Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
November 22, 2026

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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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:	Eucharistic 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
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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - On November 22, 2026, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and the next to last Sunday before Advent — proclaiming Christ as Lord over all creation and history.
Instituted by **Pope Pius XI in 1925** in the encyclical *Quas Primas*, this feast affirms that **Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is King of the world** — not a political or earthly ruler, but the eternal Priest and King of all creation It teaches that His kingdom is one of **service, mercy, truth, and justice**, and that the story of the world finds its fulfillment in As the Gospel reminds us, "As long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40)

Thanksgiving - Thanksgiving Day is a harvest festival and national holiday that brings people together to share a feast in gratitude for the year's blessings. Its meaning is rooted in stories of survival, such as the 1621 gathering where Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag people shared food after a successful harvest, symbolizing cooperation across cultures. The tradition grew from local colonial observances into a nationwide holiday, formally established in 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it a day for Americans to give thanks each year.

Advent - The **First Sunday of Advent** marks the beginning of the **liturgical year** and the start of the **Advent season** in Western Christianity, a period of spiritual preparation for both the **birth of Jesus** and his anticipated return. It is characterized by themes of **hope**, often symbolized by lighting the first candle of an Advent wreath, recalling the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah and inviting reflection on God's enduring promise. The observance developed from early Church traditions, with records dating back to around the 5th century, when communities set aside weeks before Christmas for prayer, penance, and expectation.

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 *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!

SCAN ME

Parish Census

Have you submitted your census form? Remember to complete your census form by December 31. Please see the ushers for a form. Thank you.

Parish Fall Fair 2026

We want to use this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our Fall Fair 2026. Thanks to all our volunteers, sponsors, and parishioners that make our fair remarkable.

Thanksgiving Mass

Our Thanksgiving mass will be held on Thursday, November 26 at 9 am. Please join us in giving God thanks for his goodness in our lives. Don't miss out.

POSTPONED
SCHOOL GALA
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

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

Upcoming Events in the Parish

***First Sunday of Advent, November 29.**
***Feast of St. Francis Xavier, December 03.**
***First Friday Fish Fry, December 04, 10 am - 2 pm.**
***Adoration, Praise, and Worship, Saturday, December 05, 3 pm.**
***Second Collection: Retirement fund for Religious, Dec. 13.**

Mass Intentions
November 21-22, 2026

Saturday	**5 pm**	**The People of the Parish**
Sunday	**8 am**	**Edmond Doucette** *By: Crystal Doucette*
	11 am	**Dolores Jones Williams** *By: The Contemporary Choir* **Bobby Mayweather** *By: The Contemporary Choir* **Gaynell Richard** *By: The Contemporary Choir*
Wednesday	**9 am**	**Glenda Scott Anthony** *By: Monique Scott Spaulding*

Stewardship
November 15, 2026

Regular Collection:	**$7453.00**
Online Support:	**$2659.25**
Parish Needs:	**$180.00**
School Support:	**$1140.00**

Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46

Leap of Faith

Today's Gospel could be seen as an example of what St. Paul is explaining in the second reading. First, he tells us that the resurrection of Christ is not the end of God's reign, but the beginning. Since death came into the world with the sin of Adam, Christ's death saved us from sin and his resurrection saves us from death. Now that he is risen, he will complete his reign over all creation, meaning that everything in creation that turned away from God will now be subject to God. Since Christ had to die before he could rise, the last enemy to be subjected is death; so too do we have to die before we can rise.

When all this happens, everything will show God's glory. God will be seen in all of creation. Jesus will be seen as equal to the Father, not just a man, but the Son of God. The Gospel gives us the image of a king on his throne, surrounded by his subjects. And then comes the final judgment.

The rest of the Gospel is symbolic description of that judgment. I always thought the point of this parable was that we recognize God in the poor, the sick, the homeless, prisoners, etc. But the people in the parable who helped all those in need did not recognize Christ in the needy. That's why he tells them that whatever we do for "these least ones," we do for Christ.

That is actually good news, because it is not always easy to recognize Christ in others. I used to think that once I start seeing Christ in all people, I'll be more willing to help them. But it also works the other way. When you help someone in need, you begin to see Christ there, too. This means that we cannot use not seeing Christ in others as an excuse to put off helping them. ("Sure, I'll help those drug addicts—as soon as I see Jesus in them.") Whether it is a death-row prisoner or a homeless family, we need to take that leap of faith to help, not knowing if we will ever see Christ in them. Remember, God forgives and saves us because we need God, not because we deserve it.

By Tom Schmidt