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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 CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm

The Parish of SFX Catholic Church will like to honor all our graduates from High School, College, and Graduate school. Please sign your name on the list located on the table at the back of the church. Please indicate which Mass you will be attending 8am or 11am. The deadline to sign up is Sunday May 14th and the graduate will be recognized on Sunday May 21st at the 8am and 11am Mass.

Mass Intentions for May 6-9, 2017

Saturday 5:00 Jacqueline Hunt
By: Cheryl Domino

Sunday 8:00 People of the Parish

11:00 Chris Vaughn
By: DavisFamily

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The fact that many monastic churches do not have a prominent tabernacle shapes the patterns of liturgical prayer. Monastic communities often protect the ancient value of "receiving from the same sacrifice," meaning that the communicants are assured that what they eat and drink in the Holy Mysteries actually comes from the same celebration. It surprises many to learn that the Church does not foresee, nor does it provide for, Communion of the faithful from the reserved Sacrament. Liturgical laws have long defended your right to receive from the same sacrifice, the same Mass, that you attend.

At one time, of course, the bread for the Eucharist was the ordinary bread of the day, except unleavened, probably prepared at home. It was broken and distributed to the faithful. Early on the loaf itself was referred to as the *hostia* in Latin, meaning the "sacrifice," the same word for the sacrificial animal in Jewish worship, and for Jesus as the Lamb of God. By giving his life on the cross, Jesus became the *hostia* for us. To this day in the Greek Church, one of the tasks of the priest's wife is to bake the bread for the Divine Liturgy, sometimes in a bakery oven dedicated to that purpose and called a "Bethlehem."

Today's familiar individual hosts first appeared in the eleventh century at about the time when tabernacles were coming into use. The turn away from "bready" bread allowed the hosts to be reserved since they did not spoil like regular bread, and made the annual "Easter duty" counts easier.

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	Kenia 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

May 7, 2017 - Let us congratulate our Confirmand that were Confirmed this past Wednesday at St, Paul the Apostle Catholic Church: Portia Austin, Samantha Catherine, Amara Chike, Jared Eaglin, Jasmine Fabre, Ar'Layah Frazier, Bryana Langford, and Harold Stansberry.

Let us also congratulate our First Communion recipients who received Holy Communion for the first time this morning: Hannah Bias, Corrine Knatt, and Rowan Dawson. There is no PSR today.

May the risen Christ bestow his choicest blessings on those receiving Sacraments this Easter season and on their parents and sponsors. Many thanks to our Sacramental Teams; Sister Christa, Sister Marie deMontfort, Ms. Hermeain DeGruy, Fr. Ed, Fr. Rodney and John Young. A special thanks to our sister parishes, Immaculate Conception and St. Paul the Apostle that hosted Confirmation this year. To their pastors, Fr. Thomas Clark, S.J., Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD and to their Sacramental Teams; Ms. Gloria Drouen, Andrea Toles and Martha Davis.

May 14, 2017 - Happy Mothers Day!!! There is no PSR today.

May 21, 2017 - Today wraps up another PSR school year. In His name, thanks be to God. Today we will also wrap up our most successful Coffee and Christ Program. Parents, Teachers and Students will gather in the cafeteria as we hand out certificates and show our appreciation for our most committed catechist and teachers.

May 28, 2017 - PSR teachers meeting 9:30 am in the cafeteria. We will make plans for Vacation Bible School that will begin June 19 and end June 23, 2017.

Summer Retreat

The Annual Summer Retreat is schedule for the weekend of August 4, 5 & 6 at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center, Bay St. Louis, MS. We encourage you to consider taking this weekend for yourself, especially if you have not previously attended a retreat.

The cost for the weekend is \$150 double or \$180 for single. Deposit of \$25.00 is due by May 14 to reserve your space. Final payment is due by July 9. Checks should be made to SFX and sent to Norma Duell, 2924 Juban Ave, BR 70805.

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.



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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

A mandatory meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 9:30am in the Church. It is essential that all Extraordinary Ministers attend this meeting to review the training necessary for this vital ministry to the sacramental life of the church. Any parishioners who are interested in joining this sacred ministry or wish to learn more about the ministry are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

COUNTING SHEEP

Every person can tell how many goats or sheep one possesses, but not how many friends.

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.