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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

October 2023

01 Class – Circle of Grace Lessons – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thanks to everyone that made Cake Bingo this past weekend ad huge success. We couldn't have done it without YOU.

We continue and complete our series on the Minor Prophets with: Zephaniah's God

A favorite verse in Zephaniah is chapter 3 verse 17:

*“The Lord your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing.” KJV*

Zephaniah served and loved his God who is Holy, who would send judgement to the people who acted against His good plans and design, and He is also the God who is always close to those who love Him. And this is our Lord too. One who says He is in our midst, as close as a whisper, nearer to us than the culture or circumstances we live in. He will save us.

Ultimately, this precious word is fulfilled in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. But in the context of the surrounding verses there is an added assurance that, despite the distressing things happening around God's children, He will save them from the judgement that falls on the unrighteous. God rejoices over you with gladness and will quiet the wrestling of your soul with His love. And most sweetly, He will rejoice over you with singing.

“...Zephaniah knew the secret to God's character, to His holiness, to His larger-than-us-ness.”

This was the God Zephaniah proclaimed. So often we view God as either loving or judgmental. But Zephaniah knew the secret to God's character, to His holiness, to His larger-than-us-ness. He knew that while God would faithfully bring judgement (what else could He do when people refused to stop hurting themselves and each other?!), He would also never, ever remove Himself or His love from His people.

He understood that God was big enough and deep enough to love completely in the midst of delivering judgment, and that because He was God, He could never remove Love from His actions or heart because Love is His very essence.

Zephaniah isn't an easy or quick read. We have homework to do to understand all that God addresses through Zephaniah. It's a deep book, despite its short word count. Yet for all the wrestling you might encounter in its pages, if you ask, God will meet you there. 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
Cecila Bazile		Betty Bickham

Mass Intentions for September 30 - October 3, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Sick & deceased Hospitality Members <i>By: Hospitality Ministry</i>
Sunday	8am	Lester & Ronnie Gauthier <i>By: Edward, Mary, Donna</i>
	11am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	5pm	Rebecca Nelson <i>By: Children & Grandchildren</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.

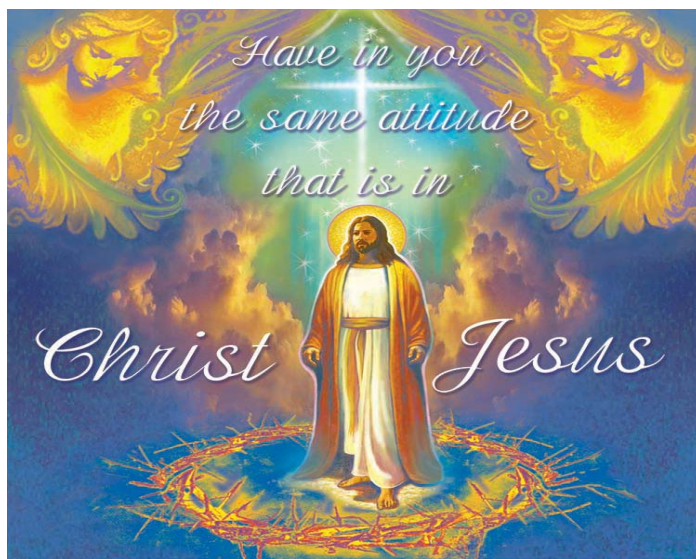
Save the Date

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

Do not let the behavior of others destroy your inner peace!

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9am

Stewardship - September 24, 2023

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.

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 \$7,302

Parish Needs \$120

School Support \$371



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Understanding Father

Jesus is saying something important in today's Gospel. He talks about tax collectors and prostitutes who repented after hearing John the Baptist preach. He must have shocked the priests and elders when he said those prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. After all, his listeners had spent their whole lives being faithful to the Law. Yet Jesus was saying that sinners who repented will enter God's kingdom first. Jesus' point was not so much about final salvation as about our daily choices.

Remember the parable about the two sons. The second son said what his father wanted to hear, with no intention of doing it. The first was honest about not wanting to go to the vineyard, but then decided to do it anyway. I suspect the father of those men knew what each would or would not do.

And whom do we want to imitate? The priests and elders said all the right things about obeying God's laws, but they were more interested in looking important than living a holy life. Are we like that - telling everyone I am a good Christian, going to church every Sunday (or at least on Christmas and Easter), and yet never making any effort to be loving, forgiving, patient, honest, or any of the difficult things that Jesus calls us to be?

The tax collectors and sinners knew that they were unworthy, but they listened to the call to repentance and let God make them worthy. Are we honest enough to look at our lives and repent of our hatred, our selfishness, or whatever keeps us in sin, and then to follow Jesus with our whole heart? We may not always like doing what God asks of us, but God is an understanding Father who can accept our weaknesses and forgive them when we are ready to return to him.