Intentions for November 12-15, 2016

- Saturday 5:00** **Karen Beshears**
By: Cynthia Beshears Stewart
- Sunday 8:00** **People of the Parish**
11:00 **The Spencer's**
- Tuesday 5:00** **Gary Perrimon**
By: Mary Williams

In Bible Study we are studying Paul's Epistles Thursdays at 6:00 pm

PRAY FOR US

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| Geraldine Bell | Viola Landry | Walter Lewis |
| Richard Camble, Jr. | John Paul Moore | Catherine Murray |
| Zula Comeaux | Loriene Perry | Joyce Decuir |
| Diane Edwards | Martha Proctor | Kenia Richard |
| Patsy Irvin | James Raby | Vivian LeDuff |
| Ora Lee Jordan | Maria Rice | Rebecca Nelson |
| Frazier Jordan | Whitney Robiho | Ceola Marcelle |
| Elizabeth Whitfield | Shelvia Stewart | Mildred Anderson |
| Rosemary Daniels | Mary Johnson | Charles Taylor |
| | Myrtle Moran | |

PSR News

St. Francis Xavier T-Shirts are in and are available in the PSR office. The size ranges from Adult Small to XXXL. Supply is limited. Cost is \$10.00 each. Currently we are out of the XL, however, we will take orders for the XL and children sizes. Thank you for your continued support.

November 13, 2016 - Today we will have sign - up for the Christmas performance that will be held **December 24, 2016** at the 5 pm Mass. If your child sign up for a speaking role, please help up prepare them by helping them to learn and be comfortable with their parts.

November 20, 2016 – Today will be filled with activities. On the agenda are the following: **Advent Workshop** , volunteers please sign-up with Mrs. Gay Mack. The **Red Bean & Rice Dinners \$6** and **iPhone 7 Gift Certificate Raffle \$5** . Tickets are available from PSR Parents or in the PSR Office. Please support our PSR annual fund raiser.

November 27, 2016 – There will be no PSR Classes. Please enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend. As always, see you at the Masses.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week
Daylight Saving Time ends
- Tuesday: Election Day
- Wednesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Thursday: St. Leo the Great
- Friday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)
- Saturday: St. Josaphat



Stewardship
November 6, 2016



Regular Collection
\$10,105.12
Candles
\$41.00
Parish Needs
481.00



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.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 2016

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

— *Psalm 98:5*

BIBLE TRUTH

What you bring away from the Bible depends to some extent on what you carry to it.

Father Norval's Memoirs

Additional copies can be purchased directly from Father Norval for \$15 a copy plus \$2.83 postage.

Email: wnorval@aol.com

New Church Pews & Flooring

We have begun 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. Please turn in your pledge commitment form by November 28, 2016.