



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12N & 6:00 P.M.

Holy Days: Vigil 4:00 PM; Feast as announced

Weekdays: 6:30 & 8:00 AM Monday-Friday;
Saturday 8:00 AM

School Mass: Friday 9:10 AM (or as announced)

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel: Open 24 hours daily.

Confessions: Monday to Friday: 7:40-7:55 AM

Saturday morning 7:40-7:55 AM

and 8:30-9:00 AM

Saturday afternoon: 3:00-3:45 PM

And 5:00-5:30 PM

Baptism: Contact Parish Center 1 month prior to due date. Seminar 7:00 P.M. - Second Monday of the month.

Wedding: Contact parish clergy at least 6 months in advance. Coordinator: Linda Jones 504-421-7946.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Jesus forgives an adulterous woman-Jn 8:1-11”

Today’s gospel describes how Jesus had to face unjust accusations made by the Pharisees, the ruling elders of Israel. They were upset with Jesus' teachings and the way the people responded favorably to Jesus. They wanted to discredit him any way they could, especially because of his claim to speak with God's authority. So they brought Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery to see how He would respond.

Jewish law treated adultery as a serious offense since it violated God's law on the sanctity of marriage and wreaked havoc on the stability of marriage and family life. If Jesus said that the woman must be pardoned, he could be accused of breaking the law of Moses. If he said that she must be stoned, he would lose his reputation for being a merciful friend of sinners.

Jesus did something quite unexpected in response to the apparent dilemma. He challenged the women’s accusers saying, “*Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*” He put the burden of decision-making on His accusers and on their consciences. The accusers began walking away one by one.

When the adulterous woman was left alone with Jesus, Jesus expressed his mercy toward her. He strongly asked her not to sin again, but then gave her pardon for her sin and a fresh start on her life.

God's grace enables us to confront sin for what it is: unfaithfulness to God. God’s grace helps us to turn back to God with repentant hearts and spirits that are thankful for God's mercy and forgiveness.

Do we know the joy of repentance and a clean conscience?

"God our Father, when Jesus came among us, He showed us that You are loving and merciful. We come to you this day and ask that You forgive our selfishness, self-absorption and sin. We want to know and love you more, and live in the grace of Your forgiving love."

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Joe and Fr. Thien will hear confessions from 5-6:30 PM on Wednesday April 10. Take advantage of this opportunity to be forgiven and renewed in Lent.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORTING

	MAR. 24TH	YEAR TO DATE
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$ 13,685.00	\$ 148,878.00
OTHER (Faith Direct)	\$ 6,525.00	\$ 44,156.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 2,541.00	\$ 42,985.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 22,751.00	\$ 237,019.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 20,395.00	\$ 244,740.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 2,356.00	(\$ 7,721.00)

PASTOR’S COLUMN

Best Lent Ever, and My 25th Anniversary Celebration of Priesthood

Best Lent Ever? A parishioner shared a Lenten tip which he heard in a homily 25 years ago. The priest who preached the homily suggested that everyone make a Lenten resolution not just for Lent but for a whole year or even longer. “That homily hit me like a ton of bricks,” the parishioner said. He decided to give up self-pity for Lent that year, and kept it up after Lent ended. Another Lent, he committed to saying “no” to himself and his desires at least once a day (e.g. “no” to turning on the car radio, “no” to a glass of wine, “no” to an uncharitable thought); he kept that up after Lent ended. Another Lent, he committed to being a better listener to his wife; he has tried hard to keep that commitment ever since. Thanks to the parishioner who shared this Lenten tip and gave me – and hopefully all of us – food for thought in the final weeks of the Lenten Season.

My 25th Anniversary of Priesthood. When I was ordained a priest in 1994, I recall that a friend remarked, “You will be celebrating 25 years of priesthood before you know it.” Her remark struck me as wishful thinking since I wasn’t ordained until I was 41 years old! It seemed at the very least presumptuous to think I would be alive at 66 years of age, with all the stuff that can happen to a person in the course of a quarter century.

But now, my 25th anniversary of ordination has arrived, and my friend was right: twenty-five years of priesthood have gone by very quickly, except for those difficult days that seem to be twenty-five years long all by themselves!

