

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH



What is a church?

A church is a religious building where the faithful gather. It comes from a Greek word meaning "assembly".

Layout of the church

Often, it has the shape of a cross with the transept (horizontal bar) and the nave (vertical bar). This reminds us of how Jesus died to redeem us from sin.

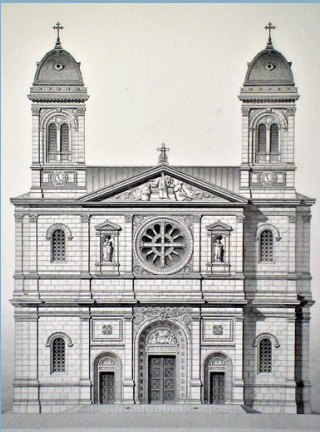
What can be found inside?

There are several elements found in all churches:

- The baptistry: This is the basin that contains the water used to baptize new Christians is kept.
- The altar: This is where the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples is commemorated, and where the priest consecrates the hosts and the wine.
- The ambo: This is where the Word of God is proclaimed from.
- The tabernacle: This is a small closed box where the already consecrated hosts are kept. If there is a small red light, it indicates that the tabernacle is in use.

What do I do when entering a church?

You are always welcome in a church! You can take a few moments to sit down and look around. And why not take a few moments to think about what brought you in... to think about your life at this moment... perhaps to say a prayer to God...



to think about your life right now, to perhaps send a prayer to God...

"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations!"
Isaiah 56:7

Come and see!



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