

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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**

**17 Class – The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary.**

### The Rosary

Devotion to the Rosary is one of the most distinguishable features of popular Catholic spirituality. The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary. Meditation an important of our lives as Catholics. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, meditation “engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart and strengthen our will to follow Christ.”

We continue with the Prophet Haggi with, "When Does the Book of Haggai Take Place and The Five Messages for Jerusalem Leaders.

After standing tall for 374 years, Solomon’s temple was destroyed 66 long years prior to these messages. It’s clearly time to rebuild!

The Lord gives all five messages to Haggai between August 29, 520 BC, and December 18, 520 BC. How do we know? Haggai records each date, not just the verbatim messages themselves.

The brevity of time (less than four months) shows how quickly the leaders needed to say yes to the Lord and take action.

The Lord isn’t just hinting. He’s commanding, commending, and promising to bless. (So, they can celebrate big-time!)

### The Five Messages for Jerusalem’s Leaders

1. The Lord exhorts the governor and high priest and the people to consider their miserable plight and start building the Second Temple (1:1-11).
2. The Lord commends them for obeying Him

*Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: “I am with you,” declares the Lord. So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month (1:13-15).*

3. The Lord urges them to take courage even though the huge task before them seems impossible (2:1-9).
4. The Lord promises to bless His people from that day forward (2:10-19).
5. The Lord promises to bless the governor in the future (2:20-23).

Next Issue: What Happens in The Book of Haggi and Faith Affirmation for Today

## 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 14 -19, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Shelvia Stewart</b> <i>By: Betty Camble</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Deceased Family &amp; Ancestors</b> <i>By: Van Do</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Dr. Melvin Jones</b> <i>By: Patricia Kahn</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Myrtle Poydras Coates</b> <i>By: Leslie Elizabeth</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](http://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.

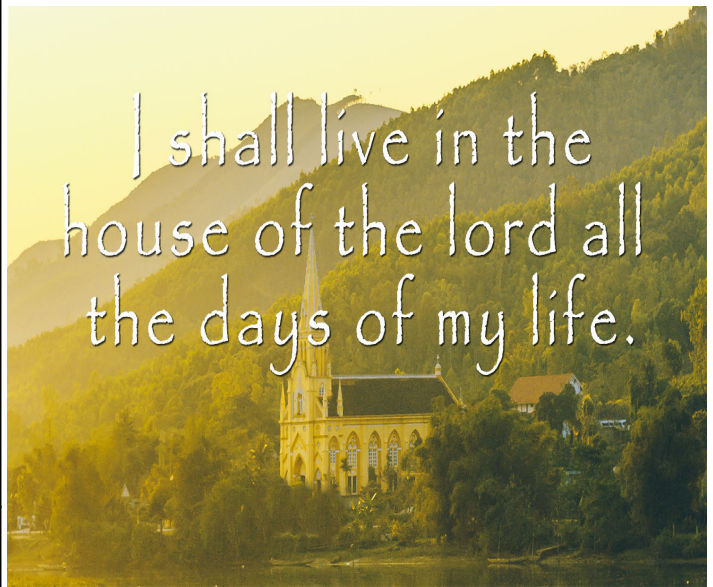
**Save the Date**

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!**



Every day do something that will lead you closer to God!

**Weekday Masses**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
at 9am

**Stewardship - October 8, 2023**



**Regular Collection**  
\$9,556  
**Parish Needs**  
\$313  
**Flowers**  
\$113



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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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Come to the Feast

Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free food and drink, music and dancing—what's not to like? Apparently the king in Jesus' parable had the same questions. By this time, Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the invitation to follow him. As we know, after the Resurrection, the disciples began to spread the good news not only to other Jews, but to anyone who would listen. The church began to grow, much faster than they expected.

One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was his association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls sinners to repent and be forgiven. Since they thought of themselves as holy, they were not interested in forgiveness. Ordinary people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be baptized. As the parable says, they filled the banquet hall.

Jesus calls us today to come to the same feast. But there are still people who think they have no need for Jesus. So what about the man in the parable who came in street clothes? The wedding garment was a symbol of the baptismal gown, the sign of new life in Christ. This man symbolizes those who "come to the feast" without repenting of their sins.

We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices, lies, anger, and selfishness—with no intention of doing anything about them. We come with the attitude that says, "I'm here, aren't I? That should be good enough." But it isn't, for the feast we come to is not a wedding to join husband and wife. It joins God to humanity. God's Son came to unite us all to himself. By dying for our sins, Jesus calls us to come back to God. So repentance is not just a change of clothing; it is a change of heart, a change in how we live. It is our ticket to the banquet. It is our way of saying, "I know I don't deserve this, but thanks for letting me share the feast."

Tom Schmidt