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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, NOVEMBER 24, 2019
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
The Kingship of Jesus Lk. 23:35-43



As Jesus was crucified on the cross alongside two thieves, one thief mocked Jesus for His claim to divine kingship. The other recognized that Jesus was truly God's Anointed King and Savior. He petitioned Jesus to treat him with mercy and pardon. Jesus granted him not only forgiveness but a place with Him in His everlasting kingdom.

Jesus died not only as King of the Jews but as King of all nations. His victory over sin was accomplished through his atoning death on the cross and his resurrection on the third day. He exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin.

If we follow Jesus and entrust our lives to Him, He will open our eyes to the light of His truth. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, He will guide us along the path which leads to heaven. On the contrary, if we follow Satan and oppose Jesus, our sin, pride and deception will lead us down a path of destruction, death and separation. We will lose our life, freedom and friendship with God.

Which kingdom will we serve today, tomorrow and for all eternity? We know that this present world will pass away, but God's kingdom endures forever. If we accept Jesus Christ as our King and submit ourselves to His rule, we will inherit everlasting life.

"Lord Jesus Christ, you are our King and there is no other. Be the Lord and Master of our heart, mind, body, and soul. May we always seek to do your will and to serve your kingdom above all else."

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 24 thru 30

Sun: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tues: Dn 2:31-45; (Ps) Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3:62-67;
 Lk 21:12-19

Thurs: Dn 6:12-28; (Ps) Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

Fri: Dn 7:2-14; (Ps) Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Happy Thanksgiving, and December Things

We Give Thanks. On Thursday, our nation will celebrate Thanksgiving, a day to thank God for all the many blessings we experience as a nation. As I mentioned last year, before my family eats on Thanksgiving Day, we gather in a circle with joined hands and offer up prayers of gratitude to God: for family, friends, faith, food, freedom, provision and health. After that, we pray grace. I hope your family finds a way to keep the religious spirit of the holiday as we celebrate Thanksgiving this year. And a reminder: we will have Thanksgiving Day Masses at St. Francis at 6:30 am and 8:00 am. Feel free to bring bread and wine for blessing and use at your family meal. Happy Thanksgiving to all from me, Fr. Thien, our Deacons and our Parish and School Staff.

December Happenings. December has a full slate of spiritual, pastoral and social activities to help prepare for and celebrate the glorious birth of Jesus. These include:

Advent Celebrations. On the first weekend of Advent, November 30-December 1, we will distribute Advent Prayer Books, Calendars and Wreaths. We will have an Advent Morning of Prayer and Spiritual Enrichment presented in Church by Jan and Lloyd Tate on Saturday, December 14, from 8:30 am to 12 noon on the theme, "Advent Peace amidst the Christmas Storm." We will be collecting Christmas gifts for our Giving Tree during Advent and preparing Christmas baskets to be distributed to the needy in our area.

Pre-Christmas Events. On Saturday, December 7, we will have the 2nd Annual Old Metairie Christmas Market with over 80 vendors in the school, school yard and St. Joseph Hall. On Friday, December 13, the Children's Choir will perform a Christmas Concert in Church at 6:30 pm. This will be followed by the Lighting and Blessing of our new Nativity Set and Outdoor Christmas Tree, with caroling and refreshments to follow. On Tuesday, December 17, we will have the St. Francis Xavier Christmas Home Tour. Seven Old Metairie Homes will be on the tour, including the rectory. Tickets for the tour are \$35. On December 20, the school children will perform the Christmas Nativity Play in church. Throughout December, school and parish ministries will have Pre-Christmas parties to add to the festivity of the season. And on Sunday, December 22, at 7 pm, we will decorate the Church for Christmas. It is an enormous task. All hands-on deck!

December is going to be a blessed and joyous month at St. Francis Xavier Parish.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**Every Thursday**

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

Saturday/Sunday, November 23/24

- Christmas giving tree ornaments available in church
- Special Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Sunday, November 24

- RCIA Session, 11-12:30 PM, Old Rectory
- PSR Classes, 4:15-5:45PM, begins in School Cafeteria

Tuesday, November 26

- DOI Meeting in St. Joseph Hall at 7PM
- KC Officer Meeting in Parish Center at 7PM

Thursday, November 28

- Happy Thanksgiving! Masses are at 6:30 & 8 AM.

Monday –Friday, November 25-29

No SFX School for Thanksgiving Holidays

Saturday/Sunday, November 30/December 1

Distribution of Advent Reflection Books and Children's Advent Calendars at all Masses.

Sunday, December 1

Rombouts Awards and Reception at 10AM Mass

NOTE: The Adoration Chapel will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holidays from Wed, Nov. 27 at 5PM to Mon, Dec. 2 at 7AM. The Parish Office will be closed from Tues, Nov. 26, at 4PM to Mon Dec. 2 at 8AM.

