

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ You Are What You Eat

In John's Gospel, Jesus gives a long discourse on the Bread of Life. The first part talks of bread as a sign of God's loving care for the people. Like the manna in the desert, Jesus represents God caring for the people in the new way. But the part we hear in today's Gospel is more specific. He says the bread he will give is his flesh. The leaders of the Jews don't understand. Hopefully, we can do better.

In the pagan world at the time of Christ and before, a sacrifice was also a meal. An animal was ritually killed and burnt (i.e., cooked) to be shared at a meal with the people. The sacrifice was a gift to the god(s) that joined the people to their deity and also to each other. So Jesus used that understanding of sacrifice to explain his gift of self. He would die on the cross as his Body and Blood. That meal is shared today in the Eucharist.

Better than the pagan sacrifice, the Eucharist unites us with God because Jesus is both human and divine. His humanity allowed him to represent us to the Father, as a lawyer represents a client to the court. Jesus' divinity allowed his sacrifice to be worthy of the Father, as no merely human gift could be. So giving his life on the cross was the best and only way that he could offer a true sacrifice to the Father.

The Eucharist also unites us to one another. We share this meal with other Christians a sign of our common faith. Christ who gave himself to the Father on the cross also gives himself to us in the Eucharist. And because the food we share is the Body and Blood of Christ, we in a sense become what we eat. So we are all members of the Body of Christ. We show this by our love, by sharing our faith, by forgiving each other, and by our service to each other. If we believe that Jesus is divine, we must believe his word that the Eucharist is truly his Body and Blood, given for us.

### PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Frazier Jordan	Loraine Perry	Joyce Decuir
Elizabeth Whitfield	Martha Proctor	John Ristic
Zelda Bates	Maria Rice	Betty Camble
Elaine Johnson	Whitney Robiho	Elouise Noel
Linda Gills-Beshears	Bridget Taylor	Cora Scott-Green
Phyllis White	Chavon D. White	Betty Dupas
Mary E. Bourgeois	Mary L. Boutte	Earl Bourgeois

### Mass Intentions for June 10 – 13, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Shelvia Stewart</b> <i>By: Betty Camble</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Deceased family &amp; ancestors</b> <i>By: Van Do</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Georgie Victorian</b> <i>By: Roger, Ingrid &amp; Heaven</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>



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

**3 Ways to Give**  
**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**

\*Online Giving: [www.stfrancisxavier.org](http://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 due on Fridays by 12 noon.  
Please consider admission at least a week prior to the date of the announcement, when possible.

**Calling all parish organizations,  
families and parishioners!**

**There will be a meeting at 6:30 on  
Wednesday June 14, 2023 for all  
Organization Chair persons and any  
parishioner interested in hosting  
a booth for our Parish Fair.**

**Chair persons if you cannot attend please  
send a representative.  
Your participation is vital to our success.**

**If you have any questions please contact  
Kisha Thomas Williams at 225.395.9197**

If God doesn't give you what you want,  
it isn't what you need.

**Nothing you have is because of luck or  
chance.  
It's all due to God's Grace.**

**HomeStart**  
Early Childhood Education & Technology Project  
For children 16 to 28 months old who are not in  
Day Care or Head Start  
Free books, educational toys and more for EBRP Housing Authority Communi-  
ties and families with children receiving  
SNAP or Medicaid  
Register now! For more information call 225.928.8484

**HELP NEEDED BY WELLNESS MINISTRY**  
The Wellness Ministry is in need of someone with  
knowledge of publisher software such as Canva, Microsoft  
Publisher, etc. for our quarterly newsletter. If you can assist  
us, please contact Jonalyn Nunnery at 225 266-3263.

**Weekday Masses**  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
at 9am

**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 - June 4, 2023**



**Regular Collection**  
**\$9,536**  
**Parish Needs**  
**\$681**  
**Building Fund**  
**\$657**



**JOIN US FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY**  
**EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7PM**  
Just dial 1 720 7409653  
And enter access code **5217381#**

PRAYER FOR THE  
MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD  
OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

O Lord, Jesus Christ,  
you who have given us your  
precious Body and Blood  
to be our food and drink,  
grant that through frequent  
reception of you  
in the Holy Eucharist,  
I may be strengthened in  
mind and body to do your  
holy will.

*Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,  
have mercy on us.*

