

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8, 2023

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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

08 Class – **Circle of Grace** - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prophet Haggai

We don't hear the name Haggai float around Christian circles too much these days. Christians can't seem to have one pronunciation for this minor prophet, and many of us, off the top of our heads, couldn't say what he's known for. But every book in the Bible has an important purpose. Let's take a look at the story of Haggai and what message God gave him to deliver to the Israelites after they'd returned from decades of captivity in Babylon to a broken and scattered city in Jerusalem.

Who Was Haggai and What Is the Book of Haggai About?

Haggai name essentially means "Let's celebrate the Lord!" Haggai is the first of three prophets to exhort, encourage, and inspire God's people after the Babylonian captivity. Before they can celebrate big time, they need to repent of their misplaced priorities. Here's why... Although more than 50,000 forsake the idolatrous ways, return to the land of Judah, and start to rebuild the Second Temple, they have not wholeheartedly committed themselves to serving the Lord.

Eventually, the preparatory work laying the temple foundation stops. Years go by. Nothing happens. Then the Lord gives Haggai a new message of the leaders of His people.

Haggai was a prophet who lived during the time of the rebuilding of the second temple. For context, the Israelites had turned away from the Lord and turned to their political allies instead. This becomes an issue when Assyria and Babylon rise to power, and the political alliance can do nothing to stop these global superpowers. Assyria takes over the Northern Kingdom of Israel and Babylon sacks the southern Kingdom of Israel. Israel spends 70 years in captivity before they return to Jerusalem. Hagar steps onto the scene when they return to Jerusalem. He his book contains hopeful messages from God about Israel's future.

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Next Issue: When does the book of Haggai take place and what are the 5 messages for Jerusalem's leaders?

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 October 7-10, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Charles Williams <i>By: Mary & Ingrid</i>
Sunday	8am	Walter Martin <i>By: Wilma Green & Family</i>
	11am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	5pm	Bridget Taylor <i>By: Family</i>



Through trials and tribulations, by God's grace, we triumph!

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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.

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#**

THE vineyard OF THE Lord IS THE house of Israel.



The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9am

Stewardship - October 1, 2023



Regular Collection \$11,057
Parish Needs \$355
School Support \$565
Building Fund \$142



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Where Are the Grapes?

Jesus' parable is a little different from the one in the first reading. Isaiah has the vineyard under good and faithful care, but still it produces wild grapes. In the Gospel, the vineyard presumably had a good harvest, but the workers refuse to give any of the grapes to the landowner. The question for us is, which parable is about me?

Do I ignore all that God does to help me be a good disciple? Am I too busy to take time to pray or read the Bible? Do I hold onto grudges instead of forgiving and releasing them? Do I only go to church when someone drags me there, or only at Christmas and Easter? (If that were true, I probably would not be reading this bulletin.) Do I decline the invitations to go on a retreat? Am I afraid to share my faith with someone who needs encouragement? If any of these are true, I might be like the vineyard in the first reading, producing no fruit despite all the opportunities God has given me.

Or we may be the other side of the coin. We had our children baptized when they were babies, sent them to the parish school or religion classes. We went to church every Sunday and took them with us. We gave them as good an example as we could, teaching them to love others and be generous with what they have. Yet they grew up and drifted away from the faith. Then we have to remember how patient God is with us, God's people who don't always produce the fruits of faith.

The Gospel is a little more difficult to relate to. The tenants in the parable refer to those who mistreated or killed the prophets sent by God or the people who would have Jesus crucified. Yet the kingdom of God is still being proclaimed in spite of them. God is patient with them. Look what happened to Saul, who persecuted many Christians before he became one himself. In our second reading he tells us to follow his example as he follows Christ. Then, he says, the peace of God will be with us, too (Philippians 4:6-9).