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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

November 2024

10 Class – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – **Black Catholic History Month**

11 **Veterans Day**



On Nov. 11, we celebrate **Veterans Day** to honor the soldiers, both past and present, who have made sacrifices for our freedom. While a simple “Happy Veterans Day” or “Thank you for your service” will suffice, there are even better ways to show your gratitude to our courageous veterans—like sharing these **Veterans Day quotes** from inspiring leaders, writers and influencers.

“You can’t separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.” —*Malcolm X*

“Our children may learn about heroes of the past. Our task is to make ourselves architects of the future.” —*Jomo Kenyatta*

“They [veterans] don’t always go around telling stories of their heroism, so it’s up to us to ask and to listen, to tell those stories for them and to live in our own lives the values for which they were prepared to give theirs.” —*Barack Obama*

We continue our series on the Kings of the Bible:

King Saul

The first king of Israel, King Saul, was initially a good king (1 Samuel 15), but later fell out of favor with God. Although it would be roughly ten years before David would actually sit on the throne as King, David was chosen to be the next king because Saul never fully obeyed God (1 Samuel 16).

King David

The Jews consider King David to be their favorite king, and Jesus Christ is, of course, descended from him (Matt. 1:6–17). With the Book of Psalms, he rose to become Israel’s greatest earthly king and one of the Bible’s most prolific authors.

King Solomon

After his father, David, passed away, Solomon, who was David’s son, succeeded him as the third king of Israel. In the future, he wed foreign women who turned his heart away from the Lord and toward idolatry, but he would eventually turn around and write the greatest book of wisdom ever: the Book of Proverbs, along with the wisdom writings of the Book of Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.

Israel Divides

After Israel split into two separate nations, they would eventually fall and be taken into captivity. The nation of Israel would fall into the hands of the Assyrian Empire, and the majority of the nation of what is known as the Northern Kingdom would be taken captive. The Southern Kingdom, or Judah, would remain. Jesus’ saying, “A house divided against itself cannot stand” (Mark 3:25), proved to be true.

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 * Patricia Tyson

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!

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!

Our Bible study begins on Wednesday, November 27 at 6 pm. Subsequently, we will be having our Bible Study every Thursday at 6 pm.

A retreat is scheduled for the Parish Council, all ministry leaders, and interested parishioners on November 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please mark your calendar. It is mandatory for all leaders. **There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for interested parishioners who would like to attend.**

Reminder

This is to remind all the ministries that their calendar is due for submission by November 30. Thank you

Second Collection

Campaign for Human Development Collection will be the weekend of November 16th -17th. Please be Generous

What a weekend!

The Draw Down Committee would like to say Thank You. Thanks so much to everyone who made the Draw Down Weekend a great success. Thanks to the Saturday kitchen crew & the Sunday kitchen crew for everything that you did. Thanks to the people who were not officially on either crew who pitched in where they saw a need. We can't say thank you enough to Reginald Morrison Jr. for the delicious Jambalaya dinners on Sunday. And finally, thank you St. Francis Xavier for showing up and showing out.

The Draw Down winners were:

Henry Baptiste	St. Joseph Church
Barbara Decuir	Edmond Jordan
Perry Franklin	Kerry Charles
Constance Gaston	Mary Legard-James
Paula Northern	Phyllis White

\$10,000 Winner!
Deborah Harris

Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *Parish Ministry Leaders' Retreat – Saturday, **Nov. 16**, from 9am – 12noon.
- *Eucharistic Procession - Sunday, **Nov. 24**, after the 8am Mass.
- *Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, **Nov. 28**, Mass at 9am.
- *Feast of St. Francis Xavier – Tuesday, **Dec. 3**.
- *First Friday Fish Fry – Friday, **Dec. 6**, from 10 am – 1 pm.
- *Adoration, Praise, and Worship – Saturday, Dec. 7, from 3pm – 4:30pm.
- *Immaculate Conception (H) – Monday, **Dec 9**. Mass at 9am and 6pm.
- *Advent Penitential Service – Wednesday, **Dec. 18** at 5pm.
- Christmas Vigil/Eve – Tuesday, **Dec. 24**. Mass at 5 pm.
- Midnight Mass – Wednesday, **Dec. 25**. Mass at 12 am.

Mass Intentions Nov 9 - 12, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Brenda Landry <i>By: Leslie Coates</i>
Sunday	8am	Louis Glenn Jones <i>By: Wilma Greene & Family</i>
	11am	Lisa Plant <i>By: Ronald Saizon</i>
Tuesday	9am	Gladys Lee <i>By: Tammy Lee</i>

Stewardship November 3, 2024



Regular Collection:	\$10,296
Online Support:	\$961.00
Parish Needs:	\$269.00
School Support:	\$55.00
Building Fund:	\$650.00

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Lot of Nerve

I always thought it took a lot of nerve for Elijah to beg that poor woman for a meal. Even though, during a long drought, she has only a bit of her food to give to her son, he still asks her to make a little cake for himself. It would be easier to understand if we heard the verse before this reading begins: God tells the prophet that he has “commanded a widow...to feed you.” (1Kgs 17:9)

Now the widow was not aware of this command. But she does as Elijah asked. That took even more faith than Elijah showed. She was afraid for herself and the boy. But she had enough faith to risk the last of her food to help someone else. She shows us that we are obeying God’s commands when we trust him. Most of those commands come not from a vision, but from someone’s cry for help.

I wonder how many good people have passed up a chance to do God’s will because they didn’t hear directly from God what to do. When you hear that a tornado destroyed a nearby neighborhood, do you hear God asking you to help? Do you hear God’s voice when you read in the bulletin that the food pantry is running low? When a storm knocks out the power on your block, do you think God is asking you to check on the elderly widow next door?

And if you do hear God calling in these examples, how do you respond? You can be like the rich people in the gospel and just give your ten percent. Or do you have the faith of the woman whose few cents were all that she had. It takes a lot of courage to trust God completely. Do you have what it takes?

Tom Schmidt