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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—FRI:	9:00AM
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM
SATURDAY:	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.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There is a geography to the liturgy of baptism that distills the journey of faith. Each part of the liturgy is assigned to a distinct part of the church building. Baptism, whether of infants carried to church by their parents or of adults following the paschal candle into a darkened church at Easter, starts at the door. First, a threshold must be crossed and a new community of meaning and memory encountered for the first time. Then, the celebration moves to the place for God's Word. Next, as the litany of the saints is sung, there is a procession to the font. Finally, the movement is to the table, the altar of the Eucharist. There, newly baptized adults are brought to the sacred meal, or the parents of infants are blessed and reminded that their child will one day share fully in the table's banquet.

Many Catholic churches honor this geography by placing the font near the door, or at least small vessels with water. The doorway of our church is a place of memory, and a passageway to a new way of living.

—Rev. James Field

SAINT OF THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF FATIMA (May 13)

I recently listened to an audio version of the book *Heaven is for Real*. I will not go into the amazing experience this young boy went through, but I will share what he repeated over and over to his parents following the ordeal: "Jesus loves children...Jesus really loves the little children... Jesus loves children so much!!" This is made evident by the repeated Marian apparitions three Portuguese children experienced in 1917. Jesus sent his Mother to Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, to ask them to pray the rosary for world peace, an end to World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia. Our Lady also confided in them three secrets, which were revealed publicly at different times. These apparitions were approved by the local bishop in 1930, at which time they began celebrating her feast day in Portugal. It was added to the calendar of the Catholic Church worldwide in 2002. May Our Lady's words continue to touch the hearts of God's beloved children and motivate us to pray the rosary frequently, begging our Lord for world peace and the conversion of sinners.

—Tami Urcia

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 *Robert Alfred

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

Announcements

Parish Fall Fair 2026

Save the Date: Our Parish Fair will be held on October 31 and November 1. Remember, we are family, and on these days, we are going to show up and show out. Stay tuned for more information.

We would like to thank all those who contributed candy and monetary donations for the Easter Egg wagon. A special thanks to our volunteers. We are grateful for having the opportunity to share in your Easter joy.



"Register your child for the SFX School 2026-27, 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

- *GriefShare Ministry, Wednesday, May 13, 6 pm
- *School Graduation, Thursday, May 14, 5 pm.
- *Bible Study, Thursday, May 14, 6 pm.
- *School Mass, Friday, May 15, 9 am.
- *Eucharistic Ministry Workshop, Sat., May 16.

Mass Intentions

May 09-10, 2026

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| Saturday | 5 pm | The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8 am | Ora Lee Jordan
<i>By: The Family</i>
Verda Byrd
<i>By: Lucy Amar</i>
Mattie Gills
<i>By: Debra Johnson</i>
Beverly Rice
<i>By: Debra Johnson</i>
Ceola Marcelle
<i>By: Weesie & Family</i> |
| | 11 am | Tyler Irvin and All Who Are Deployed
<i>By: Catrina Irvin & family</i>
Mary Lavern Boutte
<i>By: Renee Boutte Myer</i>
Leola Kador
<i>By: Marva Williams</i>
Marie Ellois Veal
<i>By: Marva Williams</i> |

Stewardship

May 03, 2026

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| Regular Collection: | \$8735.69 |
| Online Support: | \$1921.00 |
| Parish Needs: | \$581.00 |
| School Support: | \$265.00 |



Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

Share in the Power

This Sunday is two weeks before Pentecost, but already the readings prepare us for that feast. The first reading from Acts shows us the conversion of the Samaritans, thanks to Philip's preaching and curing the sick. He did this through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit makes Jesus present today, not just in the sacraments, but through us, his disciples.

The Gospel gives us a hint of this in Jesus' words: "I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). Jesus knew that after his Resurrection appearances, he would not be visible as a man. Instead, he would live in all of his followers through the power of the Holy Spirit. That's why he tells the disciples that the Spirit will be with them and in them. So the Sacrament of Confirmation, the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17), reminds us that when God lives in us, we share in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Peter gives us practical advice. First, he tells us to be ready to explain our hope in the Lord. That hope comes from our faith in the Resurrection. When you see someone curing the sick, you could be tempted to say, "I can't do that." But when you hear that people saw and talked to Jesus after he rose from the dead, then hear that anyone who follows Jesus will share in that resurrection, you begin to have real hope. When we share that hope, we do so gently and reverently. We are all sinners and Christ's death brought us all forgiveness.

Next, Peter tells us to avoid sin, not because we won't be forgiven again, but to show that we can live a life free from sin, selfishness, and hatred. Freedom from sin allows us to give a good example of how to live. Abandoning selfishness allows us to love others without counting the cost. When we are free from hatred, we are able to forgive others as we have been forgiven. As we live in Jesus and he in us, our happiness will attract people to God.

Tom Schmidt