

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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

**June 18, 2023, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Happy Father's Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen. - *Author Unknown*

### Admonitions of Micah

The prophet enters into an argument with his people, in which he describes God's great deeds for Israel, but Israel's neglect of Him. These are God's words, coming through his lips:

"My people, what I have done unto thee? Testify against Me! Have I not brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery! And I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to lead you. Oh, My people, do but remember what Balak, the king of Moab, resolved, and what Balaam, the son of Beor, answered him, and what happened from Shittim unto Gilgal; in order that you may know the righteousness of God!"

What does God expect from Israel? God's demands are clear and simple: "He has told thee, man, what is good, and what God requires of thee: only to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God."

You can see the connection between this prophecy, which is the theme of the Haphtorah, and the Sidrahs Chukkath-Balak to which the Haphtorah is attached. Like Isaiah, Micah also proclaims Israel's final triumph among the nations of the world, when Messiah will come to deliver our people and rebuild the Beth-Hamikdosh. "Then shall every man sit under his vine and under his fig tree, with none to make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken. Though all the peoples walk each one in the name of his god, we shall walk in the name of God, our God, for ever and ever." *chabad.org*

The prophet Micah was a persistent thorn in the side of those whom he tried to bring back from the ways of the world. It is normally difficult to change someone who has no direction, nor specific goals in life, but who pretentiously has accepted the perils of the day as if it were God's will. It seems the people of Judah worshipped God without any intention to alter their manners of living.

Living in spiritual lukewarmness unaffected by any religious instruction, people did not practice discipline in daily readings, prayer or fasting. Such spiritual practices had become almost a historical rather than perpetual day-by-day discipline for Judah. Without the discernment of dedication and discipline in life, ruin and devastation would certainly be the outcome. That was what the prophet Micah's divinely inspired visions prophesied.

**Hermas (an Ante Nicene Father, c.130)**, teaches that discipline and training are a productive process,

"You do not know how to fast unto the Lord this useless fasting which you observe to Him is of no value' I say to you' he continued 'that the fasting you think you observe is not fasting but I will teach you what a full and acceptable fast is to the Lord...Do no evil in your life and serve the Lord with a pure heart. Keep His commandments, walking in His precepts, and let no evil desire arise in your heart. If you guard against these things your fasting will be perfect...Having fulfilled what is written on the day you have fasted you will take nothing but bread and water. Then reckon up the price of the meals for that day that you intended to have eaten and give that amount to a widow, an orphan, or some person in need."

Many Biblical scholars believe that St. Paul refers to this Ante Nicene Father, Hermas, "as a fellow worker in Christ Jesus" (Romans 16:14). <https://suscopts.org/>

## 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 June 17 – 20, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Fathers</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Fathers</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Fathers</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Norman J. Brown</b> <i>By: Sisters</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](http://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.

**Father's Day**

**"I ask that you have the grace to be very close to your children, letting them grow, but being by their side. They need you, your presence, to be there, your love!"  
-Pope Francis to Fathers**

With God, there is nothing you can't handle

**SFX CENTENNIAL COOKBOOKS  
MAKES A GREAT GIFT  
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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

**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.

**GOD BLESS  
our Fathers**

**Weekday Masses**

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

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.

**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*

**Stewardship - June 11, 2023**



**Regular Collection  
\$9,867.55  
Parish Needs  
\$160  
Building Fund  
\$1092**



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

## **Praise Those Fathers**

**Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.**

**Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.**

**Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.**

**Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.**

**Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.**

**Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.**

**Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.**

**Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.**

**Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.**

**Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.**

**And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.**