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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.

### SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

**Stations of the Cross \* Fridays of Lent @ 2pm**

### RESURRECTION TO COME

But from this earth, this grave, this dust,  
My God shall raise me up, I trust.

### Mass Intentions for April 8-11, 2017

**Saturday 5:00 People of the Parish**

**Sunday 8:00 Mrs. Lucille & Mrs. Cecille**  
*By: The Family*

**11:00 Vera Mathis**  
*By: Gigi & Troy Mathis*

**Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Now we have come to the center of the Christian year, beginning with today, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and culminating in the Pasch, the Sacred Triduum. Some have called the culminating event in this week's journey of faith "The Three Days of Easter." The origins of many of our observances, including today's blessing of palms and solemn entry into the church, harken back to old Jerusalem.

In the late fourth century, a woman living a consecrated life in southern France made a four-year pilgrimage to Jerusalem. There, she encountered the rich liturgies of the city, bursting with Christians. She was a keen observer, and fortunately for us wrote vivid letters of her experience to a circle of women friends she calls her sisters. By the time of her journey, it is clear that even some catechumens were undertaking the dangerous journey so that they could be formed at the very site of the events of Christ's passion and rising. At the heart of the pilgrim experience were processions, such as today's joyous procession to the Mount of Olives, and brilliant catechesis from the bishop every day, as well as intense fasting and prayer. When you resolve to keep this week holy in your own life, and especially when you commit to participate in the full Triduum with worship in church and fasting at home, a very ancient tradition is within your grasp.

**In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm**

### PRAY FOR US

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

**PSR News**

**April 9** - Parents meeting for First Communion.

**April 14** - Live Stations of the Cross 12 Noon.

**May 1** - Confirmation Rehearsal. Candidates and Sponsors must attend. St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church 6pm-7pm.

**May 3** - Confirmation Mass 7pm St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Candidates are to report to the Church by 5:30 pm. Sponsors are to be present by 6:30 PM.

**May 6** - Reconciliation Retreat for First Communion. Candidates are to report to Church. Retreat will be from 9am-12 noon. This retreat is mandatory.

**May 7** - First Communion 8am Mass.

**Stewardship**



Will resume next week



The KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court 12 is awarding a \$500.00 scholarship to a deserving senior for the 2017-18 school year. applications are in the rear of the church. Directions for completing are included.

**2017 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Holy Thursday - April 13 \* Mass 6pm

Good Friday - April 14  
Stations of the Cross 12 noon

Good Friday Services 3pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 15 \* Mass 8pm

Easter Sunday - April 16 Mass 8am & 11am

**EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Here comes Peter Cottontail. If you love the smell of candy and can help; the Easter team will meet on Saturday, April 15th - 9:30am in the SFX School Cafeteria to assemble the 2017 Easter wagons. To join our 2017 team please telephone, text, or email: Bernadette Wilkinson, 2252708880, [bwilkin2@att.net](mailto:bwilkin2@att.net) or Patricia Haynes Smith, 2259783405, [phs51@aol.com](mailto:phs51@aol.com). We appreciate you!

Although the Easter Bunny is arriving later this year on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, he's already looking for donations. Donations may be in the form of individually wrapped bags of candy and/or money and dropped off at the Church office during regular hours. Thank you for your continued support of our annual project. Questions please telephone, text or email: Bernadette Wilkinson, 2252708880, [bwilkin2@att.net](mailto:bwilkin2@att.net) or Patricia Smith, 2259783405, [phs51@aol.com](mailto:phs51@aol.com).

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
April 9, 2017**

God greatly exalted [Christ]  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name.  
— *Philippians 2:9*



**It's that time again!**

Time for the KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court #12 annual after Easter Casino bus trip. This years trip takes place on Monday, April 17, 2017. To the Silver Slipper Casino in Bay St. Louis, Ms. The cost is still \$20 with \$20 incentive from the casino, The bus leaves the rear parking lot at 8am sharp. To reserve your seat please contact Lady Leslie Coates at 225.803.4470 Lady Mary Williams at 225.333.1866 or any other auxiliary member no later than Thursday, April 6, 2017. Please be prepared to give your name, address and date of birth. We look

**National Black Catholic Congress XII**

Parishioners are encouraged to attend Congress XII in Orlando, Fl., July 6th through 9th. The Josephites will pay the registration fee (\$375.00) for five (5) parishioners from each Josephite parish. See Fr. Ed for more information.

**New Church Pews & Flooring**

There's still a chance to make a generous pledge to help fund the new pews and flooring. Cost estimates for the flooring are \$20,000 higher than expected and the bathrooms require extensive renovation, so additional funding would be appreciated. Pledge envelopes are available in the back of the church or from an usher.