

# 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 - 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. HENRY IHUOMA'S 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

**August 2024**

18 PSR Registration Begins – The first day for PSR Classes is September 8, 2024. Any adult that work with children must take the Child Safety Course. They must fill out a Volunteer Application, Read and Sign the Code of Ethics and take the Safe and Sacred online course @ [Child & Youth Protection :: Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge :: Baton Rouge, LA \(diobr.org\)](#). - **Today is the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Liturgical and Personal Prayer

Prayer nurtures our vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. Personal prayer is God's initiative, and the response to that gift is prompted by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Personal prayer and liturgical prayer are both part of the life of the Church. Because catechesis seeks to lead individuals and communities to deeper faith, catechesis for prayer emphasizes the primary aims of prayer – adoration, thanksgiving and praise, petition, and contrition- and includes various prayer forms: communal, private, traditional,, or spontaneous; gestures, songs, meditation, and contemplation. Catechesis for prayer begins when children see and hear others prayer and when they pray with others, especially in the family.

Dedicate some family time for prayer.

### We complete our series on Judge Jephthah and begin with Izban.

Jephthah was first a soldier and then a military commander. He lastly became a Judge of ancient Israel (east of the Jordan River). The Bible refers to him as a 'mighty man of valor' (Judges 11:1). After the awesome victory over the Ammonites, some of the men in the Israelite tribe of Ephraim critized him for not including them in the way (Judges 12:1.

Jephthah, after being threatened by Ephraim, reminds them that their help was requested byt that they refused (Judges 12:2-3). He then launches an attack against Ephraim werby the tribe loses the life of 42,000 men. He dies after serving six years as a Judge in the eastern part of Israel.

### This issue we begin our series on Judge Izban.

**Izban**, the 9<sup>th</sup> Judge of Israel, succeeded Jephthah the Gileadite, a mighty warrior who won the battle against the Ammonites. Izban was from Bethlehem, and he had 30 sons and 30 daughters. His children gave him enormous clout as his sons and daughters married people outside his clan, thus creating many alliances with other Israelites. He led Israel for seven years and died, and was buried in his native town of Bethlehem. The events surrounding his life are mentioned in the Book of Judges, Chapter 12, verses 8 to 10.

Next Issue we continue with Izban

## PRAYER LIST

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

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

Richard Camble, Jr.\* Elizabeth Whitfield \* Linda Gills-Beshears \* Phyllis White \* Mary E. Bourgeois \* Easton Charles

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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.

**"We walk by faith and not by sight" (2Cor. 5:7).**

I wish thank all my beloved parishioners, ministries in our parish, friends, and well-wishers for making my installation a successful and memorable one. I am grateful for your prayers and innumerable support. I look forward to working with you all as we pledge to make this historic parish the best in Louisiana. I promise to do my best and seek your assistance in realizing our goal. May God bless our efforts and parish in the name of Jesus. Amen.

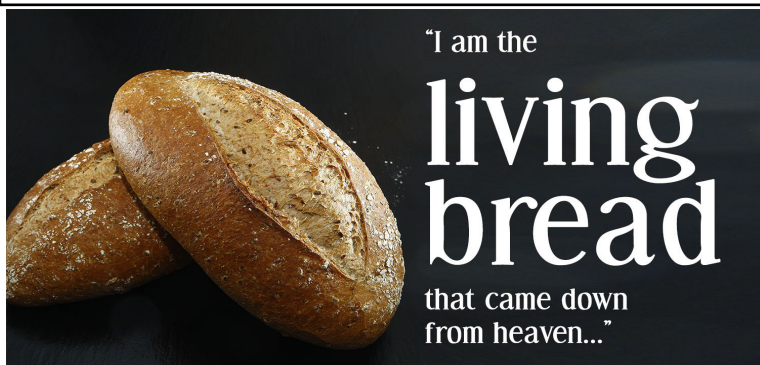
Father Henry Ihuoma, SSJ.

Pastor

**We shall have Adoration, Praise, and Worship  
on Saturday, September 7th at 3pm.**

**Please join us as we pray for healing.**

**All ministries are invited.**



## Registration is Open

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School  
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**Enrolling Grades K-8**

For More Information  
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## Mass Intentions - August 17 - 23, 2024

Saturday	5pm	<b>Grace Ricard Honore (R)</b> <i>By: Honore Family</i> <b>Walton Bean (R)</b> <i>By: Backrow Angels</i>
Sunday	8am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	11am	<b>Shirley Dominique</b> <i>By: Bridget &amp; Tori</i> <b>Mark Anthony Robinson</b> <i>By: Debra Rosenthal</i>
Tuesday	5pm	<b>Lester Vallet, Sr.</b> <i>By: Mr/Mrs Alvin Decuir</i>

## Stewardship

Regular Collection:	<b>August 11th</b> \$7,662
Online Support:	\$1,190
Flowers:	\$138
Parish Needs	\$153

Thank You for your support



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Wise Fools

When we were in high school, we learned that the word sophomore came from Greek words meaning “wise fools.” The idea was that the second year student thinks he knows it all now, but still has a lot to learn. The first two readings describe wisdom versus foolishness. In Proverbs, Wisdom is a woman who invites us to her banquet, telling us to “forsake foolishness.” St. Paul invites us to give up our ignorance and to know the will of the Lord, by filling ourselves with the Spirit. Jesus says he himself is the way to understanding God’s will; he gives himself as food and drink for eternal life. So how will we accept these invitations to partake of the Wisdom of God?

One way is to read the scriptures every day, even for only 20-30 minutes. Take time to think and pray about what you read. Don’t do all the talking; let God have his chance to be heard. Read short passages and the footnotes—they can explain some of the obscure references. The gospels are especially good “food” because of all the examples Jesus gave in his sermons and parables.

Listen to the readings and homily at Mass. The Pastor may have some insights that make you think. Receive communion often to be fed with the living Bread. The Church has always taught that we are fed with both the word and the Eucharist.

An athlete grows in strength by eating well, but he also has to exercise to tone and strengthen his muscles. If we want to grow in God’s wisdom, we have to exercise our faith. If you have a friend or relative who is a good example of faith, talk with that person about how you experience God or your lack of experiences. They may help you see God in ways that never occurred to you. You could offer to be a sponsor for someone in the RCIA, and help someone else’s faith to grow. Your parish or diocese may also have on-line resources or discussions.

God never forces himself on anyone. To grow in his Wisdom, we have to accept it. Ask him for real food and you won’t be disappointed. But be patient, God only gives what we are ready to receive.

Tom Schmidt,