THANKSGIVING BLESSING

Lord, we ask Your blessing on the turkey and the dressing, on the yams and cranberry jelly, and the things we bought from the deli. Bless the pumpkin pie and tea; bless each and every calorie. Let us enjoy Thanksgiving dinner; tomorrow we can get thinner. For all thy help along the way, we're thankful this Thanksgiving Day. We are thankful for all our dear ones, for all the far way and near ones. Although we may be far apart, we are together in the heart. Keep us in thy loving care; this is our thanksgiving prayer. Amen.

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORTING, NOV 09/10**

WEEKLY OFFERING	\$8,994.00
OTHER (Faith Direct pro rata)	\$2,850.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,688.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,532.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$20,395.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$6,863.00)
DEACON ED'S FOOD BANK	\$2,734.00
THANKSGIVING MEALS	\$592.00

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is this weekend. This is the bishops' collection which addresses the root causes of poverty. Thank you for your continued support. Contact Kevin Fitzpatrick at 592-5692 or kfitzpatrick@ccanho.org for info.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIVING TREE

The Daughters of Isabella are coordinating the Christmas Angel Giving Tree. If you took a paper angel from the tree, buy and wrap the requested gift with the paper angel attached, and return it no later than next

Sunday, December 1 in Church. Contact

Christine, joanofarc1405@gmail.com with any questions.

ADVENT WREATH PICK-UP

If you ordered an Advent Wreath from the Daughters of Isabella in October, the wreaths will be available for pick up in St. Joseph Hall on Saturday, Nov 30, and Sunday, Dec 1, from 10AM-2PM, or contact Christine, joanofarc1405@gmail.com.

COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE

The KCs will have their annual Coats for Kids Drive from December 2-6. Coat donations will be taken in the school car pool line from 7am to 8am. Also, there will be a box in the back of church beginning on Saturday, Nov. 30.

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BASKETS AND DINNERS

St. Vincent de Paul and Deacon Ed's Helping Hand Ministry will provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and dinners for the poor of our parish and community. You can buy a dinner for a family for \$50 and/or donate canned goods for the baskets. If you wish to buy a dinner, make the check out to SFX indicating Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and either put it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Center. Canned goods can be brought to the church or Parish Center.

**2ND ANNUAL OLD METAIRIE CHRISTMAS MARKET—DECEMBER 7**

SFX Home and School will host the Old Metairie Christmas Market on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. There will be over 80 vendors in the school, schoolyard and St. Joseph Hall. Concessions will be sold. Contact Brigitte at brigitte.b.starr@gmail.com or 432-0601. Come out and shop for your Christmas gifts.

SFX CHRISTMAS CONCERT, NATIVITY BLESSING & TREE LIGHTING—FRI, DEC 13

We will have our annual Christmas Concert by the SFX School Choir in Church on Friday, December 13, at 6:30PM. This will be followed by the blessing of our new outdoor Nativity Set and outdoor Christmas Tree. There will be caroling and refreshments will be provided by the Men's Club. Parishioners, School Families and the Public are invited to come out for an evening of Good Cheer in preparation for the Season of Christmas.

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**Tuesday
December 3**

The Thanksgiving holidays bring with them Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday.

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year is Giving Tuesday, a day to thank God for blessings bestowed upon us during the year and to look within ourselves to see how we can best use our talent and treasure to help others. This year, St. Francis Xavier is building upon that feeling of generosity and compassion by asking parishioners to make a one-time donation to St. Francis Church or School through either Faith Direct or iGiveCatholic.

On Tuesday, December 3, please consider donating to St. Francis through *faith.direct/LA422* or *iGiveCatholic*. Click onto St. Francis Xavier Church or School under the Archdiocese of New Orleans. If you prefer, you can call the parish office at 834-0340 or drop by the office to make a donation by check or credit card. *Online giving starts on Monday, November 18.*

Your gifts and your participation in Giving Tuesday will be a great blessing for us as we try to “catch up” on our finances before the end of the calendar year.

May God bless you richly, Fr. Joe

Advent Morning of Reflection **Saturday, December 14, 8AM — 12 Noon** **St. Francis Xavier Church**



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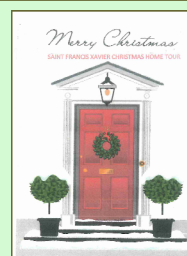
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FOR NOVEMBER 23 & 24**

Saturday, 11/23—4:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo **Homilist:** Dcn. V. M. Wheeler
EM: Vita DiMaggio, Julie Holmes, Betty Miles
Cheer: Chee O'Conner, Dcn. V. M. Wheeler **Reader:** Frank Sunseri

Sunday, 11/24—8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen **Homilist:** Dcn. Robert Normand
EM: Diane Killeen, Dcn. Robert Normand, Gail Siciliano
 Jack Siciliano, Frances Dee Tarantino **Reader:** Charlene Peterson

Sunday, 11/24—10:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen **Homilist:** Dcn. Robert Normand
EM: Joann Miller, Bob Menard, Dcn. Robert Normand
 Chuck Taylor, Rita Taylor **Reader:** Dufour Bayle

