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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

24 Class – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 Cake Bingo following 5 pm Mass

Cake Bingo sponsored by SFX Parish School of Religion Come out, join the fun. Fellowship and have a good time. Luck winners will win delicious home baked cakes and other delicious cakes. Chicken wings and fries, Hot Sausage and cold drinks will be sold. We look forward to seeing you. Donations are welcomed. Please contact John Young for more details.



National Eucharistic Revival / Parish Year of Revival –

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. During this Parish Year of Revival, we will be holding small group discussions as it pertains to the Mass and the Eucharist. Please stay tuned for times, places and dates of study group sessions. Each session should not last more than two (2) hours. Please consider blocking out some time for this important movement.

We continue with the Minor Prophets with Zephaniah's Message

The very first words of the book are: *"This is the word of the Lord that came to Zephaniah..."* (Zephaniah 1:1) The first thing Zephaniah wants his readers to know is that these aren't his words, they are the Lord's. Certainly, if God had chosen me to deliver such a message, I would want to shout that out first. No one hopes and dreams to grow up to be the person who declares God's impending judgement on everyone around him. What a heavy message God had placed on Zephaniah's heart!

The next point of importance to Zephaniah's message is that the central theme is "The Day of the Lord." Some of Zephaniah's words would render themselves fulfilled in a few short years. But like much of prophecy, the fulfillment of much of his message awaited a day of completion far in the future. Bible scholars have noted that of all the Old Testament prophets, Zephaniah used the phrase "Day of the Lord" more than any other.

While there is a sort of fearfulness around all that will go down on that day, Zephaniah admonishes us to look for it because he has faith that whatever the Lord ultimately does will be done in His goodness, faithfulness, righteousness, and love.

The New Testament exhorts us to "hasten" and "look for" the Day of the Lord. Zephaniah's message reminds us, even thousands of years later, that through all the unraveling, changing, darkening, maddening craziness that swirls around us we must place our focus and faith on that all important "Day of the Lord." Our true hope must be sealed in Christ and in spending eternity with Him. crosswalk.com

Next Issue we continue with Zephaniah's God

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 23 - 26, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Dr. Melvin Jones <i>By: Leslie Coates</i>
Sunday	8am	Joseph Delpit, Jr. <i>By: Pat Delpit & Family</i>
	11am	Myrtle Coates <i>By: Leslie Coates</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Deceased Family & Ancestors <i>By: Van Do</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 *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!

Court 12 Ladies Auxiliary is asking for donations for the Silent Auction at the October Bazaar.

Donations must be turned in by October 8th.

You may contact Angela Robinson @225.588.9705, Betty Camble @225.330.2096, Sheronica Lowery @225.454.2892, Betty Lowery @225.235.3568 and Janet St. Cyr-Moore @225.572.4681

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.



As long as you know that God is for you, it doesn't matter who is against you.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
 at 9am

Stewardship - September 17, 2023



Regular Collection
 \$7,766.67
Parish Needs
 \$103
School Support
 \$127
Building Fund
 \$100



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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Management Unfair

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in the Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Sometimes we see this parable as an explanation for why sinners who repent on their deathbed can get to heaven. But Matthew was more likely referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Those who realize how blessed they are in being called to do God's work have no problem sharing that blessing with others. When we see how much God loves us, we naturally want to respond with love and service of our own. That is what the grumblers, both in the parable and in Matthew's church, were missing.

Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philippians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. Paul is more interested in their welfare than in his own reward. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can love him so much that we can't help but share that love with those around us. We can be so grateful for what he has done for us that we will suffer anything with joy. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair—they are more generous than we can imagine!

Tom Schmidt