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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, JULY 07, 2019
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The Lord sends out his disciples into his harvest.
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

What kind of harvest does the Lord want us to reap for his kingdom? When Jesus commissioned seventy disciples to go on mission, he gave them a vision of a vast field that was ready to be harvested for the kingdom of God. Jesus frequently used the image of a harvest to convey the coming of God's reign on earth. A harvest is the fruit of much labor and growth. It begins with sowing seeds, then growth to maturity, and finally there is a crop to be harvested.

Jesus gave his disciples instructions on how to carry out their ministry. They were to go out and serve people with charity, peace and simplicity. They were to give their full attention to the proclamation of God's kingdom and not be diverted by lesser things. They were to travel light and only take what was essential. They were to leave behind whatever would distract them so that they could concentrate on the task of preaching the word of God. They were to do their work, not for what they could get out of it, but for what they could freely give to others. They were not to expect reward or payment. Jesus wanted them to be dependent on Him and not on themselves. He ended his instructions to them with a warning: If people reject God's invitation and refuse His word, they will bring condemnation on themselves.

Whenever God speaks His word, there is a great responsibility to respond. Indifference to God's word will not do. We either follow God or go against God in how we respond. As God pours out His life-giving word so that we can have abundant life in him, he also works in and through each of us for His glory. God asks us to speak His word boldly and plainly to others. Do we witness the truth and joy of the Gospel by word and example to those around us?

"Lord Jesus, may the joy and truth of the Gospel transform our lives that we may witness it to those around us. Grant that we may spread your truth and merciful love wherever we go. Amen."

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORTING
(FISCAL YEAR JULY 2019 TO JUNE 2020)

	JUNE 23RD	YEAR TO DATE
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$11,125.00	\$321,056.00
OTHER (Faith Direct)	\$6,935.00	\$91,109.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$6,146.00	\$90,994.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,206.00	\$503,159.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$20,395.00	\$509,875.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$3,811.00	(\$6,716.00)

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Supporting the Work of the Missions

"Go out to all the world and proclaim the Good News." Mk 16:15. These last words of Jesus on earth (before he ascended into heaven) are a clarion call to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. The Catholic Church takes that call seriously. It is the reason the Church exists.

The Church evangelizes the gospel through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We feed, clothe and shelter people and provide for their economic needs (corporal works of mercy). We instruct people in the faith through teaching, preaching and building churches and schools where the faith is taught (spiritual works of mercy).

One of the greatest Catholic outreaches for spreading the gospel is the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Once a year, every Catholic Church hosts a missionary priest who speaks at all the weekend masses and describes the needs of the local church where he lives – the material needs of the people and the spiritual needs of the people in terms of churches, schools, catechists and supplies. We call this a Mission Appeal.

This year's Mission Appeal at St. Francis will take place this weekend, July 7-8. Father Andrzej Szorc, CSsR, a Redemptorist priest from Poland, will make the appeal at our parish.

Many years before I entered seminary, I heard a mission appeal by a priest from India. He spoke about the great need for funds in his diocese to build a seminary to train men for priesthood. I was moved by his talk not only to give to the collection but to become an ongoing benefactor for the work of priestly formation in his diocese. (I had no thought at the time of entering seminary myself).

Through the years, the diocese in India has sent me photos of the seminary they built, letters from seminarians, and pictures of newly ordained priests. Being a part of this effort has been a blessed experience.

Please welcome Fr. Szorc as he visits this weekend. Prayerfully consider his appeal and please be generous in your response. Envelopes for the Mission Collection are in your mailed packets and in the pews. Lastly, please pray for the work of spreading the gospel so more and more people can experience the life-saving message of Jesus Christ.

