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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>9:00 AM AM</b>
<b>HOLIDAYS:</b>	<b>9:00 AM &amp; 6:00 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>SCHOOL MASS 9:00 AM</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.

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**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

**February 2024**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - National Day of Prayer for the African American Family  
Family Prayer – Let us pray.**

God of Mercy and Love, we place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen.

**Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us. Prayer composed by FR. JIM GOODE, OFM, who in 1989 founded this National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family.**

We continue with our series on Judges with Ehud

### **What Happens in the Story of Ehud?**

Ehud straps an eighteen-inch sword to his right side (where a left-handed person would grab a sword) and goes to the king of Moab, Eglon, to deliver a “secret message” and present tribute.

After guards likely checked his left side (where right-handed people would grab a sword) for weapons, he strides confidently into the palace with a weapon hidden underneath his clothing.

Once he convinces the king to get them secluded in the private upper room of the palace to hear the secret message, he stabs King Eglon with the sword. King Eglon is so large that his fat absorbs the hilt, and he dies.

Unfortunately for Eglon, he chose the inner room, which was synonymous with a restroom. So while Ehud makes his daring escape, after locking the doors to the room, the servants awkwardly wait outside for the king to finish relieving himself.

After some time of determining the king has spent far too long in the bathroom, they unlock the doors to check on the king ... only to find he had died.

The Israelites take back their city and strike down tens of thousands of Moabites, thanks to Ehud.

Next Issue: **What Can We Learn from Ehud?**

## PRAYER LIST

John Paul Moore \* Loraine Perry \* Martha Proctor \* Maria Rice \* Whitney Robiho \* Chavon D. White \* Joyce Decuir

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

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Please consider admission at least a week prior to the date of the announcement, when possible.

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NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW TO GET INVOLVED!

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION PERIOD**

JANUARY 13TH & 28TH, 2024

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH, 2024

**Weekday Masses**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9am

**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule**

**9am & 6pm**

**Mass Intentions for February 3 - 6, 2024**

Saturday	5pm	<b>Bridget Taylor</b> <i>By: McKinley Alumni</i>
Sunday	8am	<b>Lester &amp; Ronnie Gauthier</b> <i>By: Donna, Edward &amp; Mary</i>
	11am	<b>People of the Parish</b> <i>By: Family &amp; Friends</i>

**Stewardship - January 28, 2024**

**Regular Collection**  
\$10,923

**School Support**  
\$733

**Food Pantry**  
\$590

**Parish Needs**  
\$137



*Who is this king of glory?*



*It is the Lord!*

Join us for the  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
*When: Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm*  
*Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church*  
*1120 Myrtle Street*

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time What do You Want?

Jesus was starting to become very popular, at least with the ordinary people. They had seen how he had cured the sick and cast out demons. The gospel has one unusual sentence about those demons: Jesus did not let them speak “because they knew who he was.” (Mk 1:34) Apparently, the demons would have identified him as the Son of God. Jesus knew the people would not understand this and try to proclaim him as their king. Jesus had no intention of living as a worldly king, in comfort and riches. In fact, he came to free people from needing wealth and power.

Popularity and wealth do not interest St. Paul, either. When he preaches the gospel, the good news of Christ’s resurrection (and ours), he needs no other recompense. (1 Cor 9:18) All he wants is to share eternal life. He specifically refuses to be paid for his preaching, to show that he will be rewarded by Christ.

So what do you hope for; what is your goal in life? Do you only feel secure when you have saved enough money and invested it wisely? Do you need other people to make you happy? Or at least a few hundred Facebook friends? Or are you like Job in the first reading: having no hope of escaping a life of drudgery? He eventually found that only by trusting God can anyone be happy, even when things go wrong.

We can follow Paul’s example of love for all people no matter who they are. Paul’s love was not to make others like him. He genuinely wanted to bring the good news to them: by his love for them, Paul showed that God loves them even more. He knew the gospel requires a change of heart, so his love for others helped them to be more open to change. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with his love, so that we can help each other to hear the good news.

*Tom Schmidt*

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