I am grateful to God beyond words for the gift of priesthood for 25 years. I have had innumerable cherished experiences of priestly ministry and service, and the opportunity to journey with some of the most amazing priests, religious, seminarians and lay persons. I am so grateful to God that St. Francis Xavier Parish now is part of this incredible journey.

I will celebrate my 25th Anniversary of Ordination with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Francis Church on Saturday, April 27, at the 4 pm Vigil Mass. After Mass, there will be Reception in the School Auditorium with food, drink and music till 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass and Reception and join me in thanking God for the gift of priesthood. And please pray for me in my Silver Jubilee Year as I assure you of my daily prayers for each of you.

God bless,

Fr. Joe

“PARISH NEWS”

OLD METAIRIE FEST HEADS WEST

Come join us as “Old Metairie Fest Heads West”, this Saturday, April 6, 11:00 AM-8:00 PM. We will have food/drinks, games/activities, auction items and raffles, and performances by our school students and teachers. The Bucktown Allstars will perform from 5-8 PM. Join your St. Francis family for a boot-stomping good time!

WELCOME SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

Welcome Sunday is here again! We will have hospitality at the end of each Sunday Mass. Please plan to stay after mass and enjoy refreshments and fellowship with us.

CYO MASS AND MEETING

The next CYO Mass is this Sunday, April 7 at 6 PM. Following Mass, we will meet in St. Joseph Hall for Game Night! All youth in grades 6-12 are invited and encouraged to come for fun, food, and games. Contact Mrs. Charlotte, 229-2331, if you have any questions.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

Our Altar will be adorned with flowers for Easter, including Easter Lilies and an assortment of colorful Spring blooms. If you would like to purchase flowers in honor of a deceased loved one for \$10, put an envelope in the collection basket at Mass or contact our Parish Office at 834-0340. There will be a Memorial Board in church recognizing all donations.

You are invited to a Celebration of the
25th Anniversary of Priesthood
Reverend Joe Palermo



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Saturday, April 27, 2019

St. Francis Xavier Church

4:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving

Reception with Music 5:30 to 8:00 PM

St. Francis Xavier School Auditorium

If you aren't able to attend, please offer prayers.

No Gifts Please

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP-APRIL 11

Our Parish Bereavement Support Group will meet at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 11 in the Parish Center. Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one can attend.

TURN IN OPERATION RICE BOWL BOXES

Any monies you have collected for the C.R.S. Operation Rice Bowl Program must be turned in by Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Please put your donations in the collection basket at Mass or drop them off at the Parish Office .

COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Friday, 4/5

Stations of the Cross at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM

Saturday, 4/6

Old Metairie Fest from 11 AM—8 PM

Sunday, 4/7

- Back up date for Old Metairie Fest (in event of rain)
- No PSR or Confirmation Classes—CYO 6 PM Mass & mtg

Wednesday, 4/10

- Home and School meeting 6:30 PM in school auditorium
- Lenten Confession in church from 5-6:30 PM

Thursday, 4/11

- Men's Club Meeting, 6:30 PM, cafeteria
- Bereavement Support Group, 6:30 PM, Parish Center

Friday, 4/12

- Crawfish Fest School Yard, 5-9 PM, flyer in this bulletin
- Stations of the Cross at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM

SHARING PROGRAM LUNCH AND PRODUCTION

Join Fr. Foe, Fr. Thien and other local clergy Friday, May 24 at the Metairie Country Club performing in “ What A Wonderful World—It's All Americana”. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table. For information contact Carol Pritchard at 835-6809 or cpritchard@stfrancisxavier.com.

THANK YOU, RAY MASSETT

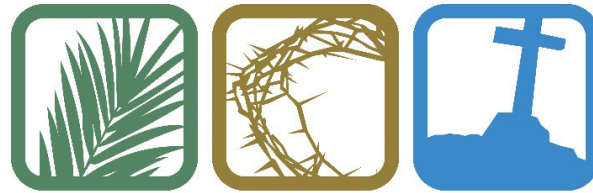
As announced at last weekend's Masses, Ray Massett, our Volunteer Parish Business Manager for the past three years, will be concluding his work with us (as we hire a full-time Business Manager for the Parish/School). We thank Ray for his outstanding service and will honor him at a later time. God Bless You, Ray.

