

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 5, 2016

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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 ~THURS:

6:30 AM IN CONVENT

HOLYDAYS:

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

FRIDAY:

SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS CELEBRATED ON THE 4TH 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.

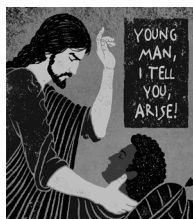
CARE OF THE SICK: PLEASE CALL THE PRIEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND /OR HOSPITAL VISITATION. IF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS CRITICALLY NEEDED, PLEASE CALL REV. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER NUMBER LISTED ABOVE OR THE CHAPLAINCY OFFICE AT THE HOSPITAL.

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 TUESDAY AT 6:00 P. M. PLEASE CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Unless Professor Einstein's theory of relativity can be translated into any useful kind of time-travel, most of our clues about life in the early church will have to come from ancient letters and ancient prayer texts. A prayer text from a dusty library may yield, for example, an understanding of what "presbyters" actually did. We have such a prayer from the early third century from the hand of Hippolytus of Rome. While our modern prayers derive a great deal from his, some of the practices of the ancient church have fallen away. In his day, bishops were chosen by the people, and the other bishops merely consented. Presbyters, by contrast, seem to have been chosen by the bishops. This makes sense, since it allowed the bishops to hand-pick their most trusted advisers.

It seems that bishops were at first reluctant to share their presiding at the Eucharist with presbyters. In fact, by the time of the fourth-century church's growth spurt in Rome, the bishop sent deacons out with fragments of the host from his Eucharist to drop into the chalices of the presbyters at the outlying eucharistic celebrations. We still have a vestige of this *fermentum* in the Mass today, a reminder of the early bishops' desire to give a powerful sign of the unity of all celebrations of the Eucharist with their ministry, and a clue to their reluctance to delegate a sacramental ministry to the presbyters.

Mass Intentions for June 4-7, 2016

Saturday 5:00 **Endas Vincent, Jr.**
By: Mickey & Annette Morrison

Sunday 8:00 **Lester Paul Gauthier**
By: Edward, Mary, Michael, Danna, Damien & Clea

11:00 **Andre Domingue,**
By: The Domingue Family

Tuesday 5:00 **People of the Parish**

HOPE AND LIFE

Today's readings tell the story of two widows. The first reading relates the plight of the widow with whom the prophet Elijah stayed; the Gospel tells about the widow of Nain. In each story, the widow's only son had died. For people who lived in those cultures, the son was the only support of a widow, and the carrying on of the family name by the son was equal to immortality. A widow whose only son has died could lose all hope.

Elijah and Jesus are the restorers of hope; they bring the sons back to life. Saint Paul was metaphorically raised from the dead when he experienced the conversion and call from God that he describes in today's second reading.

What are Christians called to do today? We may not be able to raise the dead, but perhaps we can rekindle hope for a single parent. We may not be able to convert a persecutor like Paul, but if we speak the gospel openly and gently with our lives, we might touch a life with the Good News.

The annual summer retreat is scheduled for the weekend of August 4-7, 2016 at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, MS. We encourage you to consider taking this weekend for spiritual reflection.

The cost for the weekend is \$210 which includes 7 meals and 3 night stay. Deposit of \$25.00 is due by May 22 to reserve your space, balance may be paid monthly. Final payment is due by July 17. Checks should be made to SFX and sent to Norma Duell, 2924 Juban Ave, BR 70805 or placed in collection with check labeled "Retreat".

In Bible Study we are studying Paul's Epistles
Thursdays at 6:00 pm

PRAY FOR US

Geraldine Bell	Viola Landry	Walter Lewis
Bernadine Bouligny	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Richard Camble, Jr.	Lorlene Perry	Joyce Decuir
Zula Comeaux	Martha Proctor	Cenia Richard
Diane Edwards	James Raby	Vivian LeDuff
Patsy Irvin	Maria Rice	Rebecca Nelson
Ora Lee Jordan	Whitney Robiho	Ceola Marcelle
Frazier Jordan	Shelvia Stewart	Mildred Anderson
Elizabeth Whitfield		Charles Taylor

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PSR News

Vacation Bible School Hold on! We ain't finished yet! Vacation Bible School will be held from **Monday June 27, 2016 thru Friday July 1, 2016** from **5:00 PM till 7:00 PM**. The theme for this year is; **Deep Sea Discovery**. Please register early and turn in the forms in the Office of Religious Education so that supplies may be ordered accordingly and on time. Registration forms are on the table at the entrance of the Church.

100 Anniversary Planning Meeting
All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting to begin planning our 100th Anniversary! The meeting will be held in the school library on Saturday, June 11 at 10am. Please come out for this important meeting.

Graduates - 2016

We will be honoring all of our 2016 graduates on **Sunday, June 12 at the 11am Mass. Please sign the list at the entrance of the Church.**

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You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God,
forever will I give you thanks.
— *Psalms 30:12, 13*

Stewardship May 29, 2016



Regular Collection
\$6,519.89
School Support
\$614.00
Food Pantry
\$100.00



St. Francis Xavier Food Bank: is in need of non-perishables to assist the needy in our community. Please donate: Canned Corn, Peas, String Beans, Carrots, Fruit, Chili, Pasta, Grits, Cereal, Tuna, Rice, Bread, Soup, Soap, Tooth Paste, Deodorant etc. We also accept monetary donations to purchase food.

Catholic Charities Office of Prison Ministry is hosting **Messengers of Hope . . . Prison Ministry Volunteers** on Saturday, June 25, 9:30 – 1:00 pm. in Room 206 of the Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center on the Catholic Life Center, 1900 S. Acadian. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Munch at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph Chapel. Current volunteers and those interested in Prison Ministry are encouraged to attend. To RSVP and for more information, email lfjeldsjo@ccdiobr.org or call Linda Fjeldsjo at 225 336-4406.

United Men of SFX

The UMOSFX are planning a BBQ Chicken Dinner for June 26, (4th Sunday) after 8am and 11am masses. This project is for the purpose of funding the Church Beautification Project and a sidewalk from the interstate parking lot to the church. Pre-sale tickets will be available after each mass starting June 4.

GOD'S PRESENCE

Realize above all that you are in God's presence . . . empty yourself completely and sit waiting, content with the grace of God, like a chick who tastes nothing and eats nothing but what its mother gives it.

New Church Pews & Flooring

We have begun a pledge campaign to raise \$100,000 (\$60,000 pews & \$40,000 flooring) to replace our pews and flooring. In order to begin the project we need the cash on hand. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to this important project in preparation of our 100th Anniversary in 2018.