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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

9:00 AM

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

SCHOOL MASS 9:00 AM

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.

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June 2026

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Confirmation is complicated, at least in its history. It arose in response to real problems deeply felt, not the least of which was the desire of the bishop to minister to all who were baptized. But it also has to do with the early crisis of how to deal with persons baptized by congregations that had broken bonds with the greater church: heretics. People reasoned that no matter how wrong-headed the minister might be, Christ would always work in the waters of baptism. No matter what, God would sweep aside all human obstacles to claim the new life in the water. They were not so sure about the ability of someone who had broken with the church to confer the Spirit.

By the fifth century, already-baptized persons coming into the church were anointed with chrism but not rebaptized. This anointing with *myron* or chrism was seen as an act of reconciliation by the church, and a seal upon the commitments vowed by the newcomer. Today, we preserve this ancient practice by never “rebaptizing” Christians who have been baptized in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We affirm the candidates’ baptismal dignity, and we celebrate confirmation at their first reception of the Eucharist.

—Rev. James Field

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT JUNÍPERO SERRA (1713-1784)

July 1

No one who has stood before the quiet majesty of Mission San Juan Capistrano, or the altogether different but no less lovely Mission Dolores in San Francisco, or any of the missions from San Diego to Sonoma can fail to bless the Franciscan *padre* who, while not founder of each, was inspiration for them all, Blessed Junípero Serra. Abandoning the comfortable academic life to which his doctorate in theology entitled him, Serra journeyed to the New World where his tireless traveling, dramatic preaching, and penitential austerity converted thousands of native peoples. Saving souls and celebrating the sacraments were Padre Serra’s primary mission but not his only one. Education in letters and crafts, trades and agriculture transformed the people, while roads and irrigation systems transfigured the landscape. His more than thirty years of ministry were not free from conflict with authorities or without controversy in the retrospectively critical eye of history. But when John Paul II beatified him in 1988, he praised Padre Serra for assisting his converts to use their new faith to advance their true human development.

—Peter Scagnelli

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

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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



SCAN ME

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

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 9:00 AM in the Church and register through the Ministries tab on the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church website.

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!!!

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



Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *GriefShare Ministry, Wednesday, July 02, 6 pm
- *Bible Study, Thursday, July 03, 6 pm.
- *Food Pantry Distribution, Thursday, July 03, 10 am.
- *Adoration, Praise & Worship, Saturday, July 3, 3 pm.

Mass Intentions June 27-July 3, 2026

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| Saturday | 5 pm | Stella Hebert Boyd
<i>By: Marlene Boyd Clark</i> |
| Sunday | 8 am | The People of the Parish |
| | 11 am | Tyler Irvin and All Who Are Deployed
<i>By: Catrina Irvin & family</i> |
| | | Phillip Louis
<i>By: Betty Leufroy Warr</i> |
| | | Ernest Victorain, Jr.
<i>By: Fish Fry Crew</i> |
| | | Bobby Joe Mayweather
<i>By: Delores Mayweather</i> |
| Wednesday | 9 am | Norma Bellard Duell
<i>By: The Family</i> |
| Friday | 9 am | Wilbert Frazier Jordan
<i>By: Ruby Jordan</i> |

Stewardship June 21, 2026

Regular Collection:	\$4889.45
Online Support:	\$3646.86
Parish Needs:	\$80.00
School Support:	\$351.00



Thanks for your Generosity!



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

Today's Readings
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a, Romans 6:3-4, 8-11, Matthew 10:37-42

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Key to the City

When an important person visits a city, sometimes the mayor presents him with the key to the city as a sign of welcome; or sometimes a key is given to a citizen who has provided exemplary service to the community. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives Simon the keys to the kingdom of heaven and gives him a new name, Peter. This is more than a symbolic honor bestowed by a mayor. Jesus is giving him both a blessing and a responsibility.

The blessing is that Peter recognized Jesus as the Son of God. It was a blessing because Peter did so, not by his own intelligence or the help of other disciples, but with faith, a gift from God the Father. Even today, people are blessed with this kind of faith. An atheist who has heard of Jesus but considers him just another holy man can receive faith and recognize Jesus as the Son of God. A person who withdraws from others and cares only for themselves can find the faith to see Jesus in those around them. A sick person can see that Jesus is with them in their suffering and begin to have hope. The faith that sees Jesus in others is the rock upon which Jesus builds his Church. It is also the "crown of righteousness" that St. Paul says belongs to all who long to see Jesus (2 Timothy 4:18).

Responsibility comes in binding and loosing. One meaning of this is the power Jesus gives his Church to forgive sins. Jesus forgave many sinners, sometimes even before they asked. He knew they desired forgiveness in their hearts, even though they may not have dared to ask for it. He even forgave those who crucified him (Luke 23:34). Those who follow Jesus have the same obligation to forgive others. If we forgive those who hurt us, they may come to see God's love in us and know that God will forgive them too. On the other hand, if we refuse to forgive, we could push someone away from seeking God's forgiveness. That doesn't mean we are responsible for how others react to us. But why pass up the opportunity to show God's love by forgiving someone? All Christians pray in the Lord's Prayer that we may be forgiven as we forgive others. Let us use the keys of the kingdom to open the doors of God's love.

By Tom Schmidt