Sunday, 11/24—12:00 Noon

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo **Homilist:** Dcn. V. M. Wheeler
EM: Peggy Kleinschmidt, Ann Rhodenhiser, Doug Robicheaux
 Norris Robicheaux, Dcn. V. M. Wheeler **Reader:** Rick Redmann

Sunday, 11/24—6:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo **Homilist:** Dcn. Robert Normand
EM: Cynthia Graham, Michael Graham, Raymond Massett
 Dcn. Robert Normand, Marie Puglia **Reader:** Billy Dantagnan

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the sanctuary lamp will burn **In Memory of Odessa and Milton Bernos**. If you would like to schedule a week, call at 834-0340. The cost is \$10. Open dates for 2020 first quarter: Mar 8, 15, 29, Apr 12, 26. Call office for other dates in 2020.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar this week are **In Memory of All Deceased Listed in the Parish Book of Life**. No flowers on the altar during Advent; Poinsettias will decorate the altar during Christmas. To purchase flowers for a weekend in 2020, call 834-0340. The cost is \$90.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Ann Marie B. White, Kaylin, Barbara Johnson, Beverly Brickman Arghiro Kleamenakis, Mary Guidry, L.P.T., Toni Edwards Sherron Smith, Michael Harrison, Patti, Rose Marie Pontiff, Anna Smith, Maria, Amanda Beal, Michelle Guidry, Donna Pizanie, Janie Smith Lance Peytavin, Stephen Andrew Losee, Sr. Janet Dohr, Marie Louise Sylvester {Call 834-0340 for Prayer List.}

PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

The Hurricane Season ends on November 30. Let us Pray: "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."

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

This week the Vocation Chalice will be at the home of **Jane and Bill Blessey**. Please join them in praying for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and permanent diaconate. Call 834-0340 to have the chalice in your home for one week.

ADORATION CHAPEL ADORERS NEEDED

The adoration chapel needs permanent adorers for: Sunday 5AM; Tuesday 2AM(once/mo.), 11PM; Wednesday 2AM(once/mo.); Friday 4AM, 2PM & 7PM; Saturday 1PM. We also need subs for all hours. Call Dottie Watson at 339-4298.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 23, 2019—4:00 PM

Mr. & Mrs. C L Phillips Jr., Raymond Bailey, Sr.
 Raymond Bailey Jr, Mary Ellen Rooney, Jack Culotta
 Elizabeth Rooney Fitzwilliam, Esmond De Vun, Sr.
 Frances Ferran, Judge Pat Schott, Patrick Tony Tesson, Jr.
 Louis Gilbert Lafleur, Susan Hardeman, Isabel McCay*
 Speedy recovery of Ann Marie Briuglio White*

Sunday, November 24, 2019—8:00 AM

Christopher Briede

Sunday, November 24, 2019—10:00 AM

Stephen J. Laizer, Jr., Stephen J. Laizer III
 Thelma Laizer, Edward & Estelle Laizer, Janet Brignac
 Aimee Perrault, Gregory Brunet, Doris Staples
 Bonnie Murray, Bert Leveau, Jerrie Leveau
 Judge Pat Schott, Marjorie Bradley, John Egle
 Melva Cook Helwig, Virgie Brennan, Randle Vuillet
 Sonia Normand, Dr. Lawrence Bole, Darnell Pradat
 Jean Toups Krake, William Holmes, Bertha Scharfenstein
 Timothy John McDow, Charlotte Kirsch Jimmy Gaudet,
 Dr. John Daly, Christopher Vanderbrook
 Amanda Wagner Waring, Dr and Mrs. Anthony Failla
 Karen Boudrie*, Isabel McCay*

Speedy recovery of Ann Marie Briuglio White*

Sunday, November 24, 2019—12:00 Noon

Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, November 24, 2019—6:00PM

Sean Patrick Griffin

Monday, November 25, 2019

6:30 AM—Frank D'Antoni

8:00 AM—Charlotte Lamar

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

6:30 AM—Isabel McCay*

8:00 AM—Leon Reymond, Sr.

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

6:30 AM—Isabel McCay*

8:00 AM—Ann Marie Briuglio White*

Thursday, November 28, 2019

6:30 AM—Isabel McCay*

8:00 AM—Dr. John Daly

Friday, November 29, 2019

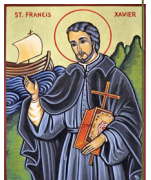
6:30 AM—Isabel McCay*

8:00 AM—Charlotte Lamar

Saturday, November 30, 2019

8:00 AM—Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

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MONTHLY PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

November 24—Rev. Joseph Thang Tran

November 25—Rev. Dan Darmanin

November 26—Rev. Stephen Kramer, S.J.

November 27—Very Rev. James Wehner, S.T.D.

November 28—Rev. George Hanna, S.D.B.

November 29—Rev. Jude Israel, O.S.B.

November 30—Rev. Michael Jung, O.S.B.

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