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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

September 2024

15 Class – Catechetical Sunday – Catechist Commissioned – PSR Parents Meeting

22 Class – **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time** – PSR Teacher’s Round up

We have been reviewing the fundamental tasks of catechesis. They are; *promoting knowledge of faith, liturgical education, moral formation, teaching to pray, education for community life, and missionary initiation.*

Observations on the totality of these tasks

The task of catechesis, consequently, constitute a totality, rich and varied in aspect. On this point it is opportune to make some observations.

- All of these tasks are necessary. As the vitality of the human body depends on the proper function of all of its organs, so also the maturation of the Christian life requires that it be cultivated in all its dimensions: knowledge of the faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, belonging to community, missionary spirit. When catechesis omits one of these elements, the Christian faith does not attain full development.

- Each task realizes, in its own way, the object of catechesis. Moral formation, for example, is essentially christological and trinitarian. It is deeply ecclesial, while also open to social concerns. The same is true of liturgical formation. While essentially religious and ecclesial, it also strongly demands commitment to the evangelization of the world.

- These tasks are interdependent and develop together. Each great catechetical theme - catechesis of God the Father, for example - has a cognitive dimension as well as moral implications. It is interiorized in prayer and appropriated in witness. One task echoes the other: knowledge of the faith prepares for mission; the sacramental life gives strength for moral transformation.

- To fulfill its tasks, catechesis avails of two principal means: transmission of the Gospel message and experience of the Christian life. Liturgical formation, for example, must explain what the Christian liturgy is, and what the sacraments are. It must also, however, offer an experience of the different kinds of celebration and it must make symbols, gestures, etc. known and loved. Moral formation not only transmit the content of Christian morality, but also cultivates active evangelical attitudes and Christian values.

- Every dimension of faith, are objects of formation, as much of being given as received. Knowledge of the faith, liturgical life, the following of Christ are all the gifts of the Spirit which are received in prayer, and similarly a duty of spiritual and moral duty and witness. Neither aspect may be neglected.

- Every dimension of the faith, like the faith itself as a whole, must be rooted in human experience and not remain a mere adjunct to the human person. Knowledge of faith is significant. It gives life to the whole of existence and dialogues with culture. In the liturgy, all personal life becomes a spiritual obligation. The morality of the Gospel assumes and elevates human values. Prayer is open to all personal and social problems.

As the 1971 Directory indicates, “it is very important that catechesis retain the richness of these various aspects in such a way that one aspect is not separated from the rest of the detriment of the others.”

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

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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.

The Saint Francis Xavier Sisters of the Holy Family Associates are resuming their ministry by reclaiming old members and inviting new members to come together under one faith to share in the prayer life, ministry and charism of Foundress Mother Henriette Delille.

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Religious Education . Please be generous.

HONOR OUR CATECHISTS AND TEACHERS:

September 15, 2024

The U.S. Bishops have designated today as Catechetical Sunday to honor all those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church. At St. Francis Xavier Parish, we are so grateful for the dedicated ministry of these persons who have accepted the call to catechize other adults, youth and children in our Faith Formation Processes and our Catholic school.

We acknowledge, with gratitude: John Young, Christopher Rogers, Gaylynn Mack, Hermeain DeGuy, Annette Dunn, Cynthia B. Stewart, Mayola Ray, Christian Mack, Kevin Stewart, Angela Carter-Robinson, Melonie Stewart, Jared Eaglin, Franchesca Williams, Mary Cobb Marshall, Kristin Hardy, Niki Morrison, Linda Young, Wilma Greene, Kristen Gradney, and the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity.

We appreciate your willingness to share your faith with our children in the Church and the School.

A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE is being held here at St. Francis Xavier after all masses on the following dates: September 14, 15, 21, and 22. Persons currently 18 years old are eligible to register. In addition IF you are going to be 18 by the November 7, 2024 election you may still register to vote. The East Baton Rouge office of Voter Registration has sent new voter registration cards to those individuals who are currently on their rolls. IF you have moved, changed your address or party affiliation you must change your information with the registrar of voters in this parish. In addition The Advocate recently published an extensive list of names which have been REMOVED from the voters roll. If you are registered and just want to see what information is listed for you on the voters roll we will be able to assist you during our voter registration drive. Thank you for your usual cooperation and GO VOTE!

Mass Intentions Sept 14 - 20 , 2024

Saturday 5pm Shelvia Stewart
By: Betty Campbell

Sunday 8am Lester Vallet, Sr.

11am Melvin Jones
By: Alexis Robinson
Carl A. Pierson, Jr.
By: Sylvia Nelson

Stewardship

	Sept 8
Regular Collection:	\$12,428
Online Support:	\$905
Flowers:	\$124
Parish Needs:	\$170
Food Pantry:	\$1,100

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Faith or Works?

Sometimes we think the argument of faith vs. works started with the Reformation. But the second reading shows that it was already being debated in New Testament times. The simplified version of the debate has the Reformers saying that faith alone is all we need to be saved, while the Catholic side says we have to do good to be saved. Actually, they are both right.

The idea of works being necessary for salvation probably goes back to the Old Covenant emphasis on the law and the commandments. The Jews believed that keeping the law showed their holiness. They avoided anything or anyone that was unclean. They believed that their religious practices set them apart from the pagans around them.

Then Jesus came to show that only God is Holy. Our holiness comes from loving God and loving others. Because Jesus is the Son of God, he is the best way to know God. So believing in Jesus is not just believing that he exists, (like those who believe in Santa Claus or UFO's.) It means we believe in Love, the love Jesus showed by his life and death. We believe in a Person who loves us and showed us that God is not our boss or judge; he is our Father. He gives us life and protects us; he supports us and also lets us learn from our mistakes. Then he forgives us, showing that he loves us even when we turn away from him.

So if we truly believe in Jesus we believe in what he said and did. We follow his commandment of love, not because we want to avoid evil, but because we love him so much we want to be just like him. We help others, not to make us look good, but to show them how good God is. So you cannot truly believe in Jesus without wanting to help others to know and love him too. Jesus' way of saying that in today's gospel was to take up our cross and follow him. That is truly a work of faith.

Tom Schmidt