God bless, Fr. Joe

"PARISH NEWS"**FR. JOE'S RETREAT-VACATION**

I will be on my annual Priest Retreat from July 4-11. It will be a silent retreat with one opportunity each day to speak with my priest retreat director. I won't have access to cell phone, email, TV or radio during that time. I am looking forward to this time of quiet with God to recharge my physical and spiritual batteries. When the retreat ends, I will take some days of vacation with a priest friend from July 12-17. I will be back at St. Francis on July 18. Fr. Thien will be in the parish and in charge while I am away. Please keep me in prayer during my retreat-vacation, and be assured that I will be praying for you. Fr. Joe

RENOVATION WORK IN JULY AND AUGUST

The previously announced renovation work at the Parish Center (paint, flooring, lighting, bathrooms, kitchen and conference room) and the renovation work at St. Joseph Hall (paint, altar backdrop and storage) will take place in July and August. We apologize for any inconvenience during the renovation, including the cancellation or rescheduling of events and activities. Please pray that we can get all the work complete by the start of school on August 15. Thank you.

RESCHEDULING OF ART SHOW

The St. Francis Xavier Art Show, originally scheduled for the weekend of July 27-28 in St. Joseph Hall, has been rescheduled for November 9-10 to accommodate the renovation work that will take place in the Hall in July and August. The Art Show will be a great event for our Parish. It will feature locals artists displaying and selling paintings, jewelry, hooked rugs and calligraphy. We look forward to hosting the show at its newly scheduled time.

VACATION BIBLE STUDY IS COMING!

Parents, here is your chance to stimulate your child's relationship with Jesus. SFX Parish will offer vacation bible study from Monday, July 29 to Friday, August 2, from 9-12 noon. This year's theme is "Roar! Life is Wild-God is Good!" We have four levels, ages 4-10, with a total of 15 children at each level. Students will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. We will offer bible stories, crafts, games, music and snacks. Cost is \$45 per student. Call Claudia at 834-0348 to register. Service hours are available for high school teens.

RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is a spiritual journey for people who desire to be Baptized Catholic or to be Confirmed Catholic when they have been baptized in another Christian denomination. RCIA also serves baptized Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation (e.g. Confirmation). If you desire to be Catholic or receive the Sacraments of Initiation, call Fr Joe at 834-0340 or Claudia at the Office of Religious Education at 834-0348. We begin sessions in September, but are taking registrations now. Faith is a gift—let's pray to be open to it!

COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**Every Monday and Thursday**

Summer Cabbage Ball League, 6-9PM, School Yard

Every Thursday

- Helping Hands/Food Bank, Old Rectory, 9-11 AM
- Deacon Ed's Rosary at 6 PM in Church near Adoration Chapel

Monday, July 1-Saturday, August 10

Parish Center and St. Joseph Hall renovations; Church Office will remain open.

Wednesday, July 3-Monday, July 8

- Adoration Chapel will close from 5PM 7/3/19 to 7AM 7/8/19
- Parish Center Office will close from 4PM 7/3/19 to 8AM 7/8/19

Sunday, July 7

Special Collection for Church Maintenance Fund

Welcome Sunday Cancelled due to 4th of July holiday weekend

Monday, July 8

Baptism Seminar in Old Rectory at 7PM

Saturday, July 13

CYO visits Gulf Islands Water Park in Gulfport

CYO TO VISIT GULF ISLANDS WATER PARK

Our St. Francis CYO will spend the day at Gulf Islands Water park on Saturday, July 13. Youth in grades 6th—12th are invited to attend. Permission slips from parents are required. For more information, contact Charlotte Phillips, our Youth Minister, at stfrancisxaviercyo@gmail.com or 427-0949.

CYO JULY MASS AND MEETING/SOCIAL

Our CYO will have its monthly Mass and meeting on Sunday, July 14. Mass is at 6pm and the meeting follows at 7pm in school cafeteria.

THEOLOGY TUESDAYS

St. Francis Xavier Church

7:00 pm – 8:15 pm

The following Evenings of Theological Formation and Reflection will be offered this Summer from 7:00 – 8:15 pm in St. Francis Xavier Church.

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***TUES., JULY 23: Is Faith contradictory to Reason?
Dr. Basil Davis, PhD, Theology and Physics**

***TUES., JULY 30: What's the Church say on Immigration?**

Deacon Martin Gutierrez, Division Director, Catholic Charities

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Mark your calendars, help spread the word, and join us to become better informed about the Teachings of Jesus and his Church.

