

Thirty -Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

TUESDAY:

WED-FRI:

HOLYDAYS:

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY:

VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA- 5:00 PM

9:00AM

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—3:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS CELEBRATED ON THE 3RD 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 2025

16 PSR Class - ADVENT WORKSHOP: 8:00am – 12:00noon (Mass included) – *Assign Nativity Characters - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Nursing Home Visit (Confirmation I & II).*
23 PSR Class - Youth to attend Eucharistic Adoration after 8:00am mass- Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
27 Thanksgiving Day
30 No PSR Class – 1st Sunday of Advent

We continue on Discipleship with...

The Liturgical Life of the Church: Popular Devotions and Piety

The active participation and practice of the liturgy, prayers, devotions, and popular piety of the Church provide a powerful witness to the faith. Participation in Mass should be encouraged, as the Eucharist is the heart of the Church's life. By participating in Mass, learning common prayers, and practicing devotions, a person appropriates the teachings of the faith. The prayers, popular devotions, and liturgies of the Church form the basis of "Catholic culture"; they allow for the community to pray together in a common language and contribute to one's continuing faith development. Often, our returning brothers and sisters remember and have a fondness for their cultural and familial devotional practices.

The Christian Family

A culture of witness is sustained within the Church through marriage and the family. The communal relationship that exists between and among the three Persons of the Trinity is the model for Christian marriage, and through the Sacrament of Matrimony, married love actually participates in Trinitarian love. It is within the Sacrament of Matrimony that the husband and wife evangelize, become evangelized, and share their witness of the faith to their children and to society. "Spouses, 'not only receive the love of Christ and become a saved community, but they are also called upon to communicate Christ's love to their brethren, thus becoming a saved community'. The family founded on the Sacrament of Matrimony is a particular realization of the Church, saved and saving, evangelized and evangelizing community." The family, called the domestic Church, is often the first place where one experiences and is formed in the faith. In fact, "the new evangelization depends largely on the domestic Church." It is through the example of mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings, and extended family members that one most concretely witnesses how to live a Christian life: "Family members learn more of the Christian life by observing each other's strengths or weaknesses than by formal instruction. Their shared wisdom and experience often constitute a compelling Christian witness."

Next Issue we conclude our series on Discipleship with discussion on, Catechists and Teachers of the Faith.

PRAYER LIST

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

Elouise Noel * Betty Dupas * Denise Chutz * Fred Dejuan * Loretta Warren * Lorenzia Dardone, * Roslyn Jones * Anita Liggins

*Elizabeth Whitfield *Linda Gills-Beshears Phyllis White * Mary E. Bourgeois *Easton Charles *Erica H. Louis*Alphonse Deconge III

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Through trials and tribulations, by God's grace, we triumph!

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Mail: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1120 Myrtle Walk Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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SCAN ME

Bible Study

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

Black Catholic History Month

Mary Elizabeth Lange

Elizabeth Lange was born in Santiago de Cuba. Because she was well educated, it is believed that she came from a family of means. In the early 1800's, Lange left Cuba to seek peace and security in the United States. She moved to Baltimore, MD, where many French-speaking Catholic refugees from the Haitian Revolution were settling. With her friend, Marie Magdelaine Balas, Elizabeth offered free education to children of Caribbean immigrants and free African Americans in her home. In 1828, Father Joubert, S.S., with Archbishop James Whitfield's backing, encouraged Mother Lange to found a religious order to educate African-American girls. For more information visit: <https://cparl.org/servant-of-god-mother-mary-lange-osp>



"Register your child for the SFX School 2026-27, The Mustang Experience Awaits You." For more information, visit www.sfxbr.org or scan the QR Code.

Enrolling Grades K - 8

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

Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *Ministry Leader Meeting, Tuesday, November 18, 6 pm.
- *School Mass, Friday, November 21, 9 am.
- *School Advisory Board Meeting, Saturday, November 22, 10 am.
- *Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23.
- *Parish Council, Tuesday, November 25, 6 pm.
- *Thanksgiving Mass, November 27, 9 am.
- *History & Dialogue Session, November 29, 10 am.
- *Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, November 30, 9:30 am.
- *First Friday Fish Fry, December 5, 10 am.

Mass Intentions November 15-18, 2025

Saturday	5 pm	Juanita Culbert By: Camille Fleet Aline "Cookie" Vaughn By: Ladies of SFX Court 12
Sunday	8 am	Glenn Jones By: Wilma Greene & Family Louis Jones By: Wilma Greene & Family
	11 am	The People of the Parish
Tuesday	5 pm	Gladys Lee By: Tammy Lee

Stewardship November 09, 2025

Regular Collection:	\$7084.00
Online Support:	\$1581.00
Parish Needs:	\$190.00
School Support:	\$0.00



Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
Malachi 3: 19-20a, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

When Jesus rose from the dead, he showed his disciples that even death will be overcome by God. In today's Gospel, he expands that to include most of the bad things that can happen to both non-believers and disciples alike.

Starting with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus mentions most of the scary things that people thought would bring the end of the world. He gives two pieces of advice. First, don't be fooled by anyone who says this is the end or who claims to be Jesus. When Jesus comes again, there will be no doubt about who it is. You won't have to learn about it on the evening news. Then, don't be terrified by natural disasters or wars. Wars, epidemics, earthquakes, and the rest happen throughout history and will happen again.

As disciples, we hope we would respond to disasters not with fear, but with love. Believers can voluntarily help those affected, comfort the survivors, or help rebuild their homes or schools. You may choose to give at a blood drive or donate to one of the charities that help disaster victims. People have welcomed strangers into their homes after a flood or hurricane has destroyed a neighborhood.

There is a saying that "no good deed goes unpunished." Jesus never says that his disciples would be given awards for their acts of charity. In the second half of the Gospel, he says that his disciples would be persecuted, hated, and even betrayed by their own families. Jesus has advice for that situation, too. He presents it as an opportunity to give testimony, or witness, to our faith. His advice sounds strange at first. Unlike a modern lawyer, who practices with a witness before they go into the courtroom, Jesus tells us "not to prepare your defense," but to let him give us the words. I suspect that he means not to worry about what you might say, lest you become scared speechless. If you let him, Jesus will "prepare" you with the scripture readings, your pastor's homilies, and your own prayer life. All of these can help open us to the gifts of the Spirit, who helps us proclaim our faith without fear.

Tom Schmidt