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MASS SCHEDULE:

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| 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

In the tradition of the Church, not necessarily in your own life's timeline, confirmation is the midpoint of Christian initiation, standing between font and table. Full initiation is completed when a confirmed person shares in the Eucharist. Centuries ago, this first sharing in the eucharistic assembly was marked by a first sharing in the Prayer of the Faithful. This prayer raises up the needs of the church and human community, the concerns of the faithful assembled, as they prepare to lift up the world to the Father's love. So a person could not participate in the prayer until they were anointed with the "Oil of Thanksgiving." Next, the newly baptized presented their gifts at the altar, a sure sign of their investment a new way of life. Until the sixth century, these people normally drank a mixture of milk and honey as a kind of pre-Communion. They were hungry, of course, since they were baptized hungry after long fasting, but this beautiful symbol of the promised land revealed them as God's chosen, heirs to the promise. Although the "milk shake" disappeared centuries ago, we still see the vigor of this new life whenever adults are initiated at Easter, and increasingly in confirmation ceremonies that are attentive to this meaning.

—Rev. James Field

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT JOHN FISHER (1469-1535) AND SAINT THOMAS MORE (1477-1535)

June 22nd

From Robert Bolt's classic *A Man For All Seasons* to *Showtime's* edgy *The Tudors*, Thomas More endears himself still: lawyer-statesman of impeccable integrity, remarried widower and affectionate father delighting in a lively household—four children, a pet monkey, even a paid jester! And challenges still: humanist-reformer, yet champion of Catholic faith and papal primacy. John Paul II named him "Patron of Statesmen and Politicians," citing More's generous work, both as a lawyer and in government service, on behalf of the poorest and most marginalized people of his time, as well as his promotion of education for all sectors of society. More's decision for principle over politics, conscience over convenience prompted his final words: "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." Alone among England's bishops, John Fisher dared challenge Henry VIII's divorce and repudiation of the papacy. When the Pope named the imprisoned Fisher a cardinal, Henry thundered: "Don't bother sending Fisher's red hat here; I'll send Fisher's head to Rome!" Whose "good servants" are we



TO THE MEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH:

*Fathers, your love reflects the heart of our
Heavenly Father.*

Keep shining his light in your homes.



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

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



SCAN ME

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



We will be having our Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Parish Office.

CHURCH REMINDERS

Parish Fall Fair 2026

Save the Date: Our Parish Fair will be held on October 31st and November 1st. 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!!!

Altar Servers Needed

Youth and adults are invited to serve at Mass. New and current altar servers should attend training on **July 11, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Church** and register through the **Ministries** tab on the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church website.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- ◆ Vacation Bible School, June 22nd - 25th, 5:00 PM -7:00 PM
- ◆ Food Pantry Distribution, Thursday, June 25th, 10:00AM
- ◆ Hospitality Workshop, Saturday, June 27th, 10:30 AM
- ◆ Second Collection: Peter's Pence, Saturday and Sunday, June 27th - 28th.
- ◆ Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Celebrations, Sunday, June 28th, 9:30 AM

Mass Intentions - June 20-21, 2026

- Saturday, 5:00PM** Aline "Cookie" Vaughn
By: Kenneth & Angela Williams
Felicia Kimball, By: Sylvia Nelson
Marshall & Grace Honoré, By: Deirdre Honoré
Charles Bubbie Gills, By: Debra Johnson
Charles Johnson, By: Debra Johnson
Curtis Johnson, By: Debra Johnson
Charles Williams, By: Mary Williams
Phillip Louis, By: Mary Williams
- Sunday, 8:00AM** The People of the Parish
11:00AM Melvin Amar, Sr. By: Lucy Amar
Earl Bougeois, By: The Family
Nickerson Kador, By: Marva Kador Williams
Christopher C. Kador, By: Marva Kador Williams
Phillip Louis, By: Betty Leufroy Warr
Bobby Joe Mayweather, By: Delores Mayweather
Tyler Irvin and All Who Are Deployed
By: Catrina Irvin & Family

Thursday, 9:00PM Charles Bubbie Gills, By: Debra Johnson

Stewardship - June 14, 2026

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| Regular Collection: \$6716.00 | Online Support: \$2036.57 |
| Parish Needs: \$240.00 | School Support: \$20.00 |

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve as You deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to labor and not to seek a reward."

SAVE-the-DATE SCHOOL GALA

Saturday, December 5, 2026
City Club of Baton Rouge

For Sponsorship and Ticket Sales Go To
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



Today's Readings
Jeremiah 20:10-13, Romans 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33

The Paradox of Faith

“Do not fear men,” Jesus says. He is talking about fearing those who persecute you for your faith. In the verses preceding this Gospel passage, he tries to prepare us for persecution and says that just as people did to him (Jesus), they would do to his followers.

But what happened to Jesus? He was crucified, but he rose from the dead. He triumphed over his persecutors. They couldn't stop him. And that's what he promises us too. We may suffer any persecution, ridicule, or discrimination for our faith, but we cannot be destroyed as long as we hold to that faith.

The best way to keep the faith alive is to give it to others. It sounds like a contradiction, but it means that when we spread the faith, our faith grows too. Sure, it takes courage to tell someone else about our faith, but when we share our stories about what God means to us, we relive those experiences and remember what God has done for us. And when we allow others to share their faith with us, we feel encouraged and supported. That's why Jesus says there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed: True faith is never hidden; it must be shared.

Sometimes we may hesitate when speaking about faith. If we are tempted to remain silent, we are allowing the devil to have his way. The only thing we should fear is our weakness, not Satan's power. That's why Jesus said that whoever denies him before men, he will also deny him. However, Jesus died for our sins, so not even they can destroy us if we turn to the Lord. Just as God knows every sparrow that falls, He also knows us when we fall, and He values us far more than sparrows.

So thank Him for His forgiveness, but don't forget to spread the word that you've been forgiven. You might encourage someone else to have the courage to return to the Lord, and thus achieve another victory of faith that overcomes fear.

By Tom Schmidt