Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 08, 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
November 2026

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

All Christians in both East and West embraced the care of the sick as essential to church life. In the West, the importance of the visit of the priest is stressed, while in the East, the sick person is brought to the church for a full Liturgy of the Word. Some, such as the Armenians, even call it the "Ritual of the Lamp," since the oil is poured out of the lamp by which the Word is read. This may be why Eastern Christians sometimes anoint the sick with this oil, since the trip to church might kill them.

Our tradition in the West also unfolded in monasteries, where it was possible for infirm monks to be attended with a full and beautifully consoling liturgy. In 950 the monks of St. Alban's Abbey in Mainz produced a ceremonial book that was instantly a pastoral hit everywhere. There were two lengthy rituals for the sick, one an extended vigil, and the other a liturgy of anointing that included Communion under both species. While this ritual was a house formula for monks, it is easy to see how monks who had the care of parishes desired to serve their parishioners in a similar way. The first form included the chanting of penitential psalms, and the second form required a confession beforehand. Both forms included a laying on of hands, which everyone understood as being an essential part of penance.

—Rev. James Field

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (1850-1917)

November 13

Burly longshoremen glared at the woman in widow's dress who interrupted their drinking to beg money, in broken English, for her orphanage. The bar exploded in laughter as one man responded by spitting in her face. "That was for me," the woman smiled. "Do you have anything for the children?" Given today's national debate, could it be as much God's sense of humor as God's will for our sanctification that our first "American" saint should be an immigrant and naturalized citizen? Frances Cabrini, adopting the name "Xavier," confided to Pope Leo XIII her longing to follow her Jesuit patron to Asia. But the Pope replied, "Not East—*West!*" So she and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart exchanged exotic dreams of China for the impoverished reality of Italian ghettos across the United States and Central and South America. Before her death, Frances had founded seventy educational, health care, child, and family service institutions. Today, from Siberia to Ethiopia, in sixteen countries, Mother Cabrini's sisters and lay associates embody her practical spirituality: "Let's get to work! We'll have eternity to rest!"

—Peter Scagnelli

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.

Black Catholic History Mass

The Mass will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday, November 8, at 5 pm. The Celebrant will be Bishop Duca and the homilist will be Archbishop Fabre.

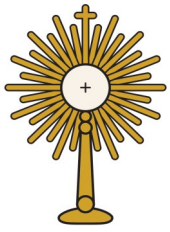
SAVE-the-DATE

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



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

Upcoming Events in the Parish

***Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development, November 14/15.**

Mass Intentions
November 07-08, 2026

Saturday 5 pm

Aline "Cookie" Vaughn
By: Family
Howard L. Louis
By: Weezie & Louis Family

Sunday 8 am

The People of the Parish

11 am

Easter Lorraine Bienville
By: Monique, Dominica & Susan
Dolores Jones Williams
By: Contemporary Choir
Bobby Mayweather
By: Contemporary Choir
Gaynell Richard
By: Contemporary Choir
Deceased Members of Ministry of Hospitality
By: Ministry of Hospitality
Ronald Gathe, Sr.
By: Debra Gathe & Family
Kristen & Sadie Pitts
By: Nicole Green

Stewardship
November 08, 2026

Regular Collection:	**$6516.00**
Online Support:	**$2175.00**
Parish Needs:	**$170.00**
School Support:	**$205.00**

Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
Wisdom 6: 12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1 - 13

Getting to Know You

At the end of today's Gospel, when the foolish virgins return from the quick shop with the oil, they are locked out of the wedding. The groom answers their pleas, not with a question, "Why weren't you ready?" but with the statement, "I don't know you" (Mt 25:12). Now that sounds kind of odd, if the bridegroom represents the L**ord**, because God knows everything, and everybody. In Matthew's Gospel, this phrase seems to imply that "because you made no effort to know me, I don't know you." In other words, the oil in the parable stands for knowing the L**ord**. Or at least making an effort to know him.

So what am I doing to get to know Jesus? One way to know someone is to act like them. Actors who portray a real person try to watch videos of that person to see how they talk, walk, relate to people, what kind of posture they have, how they dress, etc. We can act like Jesus by following his example of care for the poor and the sick, forgiving people who have done wrong, teaching people about God's love, feeding the hungry, and giving God the credit for what we do.

Another way to get to know someone is to talk to them. The more we pray, the more we get close to Jesus**.** We can praise God for Creation, we can thank God for all the giving (and forgiving!) We can ask for help for those we love and for God's strength in our weakness (2 Cor 12:9). But we don't get to know someone if we do all the talking. Our prayer can include time to be quiet and listen to the L**ord.** We also listen to God by reading God's words in the Bible. And God can speak to some people in art, song, or poetry. The advice and wisdom of friends and relatives can also be God speaking to us. Hopefully, we can all find ways of getting to know the Lord, so that God can "recognize" us as friends.

By Tom Schmidt