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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 - FRI:	9:00 AM
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	SCHOOL MASS 9:00 AM

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.

Love is Vulnerability

Love is vulnerability; willingness to lose that which is most dear to you. We lost our first child ten years ago and it was the most gut-wrenching feeling ever. To take the risk of this happening again whenever I have been pregnant has felt unbearable, like having your heart open and exposed, waiting for a sword to potentially strike it at any moment. Jesus' love for us is similar, wide open, but to an infinitely greater degree. He continually gives us everything. He was willing to lose and be rejected for our sake. He was ridiculed and despised, yet forgave.

How often do I reject Jesus? I am always surprised on Good Friday how so many don't want to read out loud as part of the Crowd during the reading of the Passion. Over and over again, we are complicit in the crucifixion through our sins. Sometimes it is my active actions and other times I am quietly passive and allow the injustices of the world to continue. Yet the wonder of Christ, His glorious perfection, is that He still loves me, despite my many shortcomings. He knows my faults yet is not afraid to take on the whole world for me!

St. Augustine famously declared, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." It always feels like something is missing, like I'm a puzzle piece waiting to be added to something that needs completing. We can often embrace the allures of today's world while foregoing the heavenly gifts that await us tomorrow. We must remember over and over again that we belong not to this world, but to God's kingdom. As a child of God, thirst for that water which provides eternal comfort, that of Christ's peace!

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

PRAYER LIST

John Paul Moore * Loraine Perry * Martha Proctor * Whitney Robiho * Joyce Decuir * Catherine Murray * Patricia Armstrong * Lorenzia Dardone

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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.

United Men of St. Francis Xavier Baked Chicken Dinner Sale

Sunday, July 28, 2024
9:30 AM – Until
Baked Chicken, Rice Dressing,
Green Beans, Roll, and Cookie
\$15.00

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Cafeteria

*St. Francis Xavier Auxiliary Ct. #12,
Raffle of Saints Pre-Season Tickets.*

*2 chances to win and tickets are \$10.
Only 1 Pre-Season game this year.
See members of the Ladies Auxiliary to purchase. Drawing will be held on August 4, 2024, after 11 a.m. Mass.*

SFX Youth Ministry - (youth between 12-18 years of age)
Please plan to attend these 2024 Youth Summer Meetings!

July 13th - Game Night with parishioners
July 18th - Movie Night

Location: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (Parish Office)
Time 6:00pm

We are looking for volunteers to donate food and/or time!

We wish to thank all the committee members, the kitchen crew, the youth, and all of the volunteers who made the "Appreciation Breakfast" for Fr. Ed and Ms. Paula Johnson successful. We are grateful for all you did!
May God bless you all. Amen

Mass Intentions - July 6 - 12, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Elaine DeCuir Smith <i>By: Patrick & Desmarie Jackson DeCuir</i>
Sunday	8am	Lester & Ronnie Gauthier <i>By: Mary, Donna & Edward</i>
	11am	Maria P. Rice <i>By: Ronald Saizon</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Leander Coates, Sr. <i>By: Leslie Coates</i>
Wednesday	9am	Grace Honore <i>By: Weesie & Family</i>
Friday	5pm	Darensbourg & O'Brien Families <i>By: Catherine</i>

Stewardship - June 23, 2024

Regular Collection
\$7,716
Parish Needs
\$105
School Support
\$80



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Strength in Weakness

Is Paul serious? Can you imagine being content with “weaknesses, insults, hardships, and persecutions?” (2Cor 12:10) Paul never specifies what that “thorn in the flesh” was. I used to think it referred to a physical weakness, or disability. But some of the commentaries I’ve read say that it was a person who opposed Paul (think of a “thorn in my side.”) That opponent may have been a Christian who Paul did not want to mention by name.

Paul could have been proud of all that God revealed to him, and of all that he accomplished in spreading the gospel. He sees that “thorn” as God’s way of keeping him humble. So instead he boasts about his weaknesses. He knows that all the good work he has done have been accomplished by Christ. So he accepted suffering, rejection, setbacks and persecution because they helped him see how much Christ was doing through him.

We can learn a lot from St. Paul. Remember how Jesus said to love your neighbor as yourself. Paul loved himself in the good sense of accepting his faults and weaknesses. He was always aware that he once persecuted Christians. But that fault enabled him to experience God’s forgiveness. I usually try to avoid doing things that show my weaknesses. That means I might miss a chance to see how God can help. Suppose you don’t know how to swim, so you stay out of swimming pools. Of course, then you could never learn to swim. But if you get in the water and let someone teach you, you might just find yourself liking the water.

St. Paul says that when he is weak, then he is strong. He knows that God will still work through him, showing God’s power to heal the sick and draw converts to Christ, in spite of Paul’s weaknesses. Paul did what he could to encourage others to follow Jesus, but he knew the results of his preaching and healing were up to God. When you think that you would fail at spreading the faith, remember Paul and give your weaknesses to God. Then see what he can do!

Tom Schmidt,