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### **St. Joseph Altar on Display at Xavier University of Louisiana March 19**

New Orleans LA - Xavier University of Louisiana will display its annual St. Joseph Altar Monday, March 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Atrium of the Blanche Francis Music Building Atrium, 1 Drexel Drive.

Viewing of the Altar is free and open to the public.

Special events during the day include a blessing of the Altar at 12:45 p.m. by Xavier Chaplain Fr. Etido Jerome, S.S.J., followed by a short presentation by Institute for Black Catholic Studies, Interim Director, Sister Eva Marie Lumas, SSS, D.Min.

Xavier's University Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. John Ware, will also perform, presenting a musical tribute to the Altar with special vocal solo and choral performances.

#### **About Xavier University of Louisiana**

XULA students *Leave Ready* to serve, lead, and care for their communities. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at [www.xula.edu](http://www.xula.edu) or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter @XULA1925. Take a moment to learn more about how Xavier is preparing students for the future at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jYZC8>.

Once again, Xavier University of Louisiana received national accolades as one of the best universities in the country. Most notably, XULA is ranked as the best value among southern regional colleges and universities in the 2018 edition of "Best Colleges" by the U.S. News Media Group. Xavier also ranked No.1 in its grouping, heading the list of only 15 schools that qualified for the Southern Region category listed under "Great Schools, Great Prices."

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