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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

November 2021

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Thank You St. Francis Xavier!!! We wish to thank everyone that helped to make our annual Red Beans & Rice Fund Raiser the best ever. We thank the parents and parishioners that donated their time talent and treasure to support our Parish School of Religion. A special thanks to the team that worked behind and up front of the scene to make the delicious meal possible. **We're back!!!**

Thanks to our PSR leadership and team that proudly and successfully facilitated our annual Advent Workshop.

Please welcome our **Youth Altar Servers and Proclaimers of the Word** in training. Please extend to them your encouragement and support in their ministry. **Christ the King** - Christ has always been known as the King because, as Paul tells us, "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth." To celebrate Christ's Kingship, Pope Pius XI issued the encyclical *Quas Primas* (On the Feast of Christ the King) in 1925.

What he said then was true of his own day and even more prophetic for ours as we are reaping the results of not serving Christ as King.

Let's take a look at some highlights and a few of the reasons why we need to do this, especially in an age when men don't want to have kings or other rulers over them.

Pius XI illuminated how society was already laden with difficulties. These "manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives, that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics; and he said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations.

Men had to look for "the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ. Pius XI reminded that 1925 marked the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea which added to the Creed "of whose kingdom there shall be no end, thereby affirming the kingly dignity of Christ.

He noted Jesus is King in all ways, such as *King of Hearts* by reason of his "charity which exceedeth all knowledge." And his mercy and kindness which draw all men to him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ.

"Do we not read throughout the Scriptures that Christ is the King?" the Holy Father asked.

Thanksgiving is the Nation's oldest national tradition. In 1621 in Plymouth, Mass. 53 men women and children celebrated their first harvest in the new world. The great Native American Chief, Massasoit brought 90 of his men to a 3-day party. From all reports, a good time was had by all.

How did this event that happen nearly 400 years ago, become a part of the American story and our oldest national tradition? Credit goes to many people but two stand out, one you know and one you should know, President Abraham Lincoln and Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor and author of *Mary had a Little Lamb*.

In 1823, the height of the Civil War, when Americans were bitterly divided, Abraham Lincoln never the less, called for a day of thanksgiving. He began his proclamation this way: "The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies." Even in the midst of the Civil War of unequalled severity and magnitude, the Nation had much to be thankful for and much to look forward to. The day was coming America would again be united and experience as Lincoln put it; "a large increase of freedom." It was a profoundly hopeful message reminding Americans of their Nations capacity for renewal. Lincoln's decision to call for a National Thanksgiving came at the urging of a farsighted and persistent magazine editor who believed such a celebration would have a deep moral influence on the American character. Her name was Sara Josepha Hale. More than any single person, she is the reason we celebrate Thanksgiving today. Hale saw the value of the day when the entire nation celebrated as one. For decades she conducted a campaign to consolidate public support for her idea. Year after year she wrote columns making the case for the holiday. She published fiction and poems with a Thanksgiving Day theme, and he offered her readers recipes for traditional Thanksgiving Day dishes such as roast turkey and pumpkin pie.

Lincoln and Hale believed the act of expressing gratitude had tremendous healing power. In his Thanksgiving proclamation, Lincoln spoke not as Commander and Chief of the Union Forces, but as President of the entire Nation, North and South. He made no reference to Rebels or enemies, rather the President spoke of the Whole American People. It's a message that resonates today when Americans even within families are divided over issues of politics and culture. Thanksgiving, our Nation's Oldest Tradition, brings us together just as it brought the Pilgrims and Indians together in 1621. Lincoln said it best when he called on every American to celebrate Thanksgiving with one heart and one voice. Thanksgiving gives us a moment to focus on the blessings of being Americans on the prosperity, security, and freedom we enjoy. If Lincoln could reflect on these blessing in the middle of the Civil War, we should certainly be able to do so today.

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

PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr.	Gwen Carriere	Catherine Murray
Frazier Jordan	John Paul Moore	Joyce Decuir
Elizabeth Whitfield	Loraine Perry	Cenia Richard
Zelda Bates	Martha Proctor	John Ristic
Elaine Johnson	Maria Rice	Betty Camble
Linda Gills-Beshears	Whitney Robiho	Geraldine Christopher
Mary Johnson	Shelvia Stewart	Elouise Noel
Betty Dupas		Cora Scott-Green

Mass Intentions for Nov. 20 - 23, 2021

Saturday	5pm	SFX Ministry of Hospitality's deceased members <i>By: SFX Ministry of Hospitality</i>
Sunday	8am	SFX Ministry of Hospitality's deceased members <i>By: SFX Ministry of Hospitality</i>
	11am	SFX Ministry of Hospitality's deceased members <i>By: SFX Ministry of Hospitality</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Thanksgiving <i>By: The Ejigiri Family</i>



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!

Starting October 25, the deadline for bulletin entries will be Mondays by 12 noon. Please consider admission at least a week prior to the date of the announcement, when possible.

United Men of St. Francis Xavier

Over the last several years, the United Men of SFX worked tirelessly raising funds for the church and school through the semi-annual BBQ, provided scholarships to our church families, and many other things.

Since we have been outstanding stewards and showed our love of God through Matthew 6:21, it is now our time to ask the Church community to give us something in return. Over the life of the organization, we have lost many members through attrition by illness and death. For the United Men to continue its good works, we need additional, dedicated participants.

We are inviting you to show your love of God through this effort; please get in touch with us through the following means: **Call me 225.205.8542, text, or email les.pourciau@gmail.com, unitedmenstfx@gmail.com or any member of the organization** or come to the cafeteria after the 8o'clock mass 10/24/2021

I use the framework of "We are blessed to bless others" to appeal to "YOU" the men of the SFX Catholic Church community. Please assist us in this effort.

Thank you

A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

Thanksgiving Day Mass 9am

Dear SFX Family,

Today I would like to take a moment to recognize some important partners of St. Francis Xavier. Sometimes we take our Sunday bulletin for granted, but on the back page are ads from the companies that support us year-round. Please take some time today to look over our bulletin ads and when you patronize those businesses or services, say thank you from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. No one ever tires of hearing thank you. Our bulletin advertisers will appreciate it. They are part of our success at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Rev. Edward J. Chiffrieller, SSJ.

JOIN US FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY
EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7PM

Just dial **1 720 7409653**

And enter access code **5217381#**

FEAST OF FAITH
Procession

"The Mass is ended, go in peace." At the beginning of Mass, the ministers entered in solemn procession, an emblem of the diverse community that comes together around the altar each week to celebrate the Eucharist. As Mass ends, another procession forms, and the ministers go forth from the church. This concluding procession also acts as an emblem of the entire assembly, who, nourished by the Eucharist, will now go forth to our scattered homes and places of work to be a transforming leaven of the gospel in the world. At the beginning of Mass, the priest kissed the altar as a sign of greeting, a gesture of reverence for Christ. Now, the priest reverences the altar again, this time in a gesture of farewell.

We gather our things and go forth as we entered—but not quite. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, we have renewed our commitment to service of Christ our King, and we go forth nourished, strengthened, renewed—changed.

Join us for the
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

When: Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm

Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
1120 Myrtle Street

Stewardship
November 14, 2021

Regular Collection

\$5,959

Parish Needs

\$420

School Support

\$1000



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