

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 11, 2026

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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 October 2026

### 11 PSR Classes - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Month of the Rosary

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Students will pray the Rosary during class, and families are encouraged to pray together at home.

#### Weekend Masses

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Rosary beads are available for anyone who needs them; please ask an usher.

The Rosary means “Crown of Roses”. Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one.

The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow, of glory and of light of Jesus and Mary. It’s a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary.

It’s a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours.

Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks, She always receives, Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for.

In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With your prayer made together with Your heavenly Mother, you can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion.

Above all each day, through prayer you can drive away from yourselves and from your homeland many dangers and many evils. It can seem a repetitive prayer but instead it is like two sweethearts who many times say one another the words: “I love you”...

Next Sunday, 10/11 through 10/18, classes in the Circles of Grace curriculum will be held.

#### Dynamics of Disclosure Course

##### Date and location

Saturday, October 17, 2026, in the Parish Office.

##### Who should attend

All adults involved in student formation or extracurricular activities associated with St. Francis Xavier Church.

##### Requirements and registration

This course is mandatory, and certificates will be issued upon completion. Please register and contact John Young for more information.

## PRAYER LIST

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

Elouise Noel \* Betty Dupas \* Fred Dejuan \* Loretta Warren \* Lorenzia Dardone, \* Roslyn Jones \*Robert Alfred \*Walter Johnson

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

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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](http://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

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



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### Silent Auction

Donations are needed for the Silent Auction that will be held at the Parish Fair. Drop off your items at the parish office within the office hours. Thank you.

### 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 want to use this opportunity to thank all those who attended our Kickoff dance last Saturday. We thank you for your generous support and for making our dance a memorable experience. May God continue to bless and reward you.

### **SAVE-the-DATE** **SCHOOL GALA**

Saturday, December 5, 2026  
City Club of Baton Rouge

[SFXGala2026.netlify.app](http://SFXGala2026.netlify.app)



"Register your child for the SFX School 2026-2027, The Mustang Experience Awaits You." For more information, visit [www.sfxbr.org](http://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

- \*Bible Study, Thursday, October 15, 6 pm.
- \* Food Pantry Distribution, Thursday, October 22, 10 am.
- \*Second Collection: Propagation of Faith/ World Mission Sunday, October 17-18.
- \*School Mass, Friday, October 30.

### Mass Intentions October 10-16, 2026

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| Saturday | 5 pm  | Linda F. Stevenson<br><i>By: Marlene Boyd</i><br><b>Deceased Members of Ministry</b><br><i>By: Ministers of Hospitality</i><br><b>Aline "Cookie" Vaughn</b><br><i>By: SFX School</i><br><b>Howard L. Louis</b><br><i>By: Euradeen A. Stewart</i> |
| Sunday   | 8 am  | The People of the Parish                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|          | 11 am | Johnny Narcisse<br><i>By: Vernon Martin, Jr.</i><br><b>Sophie White</b><br><i>By: Ike Harris, Jr.</i><br><b>Debra Gills Johnson</b><br><i>By: Debra Johnson</i><br><b>Mattie Gills</b><br><i>By: Debra Johnson</i>                               |
| Monday   |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Friday   |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

### Stewardship October 04, 2026

To Be Posted on a Later Day

Thanks for your Generosity!

**Today's Readings**  
**Isaiah 25: 6 – 10a, Philippians 4:12-14, 19 - 20, Matthew 22:1-14**

**Come to the Feast**

Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free food and drink, music and dancing—what's not to like? Apparently the king in Jesus' parable had the same questions. By this time, Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the invitation to follow him. As we know, after the Resurrection, the disciples began to spread the good news not only to other Jews, but to anyone who would listen. The church began to grow, much faster than they expected.

One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was his association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls sinners to repent and be forgiven. Since they thought of themselves as holy, they were not interested in forgiveness. Ordinary people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be baptized. As the parable says, they filled the banquet hall.

Jesus calls us today to come to the same feast. But there are still people who think they have no need for Jesus. So what about the man in the parable who came in street clothes? The wedding garment was a symbol of the baptismal gown, the sign of new life in Christ. This man symbolizes those who "come to the feast" without repenting of their sins.

We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices, lies, anger, and selfishness—with no intention of doing anything about them. We come with the attitude that says, "I'm here, aren't I? That should be good enough." But it isn't, for the feast we come to is not a wedding to join husband and wife. It joins God to humanity. God's Son came to unite us all to himself. By dying for our sins, Jesus calls us to come back to God. So repentance is not just a change of clothing; it is a change of heart, a change in how we live. It is our ticket to the banquet. It is our way of saying, "I know I don't deserve this, but thanks for letting me share the feast."

By Tom Schmidt