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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.

PSR News June 2026

*****Please join us for Vacation Bible School (VBS) from Monday June 22 to Thursday June 25, at the School Hall, from 5 pm through 7 pm. Come with your Bible. See you there.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Christians have no sacrament of “confirmation,” but they have always had the custom of richly anointing the newly baptized in *myron*, or sacred chrism. They also give even infants a taste of the Precious Blood, thereby doing away with any notion of “First Communion” in later childhood.

In the West, although we too have an anointing with chrism for the newly baptized, for centuries we have normally reserved a second anointing for the bishop, sometimes many years after baptism. There are many reasons for this, not the least of which is the fact that in early times the bishop was the ordinary person to officiate at baptism, not the presbyter (priest). The bishop did it all, from plunging the catechumens into the font, to pouring chrism over them, to immediately celebrating the Eucharist. When bishops began to cede some of their ministry to the ranks of presbyters, they desired to maintain a strong relationship with baptism. Thus it was decided that the solemn post-baptismal anointing, the laying on of hands, and the prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit were to be detached from infant baptism. So, to the present day, we have two anointings after baptism: one by the priest, and the other normally by the bishop. By the fifth century, the word “confirmation” had surfaced to refer to this second anointing.

—Rev. James Field

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT ROMUALD (c. 951-1027)

June 19

“God so loved the world,” declares John 3:16. “Do not love the world,” warns 1 John 2:15. The “world” to love: this planet, entrusted to our stewardship, and its people, God’s children all. The “world” to flee: “sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life” (1 John 2:16). Born in nobility, Romuald’s conversion followed the shock of witnessing his father murder an enemy. Renouncing his privileged world, Romuald sought God’s world in monastic life. Its winding turns and several dead ends make Romuald’s journey resonate with all who find life more maze than superhighway. Both the hermit’s solitary struggle and community life’s unique challenges shaped Romuald’s legacy: his vast Camaldolese Benedictine family of monks, nuns, and lay associates who, these thousand years later, from the mountain solitude of Camaldoli, Italy to an urban monastery in Berkeley, California—in Asia, Africa, South America, Europe—integrate Romuald’s experience into their witness of solitary prayer, communal charity and worship, and promotion of contemplative spirituality in this world that can so easily distract us from the God who loves it still.

—Peter Scagnelli

PRAYER LIST

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

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Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, LA



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.

Our Kickoff dance will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at the McKinley Alumni Center. Tickets can be purchased after each mass or at the parish office for \$45 and \$50 at the door. Don't miss out!!!

Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *GriefShare Ministry, Wednesday, June 17, 6 pm
- *Bible Study, Thursday, June 18, 6 pm.
- ***Juneteenth, June 19, office closed.
- *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Wednesday, June 24.
- *Vacation Bible School, June 22 - 25, 5 pm-7 pm.
- *Food Pantry Distribution, Thursday, June 25, 10 am.
- *Hospitality Workshop, Saturday, June 27, 10 am.
- *Second Collection: Peter's Pence, Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28.

Mass Intentions June 13-14, 2026

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| Saturday | 5 pm | The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8 am | Dr. James Llorens
<i>By: The Duell & Northern Families</i> |
| | 11 am | Tyler Irvin and All Who Are Deployed
<i>By: Catrina Irvin & family</i> |

SAVE-the-DATE
SCHOOL GALA
Saturday, December 5, 2026
City Club of Baton Rouge
SFXGala2026.netlify.app



"Register your child for the SFX School 2026-2027, The Mustang Experience Awaits You." For more information, visit www.sfxbr.org or scan the QR Code.

Enrolling Grades K - 8
(225) 387-6639



Stewardship May 31 & June 7, 2026

Regular Collection:	\$4626.00	\$12,793.69
Online Support:	\$1709.00	\$2306.93
Parish Needs:	\$41.00	\$486.00
School Support:	\$115.00	\$610.00



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

Today's Readings
Exodus 19:2-6a, Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8

The Love of the Sacred Heart

Our three and six year old granddaughters live with us. They frequently say, "I love you so much in my little heart." To be loved with this kind of purity shocks me, and yet it is the same unconditional love that Jesus offers when we unite our hearts to His.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus extends back to the Church fathers, but the current feast day, always a Friday in June, but moveable due to the Easter season, was established by Pope Pius IX in 1856 based upon revelations of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675.

Our Catholic community recites a particular devotion each day after each daily Mass, with the Prayer to the Sacred Heart on Wednesdays, the service which I regularly attend. Often, I hurriedly recite the prayer, anxious to move on with my day and frustrated that reciting it means rifling through my purse for a copy.

A week before last year's feast, I began a novena to the Sacred Heart on the Halo app. Around the same time, I received a Sacred Heart prayer card in the mail with a Word on Fire promotion. My young adult daughter and I were spending some time in Ohio, and I was using the time for prayer and writing. A day before beginning the novena, I looked online for a nearby church with a noon Mass. I found *Sacred Heart Catholic Parish*.

Some would call these "God moments." Others would say they were just a coincidence. But rivers of redemption run through our lives. We can jump on a raft and ride the rapids, or we can stand on the side and watch it pass us by. This period of my life provided a revelation in which rejection was replaced with rejoicing, and I embraced the radical richness of reform, rather than returning to regret.

The second reading from the first letter of John tells us that "whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." In his Sacred Heart, Jesus can unite to our hearts and reignite our flame. Everything that flows from Him and to Him has purpose.

Today's Gospel proclaims, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones," My little granddaughters carry this wisdom in their hearts.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

By Beth Casteel