JOB OPENINGS AT ST. FRANCIS

1. Full-Time Parish/School Business Manager
We are seeking a full-time Business Manager for St. Francis Parish/School. The job entails general responsibility for all finance and business matters. An Accounting/Finance Degree is preferred but not required. At least three years employment experience in accounting and bookkeeping, and three references. Knowledge of Accounting, General Ledger and Audit principles. Proficiency in Personal Computer, Micro-Soft Word, QuickBooks and Excel. Salary is based on qualifications and experience; benefits. A more detailed Job Description is available on request. Contact Fr. Joe.

2. Part-Time Facilities Supervisor
We are seeking a part-time Facilities Supervisor for St. Francis Parish/School. The job is for 20 hours per week, and entails being the “eyes” of the parish/school for maintenance and facility needs. Employment experience required in maintenance or facilities' work, plus three references. Basic knowledge of HVAC systems, electrical, plumbing, insurance and safety issues; some supervision and manual labor. Salary based on qualifications and experience. Contact Fr. Joe.

St. Francis Xavier Church



HOLY WEEK

April 13-21, 2019

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday at 4 pm
Sunday at 8 & 10 am, and 12 & 6 pm

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Masses: 6:30 & 8 am

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Morning Prayer: 8 am

Saturday Confessions: 3-4 pm

HOLY THURSDAY **7 pm – Lord’s Supper (Washing of Feet)**

GOOD FRIDAY **3 pm – Passion Service (Venerate Cross)**
4:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

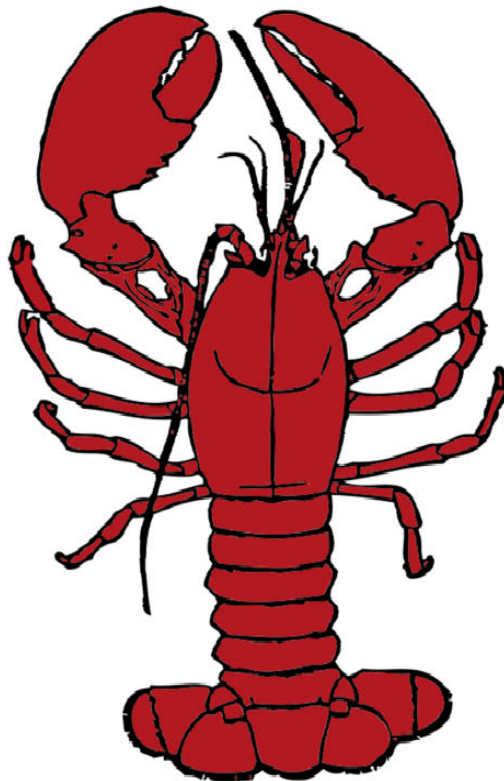
HOLY SATURDAY **8 pm Easter Vigil Mass, with Candle Service**

*Easter
Sunday*

EASTER SUNDAY **Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm**

**ST. FRANCIS
XAVIER**
Crawfish Fest

FRIDAY
APRIL 12
5-9 PM



**DJ
PIZZA
DRINKS**

**444
METAIRIE
ROAD**



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CELEBRANTS-READERS-EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

FOR APRIL 06 & 07

Saturday, 4/06—4:00 PM

Celebrant: Reverend Joe Palermo

Reader: Frank Sunseri

EM: Kathy Calder, Jane Chauvin, Barbara Connick
Billy Guste, CheeChee O’Conner

Sunday, 4/07—8:00 AM

Celebrant: Reverend Thien Nguyen

Reader: Paul Cassou

EM: Rob Adoue, Ron Carter, Conner Ellis
Aileen Foley, Patty Jourdan

Sunday, 4/07—10:00 AM

Celebrant: Reverend Thien Nguyen

Reader: Bill Blessey

EM: Lex Allain, Dcn. Kevin Darrah, Kay Stiles
Chuck Taylor, Rita Taylor

Sunday, 4/07—12:00 Noon

Celebrant: Reverend Joe Palermo

Reader: Gary Knoepfler

EM: Dcn. Robert Normand, Ann Rhodenhiser
Doug Robicheaux, Norris Robicheaux, Linda Sunseri

Sunday, 4/07—6:00 PM

Celebrant: Reverend Joe Palermo

Reader: CYO Member

EM: Paul Cassou, Billy Dantagnan, Carol Gambel
Jerry Kurzweg, Dcn. V. M. Wheeler



SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp will burn
In Memory of
Charles Joseph Tusa.

