

# 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

### September 2023

03 PSR Registration – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

04 **Labor Day**

10 PSR Class – **Grandparents Day** – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Labor Day** - Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, a movement developed to secure state legislation. New York was the first state to introduce a bill, but Oregon was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York – passed laws creating a Labor Day holiday. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.

**Grandparents Day** – On the first Sunday after Labor Day, Americans celebrate Grandparents and the elderly for their many important contributions to the family as well as society in general

Dear God,

Please bless our grandparents.

Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.

For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.

For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.

Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.

And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus,

in the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Cake Bingo - Come One – Come All!!!

Join the SFX Parish School of Religion (PSR) Program on Saturday, September 30th Immediately following the 5:00pm Mass. Fun and Fellowship. Come out and support the youth and secure your chance of winning delicious desserts. Food and refreshments available for sale. Donations of homemade cakes are needed. Please call John Young at 225.383.3479 or Gaylyne Mack at 225-933-6157 to notify us of your donation to the PSR Program.

Next Issue we continue with the Prophet Zephaniah.

## 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
Cecila Bazile		Betty Bickham

## Mass Intentions for September 2 - 6, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Gianna</b> <i>By: Grandmother</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Lester &amp; Ronnie Gathier</b> <i>By: Edward, Mary, Donna &amp; Damien</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Happy Birthday Weesie</b>



***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.

**Save the Date**

SFX Homecoming Parish Fair,  
October 21-22, 2023. There will be fun, games,  
food and the Big Drawdown.

Tickets are \$100 each. The main prize is \$10,000  
and \$5,000 in additional cash prizes. If we sell all  
500 tickets our profit will be \$35,000.

Let's pull together to make this  
Parish Fair a huge success!

**Weekday Masses**

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

The SFX Ministry of Hospitality will be selling  
Smoked Sausage poboyos on Sunday, September 24,  
2023 after the 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. The  
cost is \$10.00.

No matter what the Doctor says, Lawyer says,  
He says, She says or they say.....  
God will always have the final say!!

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.

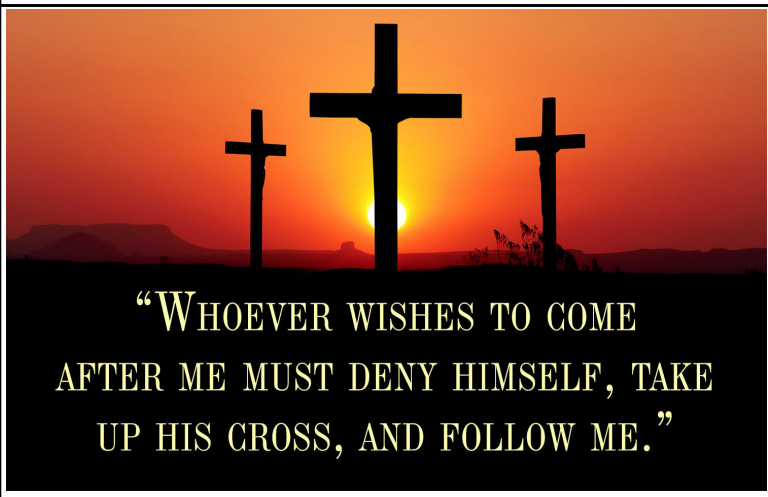
**HomeStart**

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 Communi-  
ties and families with children receiving  
SNAP or Medicaid  
Register now! For more information call 225.928.8484

**Stewardship - August 27, 2023**

**Regular Collection**

**\$4,984**  
**School Support**  
**\$360**  
**Parish Needs**  
**\$150**  
**Building Fund**  
**\$492**



**SFX CENTENNIAL  
COOKBOOKS  
MAKES A GREAT GIFT  
FOR ONLY \$20.00**

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

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Eyes of a Child

I frequently see signs on churches inviting everyone to come. Often they advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add “challenging” to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way: Rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus’ mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Jesus knew that being messiah required him to give his life for all people. In a sense, Peter was tempting Jesus to avoid the painful death and use his divine power to bring prosperity. Like Satan’s temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. Today this phrase is not very popular with those who say we should be free to satisfy all our desires, or with motivational speakers who say that everyone is able to achieve financial success and live a comfortable life. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God’s will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves. This is what Paul is talking about in the second reading when he says to offer ourselves as a “living sacrifice.” Or as Jesus says, we lose our life for his sake, only to find it in loving and serving him.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom - and much sleep - when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

Tom Schmidt