

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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### MASS SCHEDULE:

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

**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

**Feb 2023**

- 19 No Class
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 25 **Altar Servers Meeting** – Altar Servers will meet in the Church at 10:00 am till Noon.

### Dr. Leo S. Butler

Dr. Leo Stanley Butler was born August 12, 1899, in Burtville, a small community just south of Baton Rouge. He graduated from Baton Rouge Colored School in 1918. He was the first male to receive a diploma from what became McKinley. He completed both undergraduate and medical studies at Howard University in Washington D.C. In 1926 he began a lifelong practice of medicine and community service. He was Dr. Leo Butler (1899-1978) Known as the “Dean of Black Physicians.” He was named “General Practitioner of the Year” by the National Medical Association in 1962. Both the East Baton Rouge Medical Society and the East Baton Rouge Medical Association honored him for outstanding community service. For years, Dr. Butler gave countless hours of his time and talents to the Blundon Home. He later served as Chairman of the Board. He served as director of student health services for years at Southern University. He was deeply involved in the Civil Rights Movement in Baton Rouge.

### Obadiah

The book of Obadiah is a book of Prophetic Oracles. The prophet Obadiah wrote it. Its authorship is difficult to date but was possibly written about 853-841 B.C. or 605-586 B.C. The key personalities are the Edomites. The purpose of Obadiah is to show that God will judge all those who are against His children, His chosen people; Edom is used as the example of this truth.

Obadiah is only one chapter (*the shortest book in the Old Testament*) yet it tells of God’s prophet Obadiah as he announces God’s powerful and authoritative judgment on the nation of Edom. This is the fateful end of the nation of Edom. They had been in conflict with Israel since ancient times, in reality Edom is the descendants of Esau, Jacobs’s brother.

- In verses 1-9, Obadiah declares the wickedness of the Edomites and gives examples of their pride, “*In the loftiness of your dwelling place, who say in your heart, ‘Who will bring me down to earth?’ He proclaims God’s judgment on Edom, ‘Will I not on that day,’ declares the LORD, ‘Destroy wise men from Edom and understanding from the mountain of Esau?’*” (vs 8).
- Verses 10-14 tell of the transgressions and offenses of Edom. Implying that they should have acted like a brother who would stand for them, since they descended from the brothers, Jacob and Esau. “Because of violence to your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame, and you will be cut off forever” (vs. 10).  
In verses 15-21, we read about the victory of Israel in the end, “*Esau’s house will be as stubble*” and “The house of Jacob will be *afire*” (vs. 18). Edom was utterly nonexistent by the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D. [biblehub.com](http://biblehub.com)

Next Issue: The Prophet Joel

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### Mass Intentions for February 18 – 21, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Shelvia Stewart</b> <i>By: Betty Camble &amp; Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Stephen Okboke</b> <i>By: Pat Ejigeri</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Ceola Marcelle</b> <i>By: 4 Daughters</i>

### PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr. Frazier Jordan Elizabeth Whitfield Zelda Bates Elaine Johnson Linda Gills-Beshears Mary Johnson	John Paul Moore Loraine Perry Martha Proctor Maria Rice Whitney Robiho Bridget Taylor Chavon D. White Phyllis White	Catherine Murray Joyce Decuir John Ristic Betty Camble Elouise Noel Cora Scott-Green Betty Dupas
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***Through trials and tribulations, by God's grace, we triumph!***

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*St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church*

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 Mail: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1120 Myrtle Walk Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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.

**Save the Date**

The Tri-Parish Revival will be on March 6th, 7th, 8th at 6pm. The Revivalist is Father John Judy, a priest of the Diocese of Louisville, Kentucky. The first night will be at St. Paul, the second night here at S.F.X. and the third night will be at Immaculate Conception.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**  
**9am & 6pm**

**Stations of the cross at 2pm on Fridays during Lent**

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

**Ashes**

There are three major Biblical traditions concerning ashes: repentance, mourning, and mortality, and they are interrelated. Repeatedly throughout the Bible we encounter the use of ashes (often together with sackcloth) as a penitential practice.

A similar practice is seen when someone is in mourning or distress. And ashes are a metaphor for human life, which is seen as brief and destined to end in death:

Ashes are the result of fire, the complete burning of something that was alive. They are ephemeral; the slightest puff of air can send them away into nothingness. It is easy to see how ashes came to symbolize fleeting human life or the humility of repentance.

Ashes can represent other things as well. For example, ashes are often used to fertilize our gardens and fields. Ash is therefore necessary to bring about and nourish life.

We can now begin to see how appropriate a symbol ashes are for the season of Lent. For Lent is not only a time of repentance, of sorrow for our sins. It is a baptismal season of preparation for the new life of our catechumens and of recalling the new life of our own baptism. We start Lent in ashes, and end it in Easter. What will the ashes mean to you this Lent?

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

**THE HEAVIEST LOAD**

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

**Peace begins with a smile!**

**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

**Stewardship - February 12, 2023**

**Regular Collection**  
**\$7,764.55**  
**Parish Needs**  
**\$513**  
**Flowers**  
**\$112**  
**Food Pantry**  
**\$900**



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