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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

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- 15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Transfiguration of The Lord

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ~Matthew 17:1-5

After this significant exchange, Jesus began revealing to His disciples His impending fate - His journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Peter resisted this revelation, to which Jesus responded sternly, correcting Peter's human thinking with divine wisdom ([Matthew 16:22-23](#)).

This is the context of the Feast of the Transfiguration we celebrate today. First, Jesus proclaimed the triumph of His Church over evil. Second, He informed them that this victory would be achieved through His own suffering and death. Although the first message is encouraging, the second one is challenging to accept. According to the Gospels, Jesus allowed His disciples about a week to grapple with these teachings, a period that must have been tough for them. And so we pray:

My Transfigured Lord, You promise suffering and death to all who follow You, but You also promise the hope that awaits those who endure. Grant me the grace to endure every cross in life, uniting my sufferings with Yours, so that I may one day partake in the glory of eternal life in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You. mycatholic.life

Main themes in Habakkuk

God's victory over evil is sure.

In the midst of God's answer which reiterates the fact that the Babylonians will conquer Judah, God includes a stunningly beautiful reminder:

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." ([Habakkuk 2:14](#))

This verse gives an eternal perspective to what seems like a horrible injustice. As the Psalmist explains,

"A thousand years in your [God's] sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night" ([Psalm 90:4](#)). While the times in which Habakkuk lived (and our times now) might seem to be chaotic and confusing, we know the end of the story and look forward to that glorious day when the worshippers in heaven will sing:

"Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." ([Revelation 15:3-4](#)) [crosswalk.com](#)

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 August 5 - 8, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Shauna Lewis James <i>By: Jeff & Marie Corbin</i>
Sunday	8am	Lester & Ronnie Gauthier <i>By: Edward, Mary, Dana & Damien</i>
	11am	Norma Duell <i>By: Heshma, Paula, Adam & Brooke Northern</i>
Tuesday	5pm	People of the Parish



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.

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!

Save the Date

Sunday, August 20 at the 8am mass, we will
honor the Sisters of the Holy Family for the
104 years of service to our school and parish.

We will have a breakfast for them in the
cafeteria after mass.

We will also take up a second collection at all
the masses that weekend to support the
Sisters.

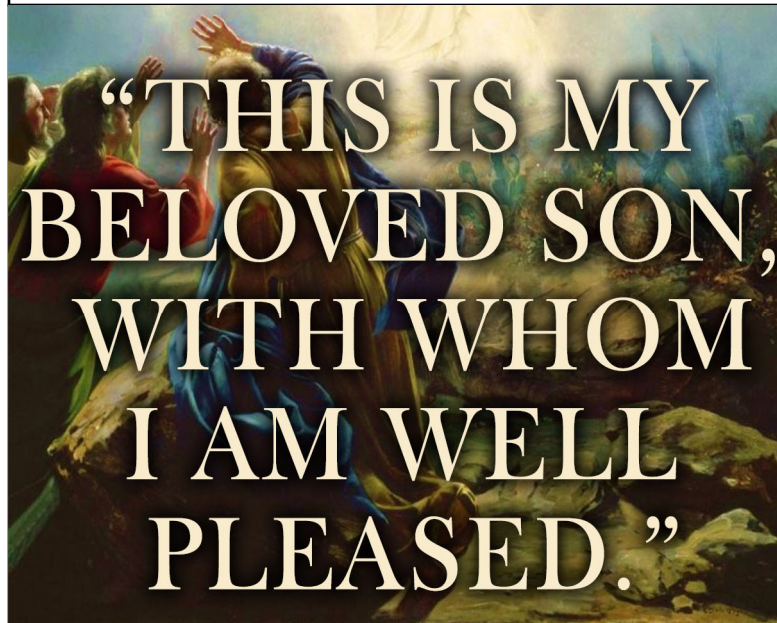
When God bless you financially, don't raise your
standard of living, Raise your standard of giving.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
at 9am

Stewardship - July 30, 2023

- Regular Collection \$6,642
- Parish Needs \$50
- Building Fund \$650
- School Support \$80



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6th is the date of the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor. This event is so important in the life of the Church's liturgical year that the feast is celebrated at Holy Mass even when August 6th falls on a Sunday. In that case, the Transfiguration takes the place of the current Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Because the Transfiguration is recorded in the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, each year we hear one of these three records of the events that took place at Mount Tabor. This year, we hear St. Matthew's account of the Transfiguration. In this account we have a miniature of the entire Gospel, and a miniature of the manner in which God has always made His Divine Revelation known.

God, like any loving parent, wants us to share in His love, but at the same time He wants us to enter into that love as freely as possible. In other words, God wants us to come to Him of our own accord, because the more freely we come to Him, the more we grow into His love.

But as a loving and understanding parent, God knows we are often weak and need His help. It's true that God gave us an intellect by which we could of our own power reason that God exists, that He loves us, and that He wants us to imitate that love. It's also true that God gave us a free will by which to imitate Him, even if only imperfectly. However, because our human intellect and will are often very weak, God constantly gives us signs of His presence, in order to remind us of Who He is and how much He loves us.

God did not have to inspire the human authors of Sacred Scripture, but He did so in order to give us a record of His love. God did not have to choose twelve men to be His apostles, in order to share the Sacraments of His love. But He did so to strengthen us in this earthly life of ours, since we face so many setbacks, failures, and disappointments.

God the Son was transfigured before the eyes of three of these apostles not simply so that they could say, "*How good it is for us to be here.*" The Transfiguration occurred so that the apostles would hear God the Father's voice, saying, "*This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.*" Yet coming down the mountain, what does Jesus say that the apostles needed to listen to? He points their attention ahead to His death on the Cross. The entire scene of the Transfiguration is a prelude to the sorrow of Good Friday in the words that Jesus speaks going down the mountain, yet also a promise of the glory of Easter Sunday in the radiance of Jesus' appearance on the mountaintop.

When we share in the Eucharist—the offering of Christ's self-sacrifice on the Cross—God our loving Father nourishes us with the life of His Son. In the Eucharist we see how Jesus' Transfiguration on Mount Tabor bears further meaning. This sacred event from Christ's earthly life foreshadows the transformation of Jesus' death on the Cross into the power of His Resurrection. In turn, Jesus' death and resurrection bear the power to transform the sacrifices of our daily lives into the opening of our lives to God's divine life.