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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

9:00AM

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—3:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS CELEBRATED ON THE 3RD 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 November 2025

1. All Saints Day

2. PSR Class – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - All Souls – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. What Is All Saints Day?

All Saints Day, celebrated on November 1 in the Roman Catholic Church, is a *holy day of obligation*, and many other Christians celebrate it too, including Eastern Catholics on the Sunday after Pentecost. On this day, the Church honors all saints, both those formally canonized and others who have attained heaven (see Heb. 12:22-24). These saints are individuals who have lived lives of extraordinary faith and dedication to God, serving as role models for Christians. Whether officially recognized by the Church or not, these saints have played a significant role in spreading Christianity and leading others toward holiness (Matt. 28:18-20).

The word saint comes from the Latin word sanctus, which means “holy one.” The Greek equivalent hagios (which means “sanctified,” “set apart,” or “holy”) is used in a variety of ways in the Bible—both the Greek version of the Old Testament (known as the Septuagint) and the New Testament. For example,

Christians on earth are “saints” (2 Cor. 1:1, Eph. 1:1, Col. 1:2, Phil.1:1, Rev. 5:8).

The Israelites are “holy” (Lev. 20:26) and, therefore, are called “saints” (Ps. 34:9; Dan. 7:18, 8:24).

Angels are called “holy ones” (Ps. 89:6; Dan. 4:13, 17, 23, 8:13).

A person of notable holiness is called “holy” or “saint” (Isa. 4:3-4, Matt. 27:52-53).

Jesus is the “Holy One” of God (Mark 1:24, Luke 4:34, John 6:67-69).

God is the “Holy One of Israel” (Ps. 71:22, 78:41, 89:18; Isa. 1:4; Jer. 50:29).

Saints and the Catholic Church

The Catholic Church uses the term saint in a few different ways, all of which have to do with those united to Christ. The most familiar use is with regard to those Christians who, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) in paragraph 2683, “have preceded us into the kingdom [of heaven]” and have their virtues publicly recognized and proclaimed when they are canonized “as saints.”

But the Church also extends application of the term saint to every soul united to Christ in baptism, which includes Christians on earth, souls in purgatory, and those souls in heaven who haven’t been canonized. The Catechism explains in paragraph 1475: *In the communion of saints, a perennial link of charity exists among the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Among them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things.*

The Catechism elsewhere states: After confessing “the holy Catholic Church,” the Apostles’ Creed adds “the communion of saints.” In a certain sense this article is a further explanation of the preceding: “What is the Church if not the assembly of all the saints?” The communion of saints is the Church. . . . The term “communion of saints” therefore has two closely linked meanings: communion in holy things (sancta)” and “among holy persons (sancti) (948).

Praying for the Dead and All Souls Day

Following All Saints Day, Catholics observe All Souls Day on November 2. This day is dedicated to praying for the dead, especially those who have passed away within the past year. While All Saints Day honors those in heaven, All Souls Day is focused on praying for the souls in purgatory, helping them reach heaven through prayer. Many people also visit the graves of their loved ones on this day, interceding for their eternal rest.

Next Issue we continue on Discipleship in Parish Life.

PRAYER LIST

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

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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



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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.

Baby Bottle Campaign

THANK YOU for the marvelous outpouring of generosity shown to the Pregnancy Problem Center by you, the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church! Your Baby Bottle Campaign contributions totaling over \$1,500 far exceeded our expectations and for this we are most grateful.

These funds will be used for services and program expenses provided to women experiencing crisis or unplanned pregnancies, thereby HELPING to Save the LIVES and SOULS of at-risk-unborn babies. Please contact our staff to learn more or to refer a loved one or friend needing our compassionate support and services. Call 924.1400 or visit www.pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com. THANK YOU! Marie Kennedy, Fund Development Consultant.



"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



Join us for
Adoration, Praise, and Worship
Every First Saturday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *Black Catholic History Month, November 2025.
- *Food Pantry Distribution, November 6, 10 pm.
- *First Friday Fishfry, November 7, 2025, 10-2 pm.

Mass Intentions October 01-04, 2025

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| Saturday | 5 pm | Ceola Marcelle
<i>By: Weesie</i>
Marcella Keyes
<i>By: Weesie</i>
Isaac Haney
<i>By: Weesie</i>
Nickerson & Leola Kador
<i>By: Marva Kador Williams</i>
Gladys Lee
<i>By: Tammy Lee</i>
Deceased Members of Moms Who PUSH
<i>By: Moms Who PUSH</i> |
| Sunday | 8 am | Lester & Ronnie Gauthier
<i>By: Mary, Danna, Edward</i>
Deceased Members of Moms Who PUSH
<i>By: Moms Who PUSH</i> |
| | 11 am | The People of the Parish |
| Tuesday | | Deceased Members of Moms Who PUSH
<i>By: Moms Who PUSH</i> |

Stewardship October 26, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$5122.00
Online Support:	\$1589.00
Parish Needs:	\$100.00
School Support:	\$333.00



Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
Wisdom 3:1-9, Romans 5:5-11, John 6: 37-40

The Church Suffering

One of the most beautiful aspects of our Catholic faith is the Communion of Saints. Whether it be the Church Militant still fighting the good fight here on earth, or the Church Suffering enduring their final time of purification in Purgatory, or the Church Triumphant rejoicing with our Lord in heaven, we are all united together in faith. We are one Church, united in the mysteries of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord.

What makes this reality so beautiful is our ability to pray for one another, no matter what state of life we find ourselves in. Those on earth can pray to lessen the time in purgatory of one of their brothers, and those in Purgatory can offer up their sufferings for those on earth. Those in Heaven can pray for both those on earth and those in Purgatory. It is an incredible circle of love and care that won't end until Christ comes again.

Today we celebrate the Church Suffering. It is a day to remember "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." In other words, all of our departed brothers and sisters who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Since our souls must be completely cleansed before entering the heavenly banquet, many of us will be required to endure this time of purification. Others will be permitted to undergo great hardships here on earth and be cleansed through them, with the aid of the sacraments.

Sometimes we may wonder why our aunt suffers from alzheimers, or why our grandfather must continue to live through the discomforts of old age. We may wonder why our nephew was allowed to get in that car accident or our own child had to endure the aftereffects of a burst appendix. But all of these trials, when lived with faith, can be opportunities for purification for ourselves and others. "Offer it up" is no longer a cliché, but rather a reminder to direct our minds and hearts to God during times of difficulty.

Today, let us pray for all the souls in purgatory, that they may soon gaze upon the glorious face of our Savior, and may they in turn pray for us, that we may one day join them in Heaven.

Tami Urcia