

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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.

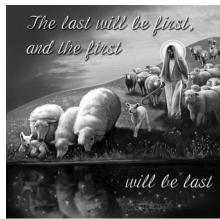
CARE OF THE SICK: PLEASE CALL THE PRIEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND /OR HOSPITAL VISITATION. IF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS CRITICALLY NEEDED, PLEASE CALL REV. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER NUMBER LISTED ABOVE OR THE CHAPLAINCY OFFICE AT THE HOSPITAL.

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.

CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

HORRIFIED

People in general are equally horrified at hearing the Christian religion doubted and at seeing it practiced.

In Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm

Mass Intentions for September 23-26, 2017

Saturday 5:00 Carrie Boston
By: Melanie & Holland

Sunday 8:00 People of the Parish

11:00 Anita B. Jones
By: The Jones Family

Tuesday 5:00 People of the Parish

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the "institution narrative" to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

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	Cenia 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
Zelda Bates	Myrtle Moran	Charles Taylor

PSR News

We would like to send out a special thanks to our visiting counselors that facilitated our Circles of Care Lessons to our students on September 10 and 17, 2017. A shout out goes to **Dr. Bridgette Wade** and **Erin Pourciau-Bradford, MALSP** Great Job! I would also like to thank the parents that attended Coffee and Christ and participated in the **Learn-Practice-Teach-Encourage Series (LPTE)** the first of which was on Prudence.

October 1, 2017 – PSR Classes. We will pick up where we left off on the Saints. Our next Saint is St. Peter Claver. Did you know that Saint Peter Claver is the Patron Saint for the Knight and Ladies of Peter Claver the largest African American Catholic lay organization? Peter Claver declared himself “Slave of the Negroes.” After tending the wounds of the slaves in the middle passage (*Cartagena*), to his attributes, St. Peter Claver is said to have instructed and baptized nearly 300,000 slaves.

October 8, 2017 – PSR Classes. **Coffee and Christ**; special guest **Ms. Erica Walker**. Ms. Walker is the Admission Director for **Cristo Rey High School**. Our next LPTE series will be on Justice.

October 22, 2017 – PSR Classes. **World Youth Day**; WYD is for students in 6-12 grades and will be held at St. Jean Vianney Catholic Church. More information is forthcoming.

October 28, 2017 – **Trunk-R-Treat**; 6pm till 8pm in the School Parking Lot. More information is forthcoming.

St. Vincent de Paul is offering a Community Pharmacy Program
For eligibility requirements call 225.383.7450
Flyers are located in the rear of the church

We are currently accepting recipes for the commemorative cookbook. If you would like to be a part of this endeavor to document recipes from loved ones who have passed on, or favorites that you currently enjoy cooking, please submit to the committee. The recipe collection sheets with instructions will be available in the cafeteria. We are encouraging everyone to participate by filling out the sheets and either email to lpourciau@juno.com or place your recipes in red collection box. The collection file box will be available at mass times on Saturday and Sunday. We will collect these every Sunday after 11 o'clock mass. After meeting with the committee members, a time line for collection of the recipes will be set. Our goal is to make this a successful project and a wonderful keepsake for years to come.
Sincerely,
Vanessa and Lester Pourciau

New Church Pews & Flooring

Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to our Church Renovation project. Please continue paying on your pledges so that we can begin saving to build a Parish Center.

Stewardship
September 17, 2017



Regular Collection \$8,458.17
Parish Needs \$215.00
School Support \$530.00



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.

Volunteers are needed assist with cleaning the Church on Fridays at 10 after Children’s Mass. If you have any further questions call Mary Williams 225-333-1866

Save the Date
4th Annual SFX Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 28, 2017

6-8pm
SFX School Parking Lot
Please contact Brandi Perkins Howard at 225.978.2544 to host a trunk, sponsor a game, and/or make a monetary or candy donation.

Ladies Auxiliary Senior Burger Bash
Saturday, October 14, 2017
After 5pm Mass
Free to seniors 50 and over

BBQ Chicken Dinner Sale

September 24, 2017

Donation - \$9.00

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

Prepaid tickets can be purchased after each mass from any member of the

United Men of St. Francis Xavier