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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM
SUNDAY:	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
TUESDAY:	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA~ 5:00 PM
WED ~ THURS:	6:30 AM IN CONVENT
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS CELEBRATED ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH (NO BAPTISM DURING LENT). BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS IS HELD ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE BAPTISM AT 6PM. THIS CLASS IS MANDATORY. PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE CLASS THROUGH THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE OR THE PARISH OFFICE.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS CELEBRATED ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

MARRIAGE LAW OF THE DIOCESE REQUIRES A SIX MONTH PREPARATION PERIOD BEFORE MARRIAGE.

COUPLES MUST ATTEND A PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR. IN THIS DIOCESE THERE ARE NO EVENING WEDDINGS ON SATURDAY IT IS NECESSARY TO SEE THE PRIEST BEFORE SETTING A DATE.

CARE OF THE SICK: PLEASE CALL THE PRIEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND /OR HOSPITAL VISITATION. IF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS CRITICALLY NEEDED, PLEASE CALL REV. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER NUMBER LISTED ABOVE OR THE CHAPLAINCY OFFICE AT THE HOSPITAL.

FUNERALS: PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE SETTING A DATE AND A TIME FOR A FUNERAL.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE EVERY SUNDAY FROM 9:30AM TO 10:30AM.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) CLASSES ON SUNDAY FROM 9:30A.M. TO 10:45A.M. PLEASE CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE AT 225.343.3075

Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, LA

Welcome: You enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and your coming in.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time, Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this.

In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the “purification” of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, re-enacting Mary and Joseph’s journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar. Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon’s prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, chrismate (confirm), and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading - They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm - Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading - Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel - I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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Elaine Johnson	Whitney Robiho	Elouise Noel
Linda Gills-Beshears	Dr. Melvin Jones	Cora Scott-Green
Mary Johnson	Bridget Taylor	Betty Dupas

Mass Intentions for August 13 - 16, 2022

Saturday	5pm	Shelvia Stewart <i>By: Patricia & Joyce Toles</i>
Sunday	8am	William “Tex” Turner <i>By: Wife & Kids</i>
	11am	Fulton Toaston <i>By: Contemporary Choir</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Gary W. Darenbourg <i>By: Cheryl Ann Darenbourg</i>



Through trials and tribulations, by God's grace, we triumph!

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Starting October 25, the deadline for bulletin entries will be due on Fridays by 12 noon.
 Please consider admission at least a week prior to the date of the announcement, when possible.

St. Francis Xavier Auxiliary Ct. #12
 Raffle of Saints Pre-Season Tickets
 2 chances to win and tickets are \$8
 See members of the Ladies Auxiliary to purchase.
 Drawing will be held on August 21, 2022

SFX Women's Retreat
Christ's Love: The way he moves me

Saturday, August 20, 2022
 9am - 1pm
 Presented by: Fr. Charles F. Smith, SVD
 Live via: Zoom

Look back and thank God, look forward and trust God!

Bowman-Francis Ministry
 For more information go to: www.bowmanfrancis.org

August 14, 2022 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
PROPHETS

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday's readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God's purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?
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The Office of Black Catholics
 Is sponsoring an
 African American Mass on August 20 at 10am
 St. Joseph Cathedral, Baton Rouge, LA

Most Rev. Bishop Michael Duca, Celebrant
Rev. Joshua Johnson, Pastor of Sacred Heart, Homilist

The theme will be
"Celebrating our Catholic Faith & Culture"

This is a celebration to help all realize that the Catholic Church is a homeland for people of all cultural and ethnic traditions. It is a Church of many different faces. Come and celebrate with us as we share our gifts and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Music will be provided by the Diocesan Gospel Choir

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 O God, who have prepared for those who love you
 good things which no eye can see,
 fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,
 so that, loving you in all things and above all things,
 we may attain your promises,
 which surpass every human desire.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

The Junior Daughters Ct# 12 (Little Flowers) are still collection "Pull Tabs". If you have any please leave them at the back of the church.



Stewardship - August 7, 2022
Regular Collection
\$8,194
Parish Needs
\$1002
Flowers
\$30



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