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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

28 Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost a feast of the universal Church which commemorates the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ, on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks" or Pentecost (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). Whitsunday is so called from the white garments which were worn by those who were baptised during the vigil; Pentecost ("Pfungsten" in German), is the Greek for "the fiftieth" (day after Easter). newadvent.org

The Prophet Micha

Micah was a prophet in Judaism and is considered one of the Twelve Minor Prophets of the Hebrew Bible. He was from Moresheth-Gath, in southwest Judah. Micah was a contemporary of the prophets Isaiah, Amos and Hosea. He was a country preacher and the only prophet sent to both the Southern and Northern Kingdoms. Micah brought a message of judgement and restoration that would spur a revival in the land of Judah. He demanded justice for the poor and downtrodden and criticized greedy judges who made money from unjust bribes. The name Micah comes from the Hebrew word Micayehû, which means "who is like Jehovah?".

Micah's Message

Micah's message was essentially about "kingdom-of-God-living." Both Israel and Judah are condemned for violating the covenant standards of God's kingdom—for showing how God's people should not live. They were supposed to be a holy nation, a light to the Gentiles; instead, they chose to blend in with the surrounding darkness. Micah demanded justice for the poor and downtrodden and criticized greedy judges who made money from unjust bribes. He prophesied the future destruction of Jerusalem and Samaria, the destruction and then future restoration of the Judean state.

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Next issue we continue 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 E. Bourgeois	Mary L. Boutte	Earl Bourgeois

Mass Intentions for May 27– 30, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Dr. Melvin Jones <i>By: Mr. & Mrs. Leo Beauregard</i>
Sunday	8am	Jeff & Marie Corbin <i>By: Anniversary</i>
	11am	Deceased Family & Ancestors <i>By: Van Do</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Norma Duell & Gladys Lee <i>By: Bellard Family</i>



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

**3 Ways to Give
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.**

Pentecost and Captain America

In the movie, *Captain America*, Steve is a young man of strong character who wants to work for justice in the world, in spite of his evident lack of bulk and brawn. Steve has everything going for him except the physical strength to carry out his laudable ambitions.

His situation reminds me of the apostles before Pentecost, before the promised Holy Spirit descended upon them in the upper room as He did in today's First Reading. The apostles loved Jesus. Their intentions were golden. These earnest men had learned a great deal by being with Our Lord, and it was their desire to continue His life-saving mission. But they were too feeble.

In the case of the earliest Church leaders, it wasn't physical strength they needed, it was the courage, the love, and the power to do all that Jesus had commissioned them to do. Now, in the upper room, Christ keeps his last promise to his beloved friends and sends them the Holy Spirit. Similar to the way Steve was changed in mere moments through a scientific experiment into the buff and beautiful Captain America, the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and utterly transfigured. This historic moment wasn't just a radical turning point in the lives the apostles, it was the birth of the Church. Furthermore, ever since that moment, every human being has had the opportunity to share in God's Divine life through the Spirit. The power Pentecost unleashed on the world was tsunamic in the best way possible.

Again and again, the Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the action of the Holy Spirit: He animates all creation, awakens faith, enables communication with Christ, helps man grow in spiritual freedom, is the master and source of prayer, is the principal author of Scripture and so on. The Catechism also highlights the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1831), His fruits (1832), and His charisms (2003).

It is breathtaking to think that, at the moment of our baptisms, the third Person of the Trinity comes to dwell in us and bestows supernatural gifts upon us. If we cooperate with the movement of the Spirit in our lives and in our souls, we will receive whatever we need to grow in holiness and minister to those around us. He wants to empower us. The apostles, who desired the Holy Spirit, awaited Him eagerly, and responded wholeheartedly to His inspirations, are models for us to imitate.

The kind of decision that the character of Steve in *Captain America* had to make was one that faces all of us in the spiritual realm. Are we content to be spiritually puny, reticent to tap into Divine power? Or are we ready to take our good intentions and our knowledge of Christ to the next level, out of love of God and neighbor, by allowing the Holy Spirit to even more radically transform us? The world awaits our answer.

**Mark Your Calendars June 10th & 11th
for the return of
Father Henry Ihuoma, SSJ**

**The former Deacon Henry will be performing all
3 masses that weekend!**

**Please make arrangements to be in attendance to
show our support!**

HELP NEEDED BY WELLNESS MINISTRY

The Wellness Ministry is in need of someone with knowledge of publisher software such as Canva, Microsoft Publisher, etc. for our quarterly newsletter. If you can assist us, please contact Jonalyn Nunnery at 225 266-3263.

Delicious Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Immediately after each Mass

SFX Jr. Daughters Court 12 Fundraiser

\$10 Dinner Includes:

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad,

Roll and Cake

\$1 Drinks

Stewardship - May 21, 2023

Regular Collection

\$8,380

Parish Needs

\$133

Building Fund

\$1272

School Support

\$45



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