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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.

PSR News

July 2024
14 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Christian Community and Responsibility for Catechesis.

Catechesis is a responsibility of the entire Christian community. Christian Initiation, indeed, should not be the work of catechists and priests alone, but of the whole community of the faithful. Continuing education in the faith is a question which concerns the whole community; catechesis, therefore, is an educational activity which arises from the particular responsibility of every member of the community, in a rich context of relationships, so that the catechumens and those being catechized are actively incorporated into the life of the community. The Christian community follows the development of catechetical processes, for children, young people and adults, as a duty that involves and binds it directly. Again, at the end of the catechetical process, it is the Christian community that welcomes the catechized and the fraternal environment, in which they would be able to live in the fullest way that they have learned.

We continue our series on the Judges in the Bible with Tola

Two brief biblical verses describe the Life and Times of Tola, the 7th judge of Israel. After Abimelech. *Tola son of Puah son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, arose to deliver Israel. He lived at Shamir in the Hill Country of Ephraim. He led Israel for 23 years. Then he died and was buried at Shamir.*

After the tyrannical and maniacal 3-year rule of Abimelech. There arose a legitimate judge named Tola, who saved Israel and ruled for 23 years. The Bible devotes merely 2 short verses to this 23-year reign in contrast to Abimelech 3-year reign of terror which is allotted at one entire chapter consisting of 57 verses.

However, the clues to Total's life are embedded in the meaning and symbolism of some names mentioned in these verses. The naming of a person in the biblical era had the aura of special significance. For example. The letter *hé.* added to the names of Abraham and Sarai raised the carriers of the new names to a higher level of spirituality. The frustration and hopes of the matriarch Leah find expression in the names of her sons. Gideon's courageous act of destroying the symbol of Baal earned him the name Jerubbaal.

This article offers a hypothetical reconstruction of Tola's judgeship by analyzing the meaning of the names associated with him and by juxtaposing them alone the multiple biblical references and prophecies that refer to his tribal patriarch Issachar. By weaving all these textual references together, a picture of Tola's character and essence began to emerge, illuminating the probable thrust of this rein.

Next, we begin with Judge Jair.

PRAYER LIST

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

Betty Camble * Elouise Noel * Betty Dupas * Cecila Bazile * Denise Chutz Fred Dejuan * Loretta Warren * Lorenzia Dardone

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

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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.

Registration is Open

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Enrolling Grades K-8



For More Information
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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

Words can't express how grateful I am for your many expressions of love and support at the Mass and breakfast celebrating my anniversary and farewell. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Love and prayers

- Fr. Ed

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

Mass Intentions - July 13 - 19, 2024

Saturday	5pm	People of the Parish
		Grace Ricard Honore <i>By: Honore Family</i>
Sunday	8am	Myrtle Coates <i>By: Leslie Coates</i>
	11am	Ruben Davis <i>By: Family</i>
Wednesday	9am	Walton Bean <i>By: Gail Jones</i>
Thursday	9am	Wilton Bean <i>By: Gail Jones</i>
Friday	5pm	Wilton Bean <i>By: Gail Jones</i>

St. Francis Xavier Auxiliary Ct. #12

Raffle of Saints Pre-Season Tickets.

2 chances to win and tickets - \$10 Each

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 am Mass.

Stewardship

	<u>June 30th</u>	<u>July 7th</u>
Regular Collection:	\$7,599	\$7,539
Parish Needs:	\$60	\$269
School Support:	\$300	\$40

Thank You for your support



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!

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessings and Glory

The second reading from Ephesians is rather long and with only six sentences, it is not easy to follow. If you take it apart, you see that Paul is very encouraging. He is giving a description of the many blessings God has given us.

He says that we are chosen by God and destined for spiritual blessings: First is Redemption, meaning that Christ saved us from punishment for our sins by forgiving them instead. Second is the plan of God for saving everyone, by making Christ ruler of the universe. We have to accept these gifts by letting go of the temptations around us and holding on to the love we have received from God. The things of the world, possessions, wealth, or power that pretend to make us happy are replaced with love of God; we then share that love with others, so that they know God loves them, too. As our experience of God's love grows, we begin to understand the mystery of how God lives in all people. Another blessing Paul notes is adoption by God to a new relationship as brothers and sisters of Christ; holiness is now for all believers, not just priests or religious.

Paul also reminds us that we are chosen and destined to help God bring his plan, his Kingdom, to completion. When we teach children how to love and share, when we are honest with customers or suppliers, when we are not ashamed to show our faith in Jesus, when we are respectful of the poor, elderly, or disabled, we are slowly building the Kingdom of God, or as Paul says, "to bring all things together in heaven and on earth under Christ" (Eph 1:10)

Paul mentions three times in this reading about "the praise of God's glory." (Eph 1:14) When we are able to help or forgive, or just be a good example to others, we want them to know that God is in all the good we do. Instead of taking credit for the results, we give God the glory. No, you don't have to take off your glasses and put on a red cape before helping others. Just mention that God does the real work, we just try not to get in his way.

Tom Schmidt,