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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.

PSR News

27 Class - 1st Sunday of Advent

Thanks to the volunteers that made our **Advent Workshop** for the kids, educational, fun, fruitful, and memorable. Thanks to all who contributed to our annual **Red Beans and Rice** fund raiser. It was delicious and successful. We give a special thanks to all who worked to make both these events possible and successful. Thanks all of you for your continued support of St. Francis Xavier Parish School of Religion.

Advent - Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. *USCCB*

Jeremiah and Lamentations continued:

Jeremiah knew from the beginning that his vocation as prophet was a tough one. His assignment would pit him against the whole nation of Judah from the king, princes and priests down to the people in the streets of the city. Nonetheless, he felt a clear calling from God to do this difficult work, and he trusted God to lead him through it.

Jeremiah spent forty years delivering God's messages to Judah. His early messages focused on condemning false worship and social injustice, with calls to repentance. He proclaimed a coming foe, and after the reforms under Josiah, he urged the people to adhere to the covenant (Jeremiah 11). He continually urged focusing on the inner spirit and right actions rather than external religious practice.

Early in Jehoiakim's reign, Jeremiah delivered his "Temple sermon" (Jeremiah 7:1-15, 26:1-24), denouncing the people for depending on the Temple for security instead of actually turning to God with their hearts. He predicted that God would destroy the Temple if the people didn't repent. For this, he was arrested. Jeremiah continually denounced Jehoiakim for his selfishness, materialism, and injustice.

Jeremiah also delivered many prophecies/oracles, including ones against other nations such as Egypt. However, his special predictions of desolation were always for Judah. When Jehoiakim withheld tribute from the Babylonians, Jeremiah warned that Judah would be destroyed by Babylon (modern day Iraq). Many died in a siege of Jerusalem, and more were carried off to Babylon in 597.

The Babylonians placed Zedekiah on the throne of Judah. During this time, Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylon, telling them they would not be returning to their homeland anytime soon. Instead, he passed along a message from the Lord telling them to settle in Babylon. This was a captivity for the long haul.

Jeremiah was known for his dramatic object lessons. For example, when emissaries from surrounding nations came to Judah asking the nation to join a rebellion against Babylon, Jeremiah put a yoke on his neck and went about urging the nations to submit to the yoke of Babylon and live (Jeremiah 27:2-11). At the height of the Babylonian siege, on orders from God, Jeremiah bought land in the city of Jerusalem to show that the Jews would one day return (Jeremiah 32:6-25).

Jeremiah preached a lot of doom and punishment. However, his message was ultimately one of repentance and restoration. God was quick to remind his people that although there would be consequences for their sin, He still had a plan. "I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again, you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful" (Jeremiah 31:4). *biblestudytools.com*

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Linda Gills-Beshears	Bridget Taylor	Cora Scott-Green
Mary Johnson		Betty Dupas

Mass Intentions for Nov 19 - 22, 2022

Saturday	5pm	Ceola Marcelle <i>By: Weesie</i>
Sunday	8am	Zula Comeaux <i>By: Catherine Veazie</i>
	11am	Marcus Monette <i>By: Contemporary Choir</i>
Tuesday	5pm	People of the Parish



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

3 Ways to Give
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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All online methods are safe and secured. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

**The Spring Lenten Fish Fry
 is moving to the Fall and Winter!**

December 2nd.....First Friday Fish Fry

First FRY Day Menu includes: Fish, Spaghetti and Cheese, potato salad, peas, bread, and cake
 Time: 10am until sold out
 Call-in orders: 9am until
 Delivery available for 10 or more orders
 Donation: \$13.00

Mark your calendars for the next **First FRY Day Fish Fry:**
 January 6th

Additional flyers are on the back table to pass along to others and please post on your social media.

We welcome monetary donations.

Join us for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
When: Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm
Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
1120 Myrtle Street

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.

The 18th annual Sock it to Me! Sock Drive presented by Baton Rouge Parents Magazine is here. The Sock it to Me! Sock Drive is an affordable and convenient way to touch the lives of children and adults in our community. The 2022 sock drive will begin in October and continue through December.

HomeStart

Early Childhood Education & Technology Project
 For children 16 to 28 months old who are not in Day Care or Head Start
 Free books, educational toys and more for EBRP Housing Authority Communities and families with children receiving SNAP or Medicaid
 Register now!
 For more information call 225.928.8484

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Last Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Almighty ever-living God,
 whose will is to restore all things
 in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
 grant, we pray,
 that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
 may render your majesty service
 and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
 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.

Stewardship - November 13, 2022



Regular Collection
\$6,884
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\$138



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