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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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE EVERY SUNDAY FROM 9:30AM TO 10:30AM.
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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

22 Class – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – PSR Teachers Roundup

The baptismal catechumenate: structure and progression.

Faith, moved by divine grace and cultivated by the action of the Church, undergoes a process of maturation. Catechesis, which is at the service of this growth, is also a gradual activity. “Good catechesis is always done in steps.” In the baptismal catechumenate, formation is

the pre-catechumenate, characterized as the locus of first evangelization leading to conversion and where the kerygma of the primary proclamation. Is explained.

the catechumenate, properly speaking, the context of integral catechesis beginning with “the handing on of the Gospels”.

a time of purification and illumination which affords a more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation and in which the “the handing on of the Creed” and “the handing on of the Lord’s Prayer” take place;

a time of mystagogy, characterized by the experience of the sacraments and entry into the community.

These stages, which reflect the wisdom of the great catechumenal tradition, also inspire the gradual nature of catechesis. In the patristic period properly, catechumenal formation was realized through biblical catechesis, based on recounting the history of salvation; immediate preparation for Baptism by doctrinal catechesis, explaining the Creed and the *Our Father* which had just been handed on, together with sacraments of initiation, a period of mystagogical catechesis which help the newly baptized to interiorize these sacraments and incorporate themselves into the community. This patristic concept continues to illuminate the present catechumenate and initiatory catechesis itself. This latter, insofar as it is at the service of one who has decided to follow Christ, it is eminently Christocentric.

In this issue we wrap up our series on the Judges in the Bible with Samual which then lead us to the Kings in the Bible.

Prophet, judge, priest and kingmaker.

Samuel was a prophet, judge, priest, and kingmaker in the Hebrew Bible and the Old Testament. Played a key role in the transition from the biblical judges to the United Kingdom of Israel under Saul and David. He is venerated as a prophet in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The books of One Samuel and Two Samuel tell the story of his life and prophecies.

In the Bible, Samuel was a man chosen for God, from his miraculous birth until his death. He served in several important positions during his life, earning God's favor because he knew how to obey.

Samuel was a contemporary of King Saul and King David. His parents Elkanah and Hannah dedicated him to the Lord, giving the child to the priest Eli to be raised in the temple. In Acts 3:20 Samuel is portrayed as the last of the judges and the first of the prophets. Few people in the Bible were as obedient to God as Samuel.

Next issue we continue with Samuel.

PRAYER LIST

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

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!

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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.

Increased Faith

It's a funny thing trying to play God isn't it? We all do it frequently and no matter how many times it goes poorly for us, we still think we have more power and authority than we do. Why do we put so much pressure on ourselves? Playing God does not seem like a fun job, but I know I do it day in and day out. The wicked people from the first reading today are in the same boat. They think their way is better than God's and they do not want God's laws getting in the way of the things they would rather do.

I suppose this has been going on since the very beginning of time. If you really think about it, the first sin was not so much eating a fruit, but it was Adam and Eve believing that their way was better than God's. Maybe God was holding out on them. Maybe Satan was right when he said that God didn't want them to eat the fruit because they would be more like him.

I think we can all see clearly now that this was not the case. God wasn't holding out on them. In fact, he wanted to give them everything. But the temptation that is at the root of many sins is doubting God's love. Adam and Eve did it. Sometimes we do it too. And for what purpose? I know I can look back at my life and see that the most peaceful or joyful or happy times I had were when I was following the path that God laid out for me. It's when I was trusting him the most that I felt most fully alive.

So how do we break the cycle of distrust that we have because of the fall? I think a good way is to make a daily act of faith. I have included one below that comes from the USCCB. I have found it very helpful to start my day with an act of faith so I can remember that God is always in charge and he knows best.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.

By Tommy Shultz

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.

We will have a second collection for the Religious Education. Please be generous.

Mass Intentions Sept 21 - 27, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Shelvia Stewart (R) <i>By: Patrick & Desmarie Decuir</i>
Sunday	8am	Brenda Landry (R) <i>By: Lorina Turner & Angel Quest</i> Edmond Doucette (R) <i>By: Crystal Doucette</i>
	11am	David Williams, Jr. <i>By: Owanda Campbell</i> Delores Williams (R) <i>By: Kenny & Angela</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Lester Vallet, Sr. (R) <i>By: Paula Fabre</i>



Stewardship

	Sept 15
Regular Collection:	\$7,855
Online Support:	\$2,130
Flowers:	\$12
Parish Needs:	\$140
School Support:	\$225

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time What Makes You Happy?

St. James message of peace is as true now as it was two thousand years ago. Where else do wars and terrorism come from, than people holding on to wealth, power, or hatred? But the message James shares, and that of Jesus in the gospel, is a simple call to be different. Neither of them condemns anyone. They call us to look at what we really want and what truly brings happiness.

Jesus' disciples argued about who was greatest. Instead of slapping them down for their selfish pride, he looks at what they could be and calls them to a different attitude. To be truly happy, they must let go of pride and arrogance; they must learn that serving others is the only way to experience love and joy.

We are no different today. We have to learn that having the latest gadget, the most expensive cell-phone, or the latest-model car are at best temporary delights. And that being admired by acquaintances is never as lasting as loving someone for themselves. Jesus offers even more: the joy of being loved by God and helping others to know Him. Think about Jesus' words to the disciples: He is the Son of God, yet he wants to lead us not just to himself, but to the Father.

Can we learn to be more excited about what God has done for us than what we did to improve our home? Can we share our faith in God's mercy instead of bragging about our golf or bowling scores? Are we more interested in impressing members of the opposite sex, or treating all people with respect?

St. James ends our second reading with a challenging statement: He says we ask but don't receive because we ask wrongly. How often do we desire things that won't really make us happy? Do we pray for things we don't really need? Would we ask God to punish those who hurt us, or to help us forgive them? Let us ask God to show us his love and to help those around us to experience it too.

Tom Schmidt