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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

17 PSR Class - Catechetical Sunday: “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened” Mat. 11:28 Teachers Commissioned

What Does the Word “Catechetical” Mean? The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church. Next Sunday, those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

We continue with - **Zephaniah’s Family Heritage**

Of all the Old Testament prophets, Zephaniah included more of his lineage. Most prophets only included two generations in their genealogy, but Zephaniah tied himself back to Hezekiah. While some scholars believe this isn't King Hezekiah because the royal title isn't included, most agree that Zephaniah is indeed a descendant of King Hezekiah. In any event, Bible scholars believe the enumerated genealogy indicates a higher social standing than most of the other Old Testament prophets. And in an age where the royal family had disgraced their calling, if Zephaniah was indeed a descendant of King Hezekiah, he was tying himself back to a time and person when the royal family used their influence to shepherd God's people toward righteousness. *crosswalk.com*

Cake Bingo - Come One – Come All!!! It's time for a St. Francis Xavier Cake Bingo. 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 225.810.7456 or Gaylynne Mack at 225.933.6157 to notify us of your donation to the PSR Program.

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 16 - 19, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Dr. Melvin Jones <i>By: Patricia Kahn</i>
Sunday	8am	Deceased family & ancestors <i>By: Van Do</i>
	11am	Geraldine Jack <i>By: Jack, Leonard & Murphy family</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

*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.

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!



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

Don't treat people the way they treat you, treat people the way God treats you.

SENIOR BURGER BASH!!

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting our annual Senior Burger bash on Saturday, September 23 after the 5:00 mass. There is no cost, so come and bring another senior friend to join us to play games, enjoy foods and win prizes.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
 at 9am

Stewardship - September 10, 2023

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#**



Regular Collection
 \$6,722
Parish Needs
 \$70
Flowers
 \$108
Building Fund
 \$2,584



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Cross of Forgiveness

Why should we forgive those who hurt us? The gospel this Sunday gives three reasons: First, because Jesus commands it. Second, because forgiveness is part of loving one another. And third, because we want to be forgiven for our sins.

Obviously, Jesus expects us to forgive one another. Here he commands us to forgive unceasingly, without limit. Now that could be a challenge for even the most patient person. So does forgiveness exclude tough love? Does it mean we have to let someone hurt us over and over? No, it is possible to forgive someone and also prevent them from hurting us, if we do it with love (the second reason.) For instance, we might forgive an alcoholic family member, but still insist that they get help. We can forgive a son or daughter who breaks the law, but still let them face the consequences so they learn from their mistake. We may forgive a friend who borrows money without repaying it, but still refer them to a credit counselor, instead of lending them more money. Since forgiveness is part of love, it is also part of tough love.

That leads to the third reason: We forgive because we want to be forgiven. Or more accurately, we forgive because we have been forgiven. Jesus has already died for our sins. His resurrection shows us that the Father accepted the sacrifice of his Son Jesus for our sins. If we truly believe that Jesus is risen and that we will rise to eternal life with him in spite of our sins, how can we refuse to forgive someone who hurts us? When we promise to take up our cross each day to follow Jesus, we must remember why Jesus took up his cross and realize that we have to forgive as he does. That is why the cross is such a powerful symbol. It challenges us to accept suffering for Jesus' sake. It reminds us that sometimes our cross is simply forgiving someone rather than hurting them back or hating them. If Jesus gave his life to forgive us, how willing are we to spread that forgiveness around?

Tom Schmidt