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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.

PSR News

March 2021

28 PSR Class / Virtual **Palm Sunday**

Matthew 21:4 tells us:

"This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" The prophecy is cited from Zechariah 9:9 and Isaiah 62:11.

Jesus had become somewhat of a celebrity among people who had heard of the miraculous raising of Lazarus from the dead, and they wanted to see Him and treat Him like a king. But Jesus wasn't arriving to be their king on account of Lazarus; the story of Lazarus would have had the religious leaders in even more of an uproar and determined to put an end to His life, which He knew . . . Jesus' glory would be greater than that of a local king.

THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' INFANCY AND HIDDEN LIFE

The preparations

The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant". He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

524 When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

The Christmas mystery

Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:

The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.
The angels and shepherds praise him and the magi advance with the star,
For you are born for us, Little Child, God eternal!

To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God". Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us. Christmas is the mystery of this "marvellous exchange":

O marvellous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity. ccc522-526

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Zula Comeaux	Loraine Perry	Joyce Decuir
Frazier Jordan	Martha Proctor	Kenia Richard
Elizabeth Whitfield	Maria Rice	Mildred Anderson
Zelda Bates	Whitney Robiho	John Ristic
Elaine Johnson	Shelvia Stewart	Betty Camble
Linda Gills-Beshears	Mary Johnson	Geraldine Christopher

Mass Intentions for March 27 - April 2, 2021

Saturday	5pm	Norma Duell <i>By: Family</i>
Sunday	8am	William "Tex" Turner <i>By: Lorina Turner</i>
	11am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	5pm	Isaac Haney <i>By: Weesie</i>
Friday		Norma Duell <i>By: Melba Venison</i>



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

3 Ways to Give St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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 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!

**Stations of the Cross
2pm on Fridays of Lent**

**A LENTEN ROSARY AND FASTING FOR
VOCATIONS**

**JOIN US FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY
EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7PM**

Just dial 720 740 9802
 And enter access code **8639380#**

Fr. Josh Johnson and the Diocese of Baton Rouge invite everyone to join in the necessary work of prayer and fasting during Lent. Forty parishioners are asked to choose 1 day to fast and pray the rosary to promote Healthy and Holy Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life for our parishes in the Diocese. A calendar will be placed at the back of the church for you to sign up.

You can download and E-Book at diobr.org/vocations that will guide you through each day of Lent.

**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*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Starting on Palm Sunday, March 28 we will
reintroduce the 11am Mass each Sunday.**

**Mass Schedule:
Saturday, 5pm Vigil
Sunday, 9am & 11am**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass - 6pm
 Good Friday Stations - 12noon
 Good Friday Service - 3pm
 Easter Vigil - 8pm
 Easter Sunday Masses - 9am & 11am

Stewardship

Will resume at a later date....



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WE ARE SUBMITTING FOR
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