

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

TUESDAY:

WED -THURS:

HOLYDAYS:

FRIDAY:

VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA~ 5:00 PM

6:30 AM IN CONVENT

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

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 CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm

Mass Intentions for January 28 - 31, 2017

Saturday 5:00 People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 People of the Parish

11:00 People of the Parish

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

The Jr. Daughters: Little Flowers Court #12 are still collecting pull tabs off can drinks. "Ronald McDonald" houses are in the back of the church.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!

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

Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Youth Conference (DYC) will take place on February 18, 2017. Currently we have approximately 10 Jr. high and high school students registered to participate. The early bird registration fee is \$35/person.

January 29 - February 4, 2017 is Catholic Schools Week. Through Catholic education, children benefit from the religious guidance, prayer, and the support the parishes provide to build a strong faith-based community. By focusing on faith, knowledge, and service, the children learn the importance of family, community, and serving others.

February 5 - Coffee & Christ

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.

2017 marks the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of the Holy Family of New Orleans. We will honor them on the weekend of February 11 & 12. Our second collection that weekend will be designated for the Sisters. We will honor them at the 8am Mass followed by a breakfast in the cafeteria. The Sisters have been here in Baton Rouge even before the establishment of our school in 1920. Please make plans to join us in honoring them on the weekend of February 11 & 12.



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Stewardship

January 22, 2017



Regular Collection
\$10,453.19
Parish Needs
\$64.34
School Support
\$659.00



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.

Principal of the Year

Our Principal, Ms. Paula Fabre has been chosen by the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Baton Rouge as Principal of the Year for 2016-2017. Congratulations to her. We are grateful to her for her untiring dedication and commitment to the children of our school. We are blessed to have her as principal of St. Francis Xavier School.

Parish Council Elections

We are accepting nominations for three seats on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are available at the entrance of the church. Nomination forms may be submitted until January 29. Elections will be held on the weekend of February 11-12.

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

— *Matthew 5:3*

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.