

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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### MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>8:00 AM &amp; 11:00 AM</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA~ 5:00 PM</b>
<b>WED ~ THURS:</b>	<b>6:30 AM IN CONVENT</b>
<b>HOLYDAYS:</b>	<b>9:00 AM &amp; 6:00 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM</b>

**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. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER 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

July 2023

02 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

04 4<sup>th</sup> of July Independence Day

**Declaration of Independence**, in U.S. history, document that was approved by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and that announced the separation of 13 North American British colonies from Great Britain. It explained why the Congress on July 2 “unanimously” by the votes of 12 colonies (with New York abstaining) had resolved that “these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be Free and Independent States.” Accordingly, the day on which final separation was officially voted was July 2, although the 4<sup>th</sup>, the day on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted, has always been celebrated in the United States as the great national holiday—the Fourth of July, or Independence Day. *britannica.com*

### What Can We Learn from the Book of Nahum

There are a few things that we can learn from the prophet Nahum, and his book in the Old Testament.

It can be easy to assume that God does not care about the suffering of his people in this world. Terrible things happen, and we think that we can't see God doing anything, but the truth is that he does care. His timing and his ways are way beyond our understanding. As we see in the book of Nahum, yes he is a merciful God, which is wonderful, but he is also a just God. At some point, he does hold people, nations, and governments accountable for their actions. We see this with the city of Nineveh, the Lord was patient with them for a period, but eventually, time ran out. The Lord's judgment came upon them because of their evil ways. It has been the same way for other empires that have done things that are oppressive and evil, they did not exist forever. The Lord cares for his people and will see that things are made right. One day there will be no more pain, suffering, or sin, and the Lord will make things the way that he intended them to be.

The book of Nahum also reminds us not to forget about the Lord and put our trust and faith in other things. The people of Nineveh trusted in their own power, possessions, and idols. Although they once repented, they completely forgot about the mercy they received and turned back to their evil and destructive ways. This ultimately led to their destruction. This is why it is so important to remember where everything comes from, and that each day we humbly receive the mercy and grace that the Lord offers us. When we turn from our sinful ways and receive what the Lord offers us, we are promised that he “cares for those who take refuge in him.” (Nahum 1:7)

We can also be thankful that this story shows us that the Lord is not slow, but that he wants all to come to repentance. Consider how great his love is for all people, that everyone has a chance to know him. Yet, he is still just, and eventually, he will judge the whole earth. Those of us who follow Jesus are promised that we will be with him forever and will get to experience how he intended things to be from the beginning.

The book of Nahum teaches us that we have a merciful and loving God who longs to have a relationship with His creation. At the same time, he is perfect in bringing judgment and defending those he loves in His timing. We can trust him in all that he does because he is working all things out on our behalf, and for His glory. *crosswalk.com*

## PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Frazier Jordan	Loraine Perry	Joyce Decuir
Elizabeth Whitfield	Martha Proctor	John Ristic
Zelda Bates	Maria Rice	Betty Camble
Elaine Johnson	Whitney Robiho	Elouise Noel
Linda Gills-Beshears	Bridget Taylor	Cora Scott-Green
Phyllis White	Chavon D. White	Betty Dupas
Mary E. Bourgeois	Mary L. Boutte	Earl Bourgeois

## Mass Intentions for July 1 – 4, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Shelvia Stewart</b> <i>By: Betty Camble</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Lester &amp; Ronnie Gauthier</b> <i>By: Edward, Mary, Donna &amp; Damien</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Deceased family &amp; Ancestors</b> <i>By: Van Do</i>



***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.



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He puts peace in our hearts.

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The Wellness Ministry is in need of someone with  
knowledge of publisher software such as Canva, Microsoft  
Publisher, etc. for our quarterly newsletter. If you can assist  
us, please contact Jonalyn Nunnery at 225 266-3263.

**Weekday Masses**  
**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**  
**at 9am**

The Junior Daughters Ct# 12 (Little Flowers) are still collecting "Pull Tabs". If you have any, please leave them at the back of the church.

**Join us for the**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
*When: Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm*  
*Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church*  
*1120 Myrtle Street*

**Stewardship - June 25, 2023**

	<p><b>Regular Collection</b> <b>\$5,157</b></p> <p><b>Parish Needs</b> <b>\$90</b></p> <p><b>Building Fund</b> <b>\$150</b></p> <p><b>School Support</b> <b>\$50</b></p>	
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**JOIN US FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY**  
**EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7PM**  
Just dial **1 720 7409653**  
And enter access code **5217381#**

## Scripture Readings For the Week of July 2, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle</b> Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Pope, and Saint Elizabeth of Portugal</b> Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</b> Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
<b>Friday</b>	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Saturday</b>	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30