

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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### MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>8:00 AM &amp; 11:00 AM</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA~ 5:00 PM</b>
<b>WED ~ FRI:</b>	<b>9:00AM AM</b>
<b>HOLIDAYS:</b>	<b>9:00 AM &amp; 6:00 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM</b>

**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

November 2023  
12 Class - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Black Catholic History Month

Meeting in Fordham University in New York, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States voted on Tuesday, July 24, 1990, to designate November as Black Catholic History Month. November marks a time when the Church prays for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, as well as a time to recall the saints and souls of African and the African Diaspora.

The decision to designate November as Black Catholic History Month, also depended on the fact that a number of important dates to Catholics of African descent fell within this month.

According to the Pew Research Center, of the 200 million people of African descent in the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, over 173 million of them live in the African continent. The largest percentage of growth in the Catholic population over the last 100 years, occurred in sub-Saharan Africa.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, there are over 3 million African American Catholics in the U.S. Today, there are approximately 250 African American priests, 437 deacons, and 75 men of African descent in seminary formation for the priesthood in the United States. There are 5 living African American bishops, of who two head U.S. dioceses. One of them, the Archbishop of Washington, was elevated to the College of Cardinals on October 25, 2020, by Pope Francis. There are also approximately 400 African American religious sisters and 50 religious brothers in the United States. [cultural.catholic.org](http://cultural.catholic.org)

We continue our series on the **Prophet Malachi**

### Who Was Malachi and What Was He Known For?

The first verse of Malachi is the only time the prophet's name is mentioned in the Old Testament. Otherwise, nothing definitive is known about him.

Malachi is placed among the "minor" prophets, but these are only designated as "minor" because of the length of the book. The Old Testament (and to some degree the New) is organized based on genre (history, poetry, prophecy) and then prophets by length, not necessarily chronologically. The "major" prophets are simply longer books. Interestingly enough, however, Malachi was one of the latter ones written, if not the last.

The book of Malachi was written around 100 years after the Jews returned to Jerusalem from exile. Malachi uses the same word for governor that Nehemiah and Haggi uses (*prechah*). He deals with sacrifices in the Temple, so the 2nd Temple had been built and was in use. Nehemiah face similar corruption with the Jews that Malachi highlights—corrupt priests (Nehemiah 1, Nehemiah 13), neglect of tithes and offerings (Nehemiah 3, Nehemiah 13), and intermarriage with foreign women (Nehemiah 2, Nehemiah 13).

All of these clues and contexts confirm the Malachi was written contemporary with Nehemiah and the latter propets. [biblestudytools.com](http://biblestudytools.com)

Next Issue: **What is the Book of Malachi about?**

## PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Frazier Jordan	Loraine Perry	John Ristic
Elizabeth Whitfield	Martha Proctor	Betty Camble
Elaine Johnson	Maria Rice	Elouise Noel
Linda Gills-Beshears	Whitney Robiho	Cora Scott-Green
Phyllis White	Chavon D. White	Betty Dupas
Mary E. Bourgeois	Mary L. Boutte	Earl Bourgeois
	Cecilia Bazile	

## Mass Intentions for November 11 – 14, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Dr. Melvin Jones</b> <i>By: Patricia Kahn</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>William “Tex” Turner</b> <i>By: Wife &amp; kids</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Deceased Family &amp; Ancestors</b> <i>By: Van Do</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>



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

**3 Ways to Give  
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**

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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.



**Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9 AM.  
Come out to give thanks to God for His many blessings.**

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HOMECOMING PARISH FAIR 2023**

**I want to thank everyone who worked together to make the Parish Fair such a huge success. Our profit from the Drawdown was \$35,000, and our profit from the Fair was \$9,523.67 for a grand total of \$44,523.67. Thanks again to everyone. God bless. Fr. Ed**

United Men of St. Francis Xavier & Knights of Peter Clavier will have a social for all men in the church. Please come out and join us for creole gumbo and fun. The social will be Dec. 2, at 6:00 pm, following 5:00 mass in the Parish Hall.

**Weekday Masses**

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9am**

**Stewardship - November 5, 2023**



**Regular Collection \$7,933  
School Support \$510  
Building Fund \$126  
Parish Needs \$433**



**SOCK IT TO ME!**

The 2023 sock drive will begin in November and continue through December.  
Their goal is to collect 28,000 pairs of socks and they need our help. The boxes are located in the rear 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#

## **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Getting to Know You**

At the end of today's Gospel, when the foolish virgins return from the quick shop with the oil, they are locked out of the wedding. The groom answers their pleas, not with a question, "Why weren't you ready?" but with the statement, "I don't know you" (Mt 25:12). Now that sounds kind of odd, if the bridegroom represents the LORD, because God knows everything, and everybody. In Matthew's Gospel, this phrase seems to imply that "because you made no effort to know me, I don't know you." In other words, the oil in the parable stands for knowing the LORD. Or at least making an effort to know him.

So what am I doing to get to know Jesus? One way to know someone is to act like them. Actors who portray a real person try to watch videos of that person to see how they talk, walk, relate to people, what kind of posture they have, how they dress, etc. We can act like Jesus by following his example of care for the poor and the sick, forgiving people who have done wrong, teaching people about God's love, feeding the hungry, and giving God the credit for what we do.

Another way to get to know someone is to talk to them. The more we pray, the more we get close to Jesus. We can praise God for Creation, we can thank God for all the giving (and forgiving!) We can ask for help for those we love and for God's strength in our weakness (2 Cor 12:9). But we don't get to know someone if we do all the talking. Our prayer can include time to be quiet and listen to the LORD. We also listen to God by reading God's words in the Bible. And God can speak to some people in art, song, or poetry. The advice and wisdom of friends and relatives can also be God speaking to us. Hopefully, we can all find ways of getting to know the Lord, so that God can "recognize" us as friends.

Tom Schmidt