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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

May 2023

7 No Class - **First Communion – 5th Sunday of Easter!**

14 No Class – **Happy Mother’s Day! - 6th Sunday of Easter!**

21 Last Day of PSR – **Teacher Appreciation – Hand out Certificates – 7th Sunday of Easter – The Ascension of the Lord**

28 **Pentecost Sunday**

Please congratulate our First Communicants: **Lauren Bajoie, Analise Gradney, Zella St. Julien, Robert King, René Range, Grace Vinning, and Keegan Wilson.**

Why a Child’s First Holy Communion is a Big Deal by Whitney Hetzel

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love":

"The Eucharist is at the heart of 'Christian initiation', together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church’s life itself. From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness."

For children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, **it should always be a big deal.**

What makes it so special the first time is the same thing that makes it special every time!

Deacons in the Catholic Church

Deacons and the Church presents a popular narrative history of the Order of the Diaconate in the Catholic Church from its dawn on the biblical scene in the Acts of the Apostles through the “golden age” of deacons in the fifth century. With the emergence of the “cultic priesthood,” the diaconate as a unique and discrete member of the clergy declined into a transitional role—but never disappeared. The Second Vatican Council restored the Order of Deacon to a “full and permanent” membership in the clergy, along with priests and bishops. Now, 30,000 deacons serve the Church throughout the world and remain the fastest-growing clerical rank within the Latin Church.

Five Things We Learn From the Prophet Amos

God Calls and Commissions Ordinary Individuals

Nothing about Amos’ vocation as a shepherd and farmer would have marked him as one suited to carry the mantle of prophet. In fact, the resume of Amos leading up to his divine commission would have been remarkable only in how unremarkable it all looked on paper. And yet, in His sovereignty and grace, God chose a shepherd and farmer to be His prophet and mouthpiece to the nation. Amos is not the only example in Scripture where God used an ordinary individual and common laborer to do His work. What is important to remember, however, is that Amos was not called because of his qualifications. In His grace, God called Amos, Amos accepted the call, and God prepared Him for what was to come. In doing so, the ministry of Amos demonstrates how, as the apostle Paul would later write, “*God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong.*” (1 Corinthians 1:27). crosswalk.com

Next issue we continue with the 5 things we learn from the Prophet Amos and begin with the Prophet Micah

PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Frazier Jordan	Loraine 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
Phyllis White	Chavon D. White	Betty Dupas
Mary Elaine Bourgeois		Earl Bourgeois

Mass Intentions for May 6 – 9, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Mann Family <i>By: Undisclosed</i>
Sunday	8am	Lester & Ronnie Gauthier <i>By: Edward, Mary, Donna & Damian</i>
	11am	John L. Gradney, Sr. <i>By: Rose Gradney & Family</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Lillie Mae Posey <i>By: Fran</i>



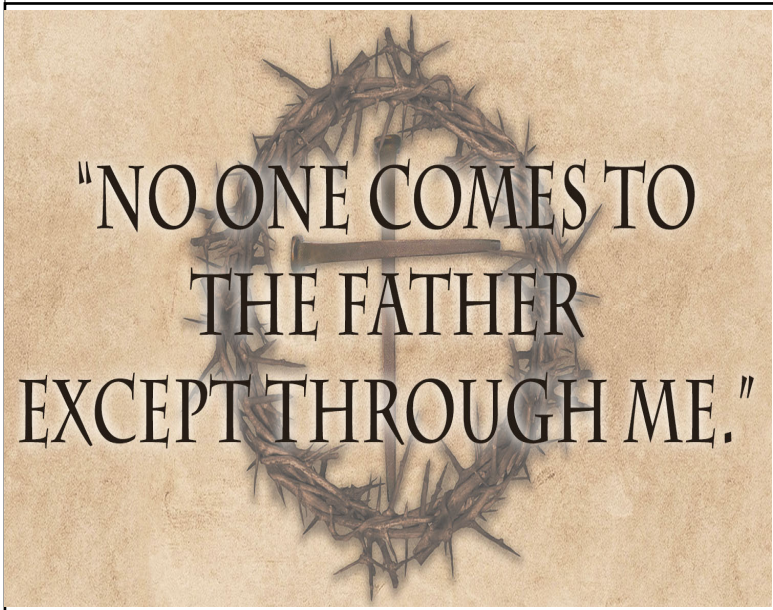
Through trials and tribulations, by God's grace, we triumph!

**3 Ways to Give
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**

*Online Giving: www.stfrancisxavier.org *Text the word "GIVE" to (225) 396-4347
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.



Weekday Masses
**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
at 9am**

KPC Ladies Auxiliary SFX Court 12
Would like to extend an invitation to join our Nobe Order.
Applications can be found in the rear of the church with contact numbers.

Delicious Spaghetti
Sunday, May 21, 2023
Immediately after each Mass
SFX Jr. Daughters Court 12 Fundraiser
\$10 Dinner Includes:
**Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Roll and
Cake**
\$1 Drinks

God protect me from anything that wasn't sent by you!

**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 **St. Francis Xavier Parish Council** would like to recognize all 2022-2023 graduates.
All levels from eighth grade through post-graduate will be recognized. If you are a graduate or the parent of a graduate, please sign-up by May 21, 2023.
Graduates will be recognized at the 11:00 mass on June 4, 2023.

Stewardship - April 30, 2023

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.



Regular Collection
\$6,141
Parish Needs
\$55
Building Fund
\$2242
School Support
\$313



JOIN US FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY
EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7PM
Just dial 1 720 7409653
And enter access code **5217381#**

Lord, I thank You for Your sacrifice on the cross and I thank You for Your resurrection from the tomb, and God, I pray that this truth becomes alive in every person's heart today, that people stand up and respond to Your truth, saying, 'Jesus, I thank You for what You did. God, I lay down my old self, I step into my new self—resurrect me today.'