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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

9 PSR Class - 32nd Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sign Up for Christmas Play

11 VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars, and Veterans Day 2025 will occur on Tuesday, November 11. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as “the Great War.”

Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day. Let us pray for all our veterans whom have dedicated their lives to our freedom.

Discipleship in Parish Life

Because the parish, through its pastor and members, is typically the first contact that returning Catholics have with the institutional Church, “it is the responsibility of both pastors and laity to ensure that those doors are always open.” Evangelization must remain rooted in the parish. It is in the parish that one becomes engaged with the Church community, learns how to become a disciple of Christ, is nurtured by Scripture, is nourished by the sacraments, and ultimately becomes an evangelizer. Successful evangelization and catechetical initiatives must be focused on the parish and parish life. The parish is where the faith is passed down, lived, and sustained for all members of the Body of Christ, most especially for those members seeking to return. “It is the responsibility of the parish community and its leadership to ensure that the faith it teaches, preaches, and celebrates is alive and that it is a true sign, for all who come in contact with it, that this truly is the living Body of Christ.”

The Liturgical Life of the Church

The active participation and practice of the liturgy, prayers, devotions, and popular piety of the Church provide a powerful witness to the faith. Participation in Mass should be encouraged, as the Eucharist is the heart of the Church’s life. By participating in Mass, learning common prayers, and practicing devotions, a person appropriates the teachings of the faith. The prayers, popular devotions, and liturgies of the Church form the basis of “Catholic culture”; they allow for the community to pray together in a common language and contribute to one’s continuing faith development. Often, our returning brothers and sisters remember and have a fondness for their cultural and familial devotional practices. The desire of returning Catholics to reconnect with their cultural devotional practices should be encouraged and fostered, as it presents an opportunity to invite them into a prayerful relationship with God.

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, * Roslyn Jones * Anita Liggins

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

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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.

Black Catholic History Month

Julia Greeley

Julia Greeley (SOG), born a slave in Missouri between 1833 and 1848, is now a candidate for Catholic sainthood. As an emancipated adult, Greeley worked for the sister of Julia Pratte Gilpin, who later became wife of Colorado's first territorial governor. It was that association that brought Julia Greeley to Colorado in 1878, where she would earn a meager living cooking and cleaning homes. She became a devout Catholic who worshipped with the Jesuits, and began the life of charitable acts that would make her beloved during her lifetime and a candidate for Catholic sainthood.

For more information visit: <https://www.regis.edu/news/2023/magazine/05/slave-to-saint>



"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

*School Mass, Friday, November 14, 9 am.
*Ministry Leaders Meeting, Saturday, November 15, 10 am.
*Honoring the Legacy of Ms. Juanita Culbert, Saturday, November 15, 5 pm.
*School Mass, Friday, November 21, 9 am.
*School Advisory Board Meeting, Saturday, November 22, 10 am.
*Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23.
*Parish Council, Tuesday, November 25, 6 pm.
*Thanksgiving Mass, November 27, 9 am.
*History & Dialogue Session, November 29, 10 am.

Mass Intentions November 08-11, 2025

Saturday	5 pm	Marshall & Grace Honore <i>By: Weesie</i>
Sunday	8 am	The People of the Parish
	11 am	Ruben Davis <i>By: Gospel Choir</i> Keith Thierry <i>By: Gospel Choir</i>
Tuesday	5 pm	Gladys Lee <i>By: Tammy Lee</i>

Stewardship November 02, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$9381.45
Online Support:	\$1316.00
Parish Needs:	\$390.00
School Support:	\$161.00



Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Corinthians 3: 9c -11, 16-17, John 2:13-22

Why All the Fuss about Buildings?

I have to admit, every time we come across a feast day for the dedication of a church, I am tempted to tune out and yawn. I mean what's all the fuss about buildings? Doesn't the Bible tell us over and over again not to focus on the external, the material and the riches of this world? Aren't we supposed to be all about forming hearts and saving souls, about the Church rather than a church?

Well, if the Church has proclaimed this day a feast, then it must have some great significance, so let's find it. The Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. In other words, St. Peter's in Vatican City is not the Pope's home church. His cathedra, his bishop's seat, is found at St. John Lateran. This basilica was built on terrain donated by Emperor Constantine himself and celebrated the freedom of worship granted by the Edict of Milan. Wow.

Ok, so maybe this isn't just any old church. Originally this feast was only celebrated in Rome, but in 1726, it was placed on the worldwide calendar. This building holds special significance, reminding Catholics of the courage of the early Christians who fought for freedom of religion and the unity of the universal Church with the Holy See.

Bringing it a little closer to home, this feast could also be a reminder to us of the respect due our own parish church. Do we see it as a place of honor, reverence and community worship? Do we dress, act and keep silence in an appropriate way, considering we are in the physical presence of Almighty God? Do we offer ourselves together with Christ in the Eucharistic sacrifice, uniting ourselves with Catholics throughout the world?

May we celebrate our universal Church today and may we thank God for all of the churches that have been built and dedicated to allow us a space to worship freely. Maybe we should make a fuss about these beautiful buildings after all.

Tami Urcia