READINGS FOR APRIL 7 thru 13

Sun: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tues: Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thurs: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

ADORATION CHAPEL ADORERS NEEDED

The Adoration Chapel needs **permanent adorers** for:
Tuesday 1 AM; Tuesday 2 AM; Tuesday 11 PM;
Wednesday 2 AM; Sunday 5 PM. Call Dottie Watson at
339-4298.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Ann Marie Briuglio White, Kaylin, Barbara Johnson, Arghiro Kleamenakis, Mary Guidry, Greg, L.P.T., Toni Edwards
Sherron Smith, Michael Harrison, Patti, Rose Marie Pontiff, Anna Smith, Maria, Amanda Beal {If you would like to
add to our Parish Prayer List, call our church office at (834-0340).}

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

This week the Vocation Chalice will be at the home of **Rick and Jeannie Redmann**. Please join them in praying for
vocations to the priesthood, religious life and permanent diaconate. Call the Parish Center to sign up to have the chalice
in your home for one week.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

We don’t decorate the altar with flowers in Lent. The next time we will have altar flowers is during the Easter season.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 6, 2019—4:00 PM Dr. Bryce LeBlanc, Sr.
Shannon Mary Phillips Houghton, Mr. & Mrs. C L Phillips Jr.
Raymond Bailey Sr., Charles Sabrio, Lynn Brennan, Jack Culotta
Raymond Bailey Jr., Carolyn Zangrilli, Maurice Crochet
Renee & Herbert Engelhardt, Elizabeth Rooney Fitzwilliam
Mary Ellen Rooney, August T Mora, Esmond DeVun Sr
Frances Ferran, Laverne Flannigan, Karen Gordon Crawford
Mary Pfister Allard, Harold A Buchler
Speedy recovery of Ann Marie Briuglio White*

Sunday, April 7, 2019—8:00 AM— A. E. Briede, III.

Sunday, April 7, 2019—10:00 AM—August T. Mora
Dr. & Mrs. Bryce (Hazel) LeBlanc, Sr., Leon Casadaban
Stephen J. Laizer, Jr., Stephen J. Laizer III, Thelma Laizer
Edward Laizer, Estelle Laizer, Janet Brignac, Keith Pyburn, III.
Aimeé Perrault, Harold A Buchler, Doris Staples, Dr. John Daly
Bonnie Murray, Gregory Brunet, Adrienne Miller, Myrtle Alberts
Emma Lou Richardson Huck, Karen Gordon Crawford
Velma Crain, Judge Thomas Early, Richard Whiteside
Frank de la Houssaye, Jr., Virginia Ernst, Raymond Massett*
Birthday Intentions of Marguerite Crook and Zoey Berry*
Speedy recovery of Ann Marie Briuglio White*

Sunday, April 7, 2019—12:00 Noon

Lester and Therese Stickler
Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, April 7, 2019—6:00PM

Sean Patrick Griffin

Monday, April 8, 2019—6:30 AM

Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Monday, April 8, 2019—8:00 AM

Harold A. Buchler, A special intention*

Tuesday, April 9, 2019—6:30 AM

Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday, April 9, 2019—8:00AM

Harold A. Buchler, Dr. Bryce LeBlanc, Sr.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019—6:30 AM

Jack Counce and SV

Wednesday, April 10, 2019—8:00 AM

Harold A. Buchler, Dr. Bryce LeBlanc, Sr.

Thursday, April 11, 2019—6:30 AM

Dave Martin

Thursday, April 11, 2019—8:00 AM

Harold A. Buchler, Frank Hyer

Friday, April 12, 2019—6:30 AM

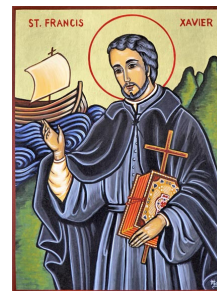
Lisa Maria Tusa

Friday, April 12, 2019—8:00 AM

Harold A. Buchler, Pascal Marullo

Saturday, April 13, 2019—8:00 AM

Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier



*Denotes Living