

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 2016

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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

The recent "October count" tracking the statistics of participation at Sunday Mass calls to mind the situations of churches where it is difficult or impossible for Catholics to worship freely. This is especially striking in English Catholic history, as freedom of worship was systematically dismantled at the time of the Reformation. It seems that most English people retained deeply Catholic sympathies throughout the period of religious upheaval. Catholics who refused to participate in the public worship of the Church of England were called "recusants," and beginning with the reign of Elizabeth I, they were subject to strict penalties. Recusant literally means "a person refusing to obey a command." Most of those laws were in force until the early 1800s, and Catholics were not entirely emancipated from the duty of Anglican worship until 1829.

Recusants paid heavy fines for not attending the state church. Holding on to Catholic faith was therefore a luxury of the very rich, who maintained private chapels, and sent their daughters and sons to English convents and monastery schools on the continent. Remarkably, the first among all British peers, the Dukes of Norfolk, the hereditary Earls Marshal of England, have never given up their Catholic faith. Many of these wealthy recusant families founded the colony of Maryland, and later many members of the old Catholic families continued on to the Kentucky frontier in search of greater religious freedom.

NEW BEGINNING

That day which you fear as being the end of all things is the birthday of your eternity.

ARTISTRY

Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination.

GOD IS WITH US

The book of Wisdom tells us that the spirit of God is in all things. What a wonderful thought, and what a wonderful image to keep in front of us as we travel down life's road. For if the path is revealed in the treading, it's good to know that God is with us—and all around us—every step of the way.

But Paul knows that this divine presence is not timid. Instead, God calls out to us, and Paul prays that we, along with the Thessalonians, might be made worthy of that call. And who knows more about God's call than Zacchaeus, the tax collector? Jesus called him out of a tree, for goodness' sake. Or perhaps more correctly, as we reflect upon the end of today's Gospel reading, for heaven's sake.

Mass Intentions for October 29-November 1, 2016

Saturday 5:00 Do Family Ancestors

By: Van Do

Sunday 8:00 People of the Parish

11:00 Patrick Odogu

By: Ejigiri Family

Tuesday 5:00 Charles Davis

By: Siblings

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

PRAY FOR US

Geraldine Bell
Richard Camble, Jr.
Zula Comeaux
Diane Edwards
Patsy Irvin
Ora Lee Jordan
Frazier Jordan
Elizabeth Whitfield
Rosemary Daniels

Viola Landry
John Paul Moore
Loriene Perry
Martha Proctor
James Raby
Maria Rice
Whitney Robiho
Shelvia Stewart
Mary Johnson
Myrtle Moran

Walter Lewis
Catherine Murray
Joyce Decuir
Cenia Richard
Vivian LeDuff
Rebecca Nelson
Ceola Marcelle
Mildred Anderson
Charles Taylor

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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.

WYD - World Youth Day Wrap Up St. Francis Xavier – 2016 On Sunday, October 23rd in celebration of World Youth Day, 17 St. Francis Xavier youth and adults represented the parish at the Baton Rouge Diocese local celebration of WYD which took place at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. The youth prepared SWAPS before leaving for the celebration which were used at the event to meet youth from other parishes and share a message of God's love for us. Thank you to Jared and Olivia for representing SFX in the dance presentation. What an awesome opportunity to come together to enjoy skits, music and fellowship with other youth who can testify to the mercy of our Lord and Savior. Thank You to our adult chaperons, Mary Marshall and Lisa Prater for their dedication to the youth of the parish. We are all looking forward to next year.

The Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference – January 12 – 14, 2017 will be held in the Pontchartrain Center, 4545 Williams Blvd. Kenner, LA 70065. **Deadline for early bird registration is October 31, 2016.** For more information go to www.go4th.faith

November 6, 2016 - Coffee and Christ – We will continue where we left off with the PSR Curriculum, **Models for Catechesis**. "Family catechesis... precedes, accompanies, and enriches all other forms of catechesis." (St. Pope John Paul II, *Catechesi Tradendae*, 68)

November 12, 2016 – PSR Teachers Meeting – We will meet on **Saturday at 10:00 am** in the School Cafeteria. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by November 6, 2016.

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.

Stewardship October 23, 2016



Regular Collection \$8,404.67
School Support \$379.00
Parish Needs \$25.00



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.

BBQ Chicken Dinner Sale

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Proceeds of this fundraiser will go to the flood victims of the parish

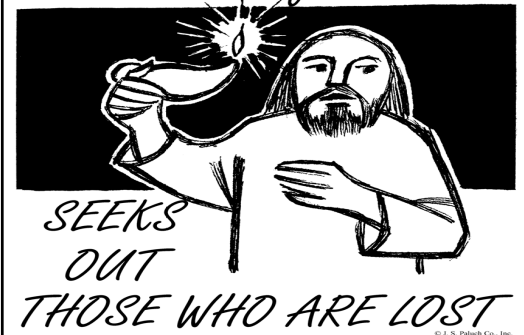
Donation - \$8.00

**Served after the
8:00am and 11:00am Masses**

Masses

**All Saints Day
9am & 5pm**

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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.