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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

October 2024

13 Class – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Month of the Holy Rosary – Next Sunday October 20, 2024, the PSR Students will pray the Rosary in church following the 8 am Mass.

The baptismal catechumenate: inspiration for catechesis in the Church

Given that the *mission ad gentes* (to the nations, the mission of the Church) is the paradigm or sample of all the Church's missionary activity, the baptismal catechumenate, which is joined to it, is the model of its catechizing activity. It is therefore helpful to underline those elements of the catechumenate which must inspire contemporary catechesis and its significance.

By way of premise, however, it must be said that there is a fundamental difference between catechumens and those being catechized between the *pre baptismal* catechesis and the *post baptismal* catechesis which is respectively imparted to them. The latter derives from the sacraments of initiation which were received as infants, "who have been already introduced into the Church, and have been made sons of God by means of baptism. The basis of their conversion is the baptism which they have already received and whose power they must develop." *RCIA*

Samuel Becomes a Prophet and Anoints Kings

As Samuel grew old, his sons took over much of the administration. But instead of resisting the social corruption that had become widespread through the people's disobedience to God, they contributed to it ([1 Samuel 8:1-3](#)).

In search for improved conditions, the people asked Samuel to bring the old system to an end and give them a king after the pattern that existed in other nations. This was not so much a rejection of Samuel as a rejection of God. The people's troubles had come not from the system of government, but from their sins. The answer to their problems was to turn to God in a new attitude of faith and repentance, which they refused to do. Samuel warned that just as God had punished them for disobedience when they were under the judges, so he would punish them under the kings ([1 Samuel 8:4-22](#); [1 Samuel 12:8-15](#)).

Subsequently, the people got their king, and Samuel was no longer their civil leader. But he was still their spiritual leader, and he continued to teach them and pray for them ([1 Samuel 12:23-25](#)).

Just before his retirement, Samuel gathered the people to an assembly at Gilgal, and delivered a farewell speech or coronation speech in which he emphasized how prophets and judges were more important than kings, that kings should be held to account, and that the people should not fall into idol worship, or worship of Asherah or of Baal. Samuel promised that God would subject the people to foreign invaders should they disobey. However, [1 Kings 11:5, 33](#) and [2 Kings 23:13](#) note that the Israelites fell into Asherah worship later on.

In our 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!

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.

NOTICE! ANNOUNCEMENT! NOTICE!

Changes has been made to the way we submit announcements to be inserted into the bulletin.

The bulletin is processed on Monday mornings, please, all announcements should be submitted to and approved by Father Henry (henry95ugo@gmail.com) **NO LATER** than the Friday before the bulletin is processed for publishing.

Failure to follow this procedure may result in your request not being placed in the bulletin.

During the weekend of October 19/20, we will have a second collection for the Propagation of the Faith.
Please be generous.

Register to Vote

In Person/By Mail (EBR Registrar of Voter 389-3940/City Hall 2nd Fl.) Registration Deadline: **October 7, 2024, MONDAY at 4:30 or postmarked**

Geaux Vote Online (geauxvote.com) Registration Deadline: **October 15, 2024, TUESDAY**

Early Voting: October 18-29, 2024(Extended Early Voting Time, Except Sunday Oct, 20 and Sunday, Oct. 27)

Vote by Mail: Request a Vote by Mail Ballot by, **November 1, 2024, FRIDAY**

Return a Vote by Mail Ballot by, **November 4, 2024, MONDAY Election Day : TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you have a desire to join this sacred ministry, please complete the Sign-in Sheet at the back of the church. All EMHC are required to attend this training on October 26, 2024 @10:30am. For more information, contact Ruby Jordan @ 225-337-0766.

Altar Servers of all Ages - The Altar Server Ministry is seeking parishioners of all ages (youth to adults) to serve at masses. If you are interested in joining our ministry or are a current Altar Server, please attend our next training on October 26, 2024, at 9am in the church. New and existing Altar Servers are also asked to register or sign up for the Altar Server Ministry on the Ministries tab on the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church website.

Mass Intentions Oct 12 - 18, 2024

Saturday 5pm Maria P. Rice
By: Ronald Saizon

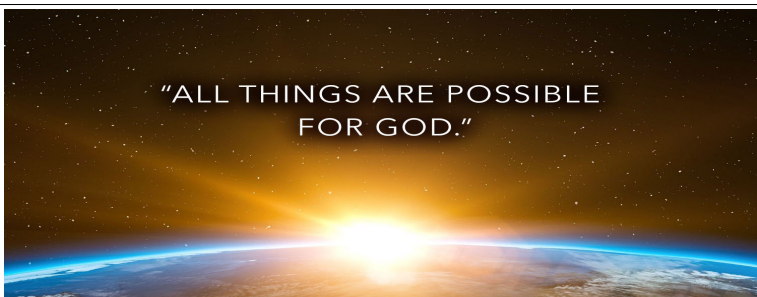
Sunday 8am Walter Martin (R)
By: Wilma Greene & Family
11am People of the Parish



Stewardship October 6, 2024

Regular Collection: \$13,433
Online Support: \$935
Parish Needs: \$463
Fish Fry: \$3,878
School Support: \$35

"ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE
FOR GOD."



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Punch Line

The first reading is supposed to remind us of Solomon, who, when God promised to give him whatever he asked, chose wisdom over wealth or power. Now our modern view of wisdom is usually pictured as the knowledge and experience of an older person. In the scriptures it is God's Wisdom that is desired. More than just the wise sayings of a Benjamin Franklin or Yoda, scriptural wisdom means doing God's will in all things. As Jesus tried to tell the man in the gospel, knowing and doing God's will is more precious than wealth, or even family!

So if wisdom is that good, why do so few seek it? Most of us have no problem doing God's will, as long as it is the same as ours. Or we do God's will if it is painless and convenient. I once donated money to a charity by sending a text message. I don't know if I would have done it if I had to write a check and mail it. Sometimes we are like that man in the gospel, desiring wisdom but not willing to pay for it.

Maybe our problem is that we don't trust God enough. The first reading, after praising wisdom more than health, wealth, and beauty, ends with a promise of "countless riches" while Jesus promises that the one who gives up everything will receive "a hundred times more." Because the rich man left in sorrow, he missed the punch line.

I can think of two ways to interpret that promise. One is that the more we give up for love of the Lord, the more we get back. When someone gives up selfishness and begins to love, he then becomes capable of receiving love. Which leads to the second meaning of the promise: When we let God change us by giving up our worldly attachments, we find that we are happier because we experience God's love for us more deeply. So Wisdom is the way to happiness: We outgrow our desire for things that make us feel good and appreciate the joy of accepting God's love and sharing it with others.

Tom Schmidt