

# 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:	9:00AM
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

**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 February 2025

9 **PSR Class** – We begin preparing for Lent – We continue to collect items for the nursing home visit in a couple of weeks. Service hour credits will be granted to students that participate in the visit.

During Black History Month please continue to pray the **Prayer for African American Family Resilience:**

Dear Lord, as challenges arise, grant us strength and resilience to face adversity. Strengthen our hearts and minds, reminding us of the courage and perseverance of our ancestors. Help us stand firm in faith and determination, overcoming obstacles that come our way.

**We continue our Bible series with 2 Kings...**

Introduction to the Second Books of Kings commonly called the Fourth Book of Kings this, and the preceding book, are properly but one book divided into two parts, because of the size of it, as the book of Samuel; it is a continuation of the history of the kings of Israel and Judah; and for a further account of it the reader is referred to the title of the preceding book.

### **Introduction to 2 Kings**

This chapter begins with the rebellion of Moab against Israel, 2Ki 1:1, relates a fall of the king of Israel in his house, which brought on him a sickness, about which he sent messengers to inquire of the god of Ekron, who were stopped by Elijah, and bid to return, as they did; and upon the king's examination of them about the cause of their return, he perceived it was Elijah that forbade them, 2Ki 1:2-8, upon which the king sent to him two captains, with fifty men each, one after another, to bring him to him, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, 2Ki 1:9-12, but a third with fifty men sent to him were spared, and he is bid to go along with them with a message to the king, as he did, 2Ki 1:13-16 and the chapter is closed with the death of Ahaziah, 2Ki 1:17,18.

Next Issue we continue with Chapter 1 *The revolt of Moab-Sickness of Ahaziah, king of Israel. (1-8) Fire called from heaven by Elijah-Death of Ahaziah. (9-18)*

### 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

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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](http://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!

### Bible Study

We will be having our Bible Study every Thursday at 6 pm at the Parish Office.

### Birthday & Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On the last Weekend of each Month, we will say a prayer at each mass for those celebrating their birthday and anniversary for that Month and have a light refreshment for them on Sunday at 9:30 am. Please

### Parish Office

2024 Annual Statement of Offerings were mailed on January 31, 2025. If you do not receive your statement, contact the parish secretary.

A number of parishioners requested envelopes in 2024 and did not receive them. Please contact the new parish to verify your new address in order to receive your envelopes. Thank you.

### Black History Artifacts Display

Help us give our youth and young adults a window into the past by sharing artifacts—any very old items no longer in use but priceless in meaning. We can safeguard the stories of our ancestors by offering a physical connection to the past. The display will be in the school library on the last weekend in February. Please bring your labeled artifact to the library on Saturday, February 22nd. For more information, please contact Ruby Jordan @ 225-337-0766 or Janice Smith at 225-754-5757

Join us for the  
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
*When: Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm*

*Adoration, Praise, and Worship*  
**Every First Saturday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

*Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church*  
1120 Myrtle Street

### Upcoming Events in the Parish

- \*GriefShare Ministry– Wednesday, 6 pm.
- \*Black History– Throughout the Month of Feb.
- \*COPE Workshop: Saturday, Feb. 15, 10am-11:30am.
- PSR Nursing Home Visit, Sunday, Feb. 16, after the 8 am Mass.
- 30 days Prayers to St. Joseph, Feb. 18- - Mar. 19
- \*PSR– Cake Bingo Fundraiser–Saturday, Feb. 22, after the Vigil Mass.
- \*Black History Month Celebration -Feb. 23, after the 8 am mass.

### Mass Intentions

Feb 08-12, 2025

Saturday	5pm	Shelvia & Wilson Stewart <i>By: Betty Camble</i> Julie Ann Franklin <i>By: Backrow Angels</i>
Sunday	8am	People of the Parish
	11am	Sister Nebechi <i>By: Ejigiri Family</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Parish Council Election
Wednesday	9am	St. Francis Xavier School

### Stewardship January 26, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$10,322.00
Online Support:	\$1940.00
Parish Needs:	\$887.00
School Support:	\$201.00



Thanks for your Generosity!

**Today's Readings**  
**Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8, 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11, Luke 5: 1-11**

For a humble guy, St. Paul really tells it like it is. It seems some of the Corinthians did not believe that Christ rose from the dead, or that resurrection was a spiritual symbol of forgiveness of sins. So Paul lists those witnesses who actually saw the risen Jesus, last and least of these being Paul himself. Now we are used to thinking of Paul as one of the greatest apostles, even though we know he once persecuted Christians. So you might think he is being overly humble, like someone fishing for a compliment. No, Paul is only interested in making sure the Corinthians understand just how much God has done.

Besides being “born abnormally” (1 Corinthians 15:8), that is, coming to follow Christ in such an unusual way, he felt unworthy because of so many Christians he hurt before his conversion. Yet he turns that unworthiness into an example of how much God has done through him, so he can say that he worked harder than any other apostles because of God’s grace, not Paul’s strength. The same grace that turned a former enemy into a friend also gave him the strength to spread the gospel farther than anyone else at that time.

In today’s Gospel, Peter has a similar experience. He was a fisherman who knew his business and knew that some days, the fish just aren’t there. So when Jesus tells him to go out one more time, try one more cast of the nets, Peter probably thought he’d show Jesus that it was no use. Then when they caught enough fish to fill both boats, he realized that his pride was sinful. He was unworthy to receive such bounty from the Lord. And yet Jesus tells him that “you will be catching men” (Luke 5:10).

How many of us are like Peter and Paul, thinking we know just what our place in the world is, relying on our own strengths to do our jobs? Surely that’s all God expects of us, right? They found Jesus calling them to a much more challenging life. Do we have the courage to listen to God’s call to serve?

*Tom Schmidt*