Church attire should reflect our respect for God

Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, Excerpts from Clarion Herald Commentary, May 21, 2019



Summer is here, which in New Orleans usually means dressing down even more casually than we do at other times of year. I know the issue of church attire is a sensitive one – especially in an area where it's hot nine months out of the year. What's your perspective on how people should dress for Mass?

There's a part of me that remains grateful to God that a person is in church, regardless of how he or she is dressed. At the same time, the church is a sacred place – truly holy ground. It is a consecrated place where we meet God in a unique way through the Scriptures, through the assembly and through the Eucharist. At some level, our attire speaks to the importance or unique nature of what we are doing in that sacred space, worshipping God in the Sunday assembly. When people go to social events such as weddings or anniversaries or graduations, they most often dress with care. That's not to say they are in formal attire, but they are dressed appropriately. Shouldn't we also take the same care as we go to church to experience God's presence in a unique way through the Mass?

What's been your experience of how people dress for church?

I think we've all been aware that there are some who at times dress too casually for Mass. In some cases, one might even question the level of modesty in attire. Our attire should not be a distraction or temptation to other people. This goes for both men and women. I don't think we need to wear T-shirts that advertise beer or that have inappropriate words that could bring offense to someone.

Is the problem also just a general relaxing of dress codes in the culture?

That does have something to do with it. Everybody knows about "Casual Fridays" and events like that. Fewer people wear coats and ties to the workplace. It used to be that to get into a fancy restaurant in New Orleans, you had to be dressed appropriately. Men had to wear a jacket and tie. Nobody could walk into a restaurant in flip-flops. Those days are largely gone. I realize that the more we live in a casual society, the more a relaxed dress code becomes the norm. I want to be sensitive to that reality. At the same time, I'd like to continue posing the question: Does the way we dress for church say something about how we view the importance of the event? I reiterate: I am always grateful to God that people are in church with the desire to celebrate Eucharist. To me, attire is always a secondary consideration. Nevertheless, it is definitely worthy of our consideration. I'd love to encourage more people to live up to the adage of wearing their "Sunday best" – not to show off but as a concrete way of thanking God and caring for our neighbors in the next pew.

Three from St. Francis Xavier honored with Medals of St. Louis.



Fr. Thien, honorees Carol Pritchard, Sarah McDonald, and Wayne Wetzal join Fr. Joe Palermo after the medal ceremony. Carol and Wayne were honored by the parish; Sarah for her work in the Archdiocese office.

CELEBRANTS- READERS - EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**FOR JULY 6 & 7****Saturday, 7/6—4:00 PM**

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen **Homilist:** Rev. Andrzej Szorc
Reader: Peter Michell

EM: Kathy Calder, Jane Chauvin, Carolyn Diaz
 Vita DiMaggio, Dcn. Robert Normand

Sunday, 7/7—8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen **Homilist:** Rev. Andrzej Szorc
Reader: Paul Cassou

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

Sunday, 7/7—10:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen **Homilist:** Rev. Andrzej Szorc
Reader: Michele Gonzales

EM: Donna Dantin, Jim Folse, Tim Fox
 Chuck Taylor, Rita Taylor

Sunday, 7/7—12:00 Noon

Celebrant: Rev. Andrzej Szorc

Reader: Rick Redmann

EM: Sherri Knoepfler, Jane Pendleton, Jeannie Redmann
 Joan Reilly, Meghan Reilly

Sunday, 7/7—6:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Andrzej Szorc

Reader: Patricia Molina

EM: Paul Cassou, Cuqui Moore, Marie Puglia
 Dcn. V. M. Wheeler, III, Elois Williams

READINGS FOR JULY 7 thru 13

Sun: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18;
 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
 Mon: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
 Tues: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
 Wed: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19;
 Mt 10:1-7
 Thurs: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
 Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
 Sat: Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the sanctuary lamp will burn **In Memory Of Charles Joseph Tusa**. If you would like to schedule a week in memory of a loved one, call the office (834-0340). The cost is \$10. The 2020 calendar is available.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

There are no remembrances this week. To purchase flowers, in memory of a loved one, call Rachel at 834-0340. The cost is \$45 per arrangement and we need two arrangements for the altar.

PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1–November 30. The following prayer is recommended for daily recitation during that time:

“Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all storms, loss of life and storm damage during this Hurricane season. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 6, 2019—4:00 PM - August T. Mora
 Shannon Mary Phillips Houghton, Mr. & Mrs. C L Phillips Jr.
 Raymond Bailey, Sr., Raymond Bailey Jr, Mary Ellen Rooney
 Elizabeth Rooney Fitzwilliam, Esmond De Vun Sr, Jack Culotta
 Frances Ferran, Karen Gordon Crawford, Beverly Rafferty
 Milton Lagasse, Judge Pat Schott, Dr. Lawrence Bole
 Milton Junod, Elcy Daussat, Eugene Folse, Jackie Stevens
 Indie Buhler, Emile Buhler, Robert F. Talbot, Joseph Costa
 Billy Lomasney*, Murphy and Canale Families*
 Speedy rec. of Ann Marie Briuglio White*

Sunday, July 7, 2019—8:00 AM—Dorris Sylvester

Sunday, July 7, 2019—10:00 AM—Stephen J. Laizer, Jr.
 Stephen J. Laizer III, Thelma Laizer, Edward & Estelle Laizer
 Janet Brignac, Aimeé Perrault, Gregory Brunet, Doris Staples
 Emma Lou Richardson Huck, Virgie Brennan, Judge Pat Schott
 Karen G Crawford, Adrienne Miller, Dr John Daly, Bert Leaveau
 Dr. Lawrence Bole, Jerrie Leaveau, Anna Mae Robertson
 John Glancey, Beverly Hebert, Judge Thomas Early, A.T. Mora
 Bonnie Murray, Milton Lagasse, Kelly Harper Miller
 Randle Vuillet, Shirley Carlone, Fr. Robert T. Cooper*
 Betty Paul*, Birthday Intentions of Kathy Boyd*
 Speedy recovery of Ann Marie Briuglio White*

Sunday, July 7, 2019—12:00 Noon

Lester and Therese Steckler
 Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, July 7, 2019—6:00PM

Sean Patrick Griffin

Monday, July 8, 2019

6:30 AM—Rosemary Longo Tusa

8:00 AM—Kelly Harper Miller

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

6:30 AM—Intentions of Miriam Ducruet

8:00AM—Anniversary of Mel and Gasper Schiro*

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

6:30 AM—Intentions of Miriam Ducruet

8:00 AM—Randy Gervais

Thursday, July 11, 2019

6:30 AM—Teresa Mire Kropp

8:00 AM—Speedy recovery of Delo Colomes

Friday, July 12, 2019

6:30 AM—Michael D Briuglio & Ann Marie Briuglio White*

8:00 AM—Birthday Intentions of Lolita M Wegmann*

Saturday, July 13, 2019

8:00 AM—Albert Lynch Leonhard

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PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

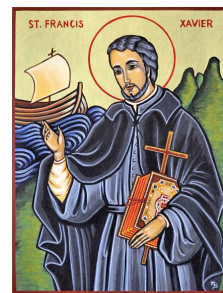
Ann Marie Briuglio White, Kaylin, Barbara Johnson, Arghiro Kleamenakis, Mary Guidry, L.P.T., Toni Edwards Sherron Smith, Michael Harrison, Patti, Rose Marie Pontiff, Anna Smith, Maria, Amanda Beal, Michelle Guidry, Joyce Catchot {To be on our Parish Prayer List, call our church office at (834-0340).}

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

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

ADORATION CHAPEL ADORERS NEEDED

The Adoration Chapel needs **permanent adorers** for: Mon. 2AM; Tues. 2AM & 11PM; Wed. 2 AM; Thurs. 8AM; Sat. 12N & 2PM. Call Dottie Watson at 339-4298.



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