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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

TUESDAY:

WED-FRI:

HOLYDAYS:

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY:

VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA- 5:00 PM

9:00 AM

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

SCHOOL MASS 9:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION- 3:30 PM

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. HENRY IHUOMA'S 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

April 2025

6 PSR Class – 5th Sunday of Lent – The Third Scrutiny - Rehearsal for the Live Stations

The Third Scrutiny

The Third Scrutiny is a powerful reminder of the hope and joy of the resurrection and the transformative power of Christ's life-giving presence. It helps the elect, and the entire community, to deepen their faith and prepare for the celebration of Easter and the sacraments of initiation.

Catechesis for Confirmation/Chrismation

The revised *Right of Confirmation* indicates that episcopal conferences may designate the appropriate age of Confirmation. In the United States the age of Confirmation in the Latin Church for children and young people varies widely from diocese to diocese; it can be designated between the age of discretion through around 16 years. Since the sacramental practice for Confirmation in the United States is so diverse, a single catechesis cannot be prescribed for Confirmation. However, some general guidelines can be articulated.

Catechesis for adults preparing for confirmation follows the pattern recommended in the *Right of Christian Initiation for Adults*. Dioceses and parishes should present catechesis for the sacrament of confirmation that

- ◆ Teaches that confirmation increases and deepens the grace of Baptism, imprinting an indelible character on the soul.
- ◆ Teaches that Confirmation strengthens the baptismal conferral of the Holy Spirit on those confirmed in order to incorporate them more firmly in Christ, strengthen their bond with the Church, associate them more closely with the Church's mission, increase in them the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and help them bear witness to the Christian faith in words and deeds
- ◆ Teaches about the role of the Holy Spirit, his gifts, and his fruits.
- ◆ Is developmentally appropriate and includes retreat experiences.
- ◆ Includes instructions on the right of confirmation and its basic symbols: the imposition of hands, the anointing with Sacred Chrism, and the words of the sacramental formula.
- ◆ Ensures that parents and sponsors are involved in the catechetical preparation of the children for Confirmation.
- ◆ Teaches that the Bishop is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation (in the Eastern Churches, however, the priest is the ordinary minister of Chrismation).

Next Issue, Catechesis for Eucharist

PRAYER LIST

John Paul Moore * Geraldine Christopher * Loraine Perry * Martha Proctor * Whitney Robiho * Joyce Decuir * Patricia Armstrong

Elouise Noel * Betty Dupas * Denise Chutz * Fred Dejuan * Loretta Warren * Lorenzia Dardone * Patricia Tyson

Elizabeth Whitfield * Linda Gills-Beshears * Phyllis White * Mary E. Bourgeois * Easton Charles * Erica H. Louis

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

3 Ways to Give St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

*Online Giving: www.stfrancisxavier.org *Text the word "GIVE" to (225) 396-4347 or scan the QR Code.
Mail: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1120 Myrtle Walk Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802



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All online methods are safe and secured. Thank you for your generosity!

Bible Study

We will be having our Bible Study every Thursday at 6 pm at the Parish Office.

Birthday & Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On the last Weekend of each Month, we will say a prayer at each mass for those celebrating their birthday and anniversary for that Month and have a light refreshment for them on Sunday at 9:30 am. Join us!

Easter Announcements

We are now accepting donations for our SFX annual Easter wagons. Donations may be made in the form of individually wrapped candy or monetary contributions. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish office or given to Pat Smith. Questions - please phone/text either Pat Smith (2259783405) or Bernadette Wilkinson (2254459799). Thank you.



"Register your child for the SFX School 2025-26, The Mustang Experience Awaits You." For more information, visit www.sfxbr.org or scan the QR Code.

Enrolling Grades K - 8

(225) 387-6639



We are receiving donations for our fish fry fundraiser. Each family can support us by donating \$100 for a case of fish. We accept cash or check. You can also give online on the Parish Website. Please indicate the purpose of your collection on your check or envelope or online giving. Thanks for your continued support.

Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *GriefShare Ministry— Wednesday, 6 pm.
- *Fish Fry, every Friday, 10am –2pm.
- *Stations of the Cross, every Friday, 3 pm.
- *Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, Tuesday, April 15, at 10:30 am.
- *Lenten Penance Service, Wednesday, April 16, 5 - 7 pm.
- *Holy Thursday, April 17 at 6 pm.
- *Good Friday, April 18, Live Stations at 12 pm and Service at 3 pm.

Mass Intentions April 5-8, 2025

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| Saturday | 5pm | Juanita Culbert
<i>By: Camille & Kirkland
Richard Camble, Jr.
By: Betty Camble</i> |
| Sunday | 8am | Lester & Ronnie Gauthier
<i>By: Mary, Danna & Edward
Chavon D. White
By: Denise William</i> |
| | 11am | The People of the Parish |
| Tuesday | 5pm | Charles & Mattie Sue Gills
<i>By: The Family
Beverly Rice
By: The Family</i> |

Stewardship March 30, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$5632.00
Online Support:	\$2028.20
Parish Needs:	\$10.00
School Support:	\$281.00



Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3: 8-14, John 8:1-11

God's Justice

The story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery is sometimes considered as a put-down of the scribes and Pharisees. While their motive for bringing the woman to Jesus was to test him, they were technically trying to uphold the law. But they were hoping to get Jesus to cause a scandal by refuting the law, or, if he upheld the law, the woman would be killed with Jesus' approval. Jesus had a better idea. He shows that God's justice is mercy and forgiveness. When he told them that the one without sin could be first to throw a stone, he knew that they all were sinners one way or another. And a sinner could not judge another sinner. He also knew that someone whose sins were forgiven would be willing to forgive the woman.

That's what St. Paul means in the second reading when he says he did not have "any righteousness of my own based on the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ" (Philippians 3:9). He says he has given up the idea of making himself righteous (right with God) by keeping the laws of his people. Now he depends on his faith in Christ and Christ's forgiveness, which was shown in his death and resurrection. He is even willing to follow Christ in suffering and eventually death, so that he too can share the Resurrection. Why did Paul come to this kind of faith? Because he had been forgiven for persecuting Christians. And he had persecuted them, not because he was evil, but because he thought he was keeping the law.

Jesus probably surprised the woman when he let her go. He was the only one who could have judged her, but he chose to forgive. Just as the woman was changed by the mercy of Christ, Paul too was affected by being forgiven by the One whom he was persecuting (Acts 9:4).

So is keeping the law a bad thing? No, but the important thing is why we keep the law. We can do it like the Pharisees—keeping the law as a status symbol: "I'm too good (or too important) to break the law." Or we can choose to follow Jesus' way of love. Then we still keep the laws and commandments, only because they are examples of how to love God and love each other. For we too have been forgiven by Jesus on the cross. As we approach Holy Week, let us remember how much Jesus has done for us.

Tom Schmidt