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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 CHIFFRELLER 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

**December 2022**

**18 Class - 4th Sunday of Advent**

### **The Prophet Daniel**

The prophet Daniel is one of four Major Prophets in Hebrew Scripture, along with Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. The Book of Daniel is followed by the Prophet Hosea, the first of the Prophets in the Book of the Twelve. Daniel in the Lions' Den is a favorite Bible story for children. In addition, the captivating prophecy, imagery, and symbolism make the Book of Daniel one of the most read of Hebrew Scripture, our Old Testament of the Bible.

The Book takes its name from the hero, Daniel a young Jewish prophet who lived in Babylon, one of the first exiles from Jerusalem during the Babylonian Captivity (Daniel 1:1-7). The prophet Ezekiel, who wrote his prophecy in Babylon about the same time, mentioned three Biblical figures in a row as men of righteousness, Noah, Daniel, and Job (Ezekiel 14:14 and 14:20). Jesus Christ referred to Daniel the Prophet (Matthew 24:15).

Themes in the Book of Daniel include heroism, remaining true to God in the midst of an adverse and idolatrous culture, and God's protection of his faithful ones through his Angels. Chapters 1-6 refer to the trials of Daniel and his three young companions, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, during the time of the great Kings of the East. Their names, all of which reflect the name of God, are changed to names referring to Babylonian idols. Daniel and the three young men stay faithful to God throughout the book through Prayer (2:19-23, 3:24-25, 6:11-12, 9:3-4, 9:16-20). Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are saved from the fiery furnace by "one like a Son of God" in Chapter 3. Chapter 6 describes Daniel in the Lions' Den, where an angel saved Daniel by shutting the mouths of the lions. Chapters 7-12 first reveal the angels Gabriel (8:16) and Michael (10:13) in the apocalyptic visions. Daniel 12:2 is one of the rare passages in Hebrew Scripture that refers to the Resurrection of the Dead. Chapters 13-14 relate the beautiful story of the heroine Susanna and mention the prophet Habakkuk in the vignette on Bel and the Dragon.

Jesus Christ, in announcing the Kingdom of God is at hand in Mark 1:15, fulfills the prophecy in Daniel 2:44-45. He calls himself the Son of Man in all four Gospels and the Book of Revelation (1:13 and 14:14), reminding us that he fulfills the destiny of the Messianic figure in Daniel 7:13. The striking prophecy of the Anointed One in Daniel 9:24-26 is accomplished in Jesus the Christ (Matthew 1:16, 16:16) or Messiah (John 1:41, 4:25).

The Book of Daniel serves as the major apocalyptic Book of the Old Testament, as Chapters 7-12 foretell the End Times. The prophecy of Daniel 12:1 speaks of a time of great "distress" unsurpassed in history, when Michael will arise. This period is called the Great Tribulation by Jesus in Matthew 24:21 and is further referenced in Revelation 7:14. The great nations of the world have risen against the Lord; but God will protect His people and His Kingdom shall prevail and last forever.

Chapters 1 to 2:3 and Chapters 8 through 12 were written in Hebrew; Chapters 2:4 through 7:28 - nearly half of the Book of Daniel - were written in Aramaic; and three passages were written in Greek. Of interest, the Divine name Yahweh to describe the LORD appears only in Chapter 9 (examples: verses 9:4, 9:20) in the Prayer of Daniel "to the LORD my God" *biblescripture.net*

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### **PRAY FOR US**

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Frazier Jordan	Lorraine Perry	Joyce Decuir
Elizabeth Whitfield	Martha Proctor	John Ristic
Zelda Bates	Maria Rice	Betty Camble
Elaine Johnson	Whitney Robiho	Elouise Noel
Linda Gills-Beshears	Bridget Taylor	Cora Scott-Green
Mary Johnson		Betty Dupas

### **Mass Intentions for December 17 - 20, 2022**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Yvonne Obi</b> <i>By: The White Family</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Marcus Monet</b> <i>By: Contemporary Choir</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Ceola Marcelle</b> <i>By: Weesie</i>



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

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*St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church*

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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.

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

January 6th.....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 PRAYING THE ROSARY**  
EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7PM  
 Just dial **1 720 7409653**  
 And enter access code **5217381#**

**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.

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve Mass - 5pm (12/24/22)**

**Midnight Mass - 12am (12/25/22)**

**Christmas Mass - 9am (12/25/22)**

**GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US**

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.  
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**Stewardship - December 2022**



**WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK**



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