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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 ~ THURS:	6:30 AM IN CONVENT
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. 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

30 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 things to know about the Prophet Habakkuk

What Was the Character of Habakkuk?

Habakkuk models honest, righteous prayer that asks the hard questions.

In a departure from most prophetic literature in the Bible, the book of Habbakuk is not directly addressed to God's people; "rather, it is a dialogue, between the prophet and God" ([ESV.org](#)). The book is almost entirely a back-and-forth conversation in which Habakkuk is deeply honest with God. He asks difficult questions and struggles with reconciling what he knows about God's characters with what God's current actions are. He wonders why a more wicked nation (Babylon) will be able to win a victory over a less wicked nation (Judah). He cannot deduce how that is just or how that will communicate God's character to a watching world.

You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong,
why do you idly look at traitors
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up
the man more righteous than he? ([Habakkuk 1:13](#))

After sharing all that is on his heart, Habakkuk says:
I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ([Habakkuk 2:1](#)) *crosswalk.com*

What Are Some Main Themes in Habakkuk?

God's Wisdom and Justice are sure but go beyond human understanding.

God responds to Habakkuk without anger toward him. In fact, he affirms his eager desire to wait upon God, a stance that shows his faith. God says: "The righteous will live by faith" ([Habakkuk 2:4](#)). God answers Habakkuk's questions by assuring him that the Babylonians will eventually experience his judgment as well, in his perfect timing, saying:

The cup in the Lord's right hand
will come around to you [Babylon],
and utter shame will come upon your glory! ([Habakkuk 2:16](#))

Next Issue: We continue with the 6 things to know about the Prophet Habakkuk.

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 29 – August 1, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Dr. Melvin Jones <i>By: Mr. & Mrs. Leo Beauregard</i>
Sunday	8am	Jeffrey Darensbourg
	11am	Norman Brown <i>By: Nieces & Nephews</i>
Tuesday	5pm	People of the Parish



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

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St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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 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.

Save the Date

SFX Homecoming Parish Fair,
 October 21-22, 2023. There will be fun, games,
 food and the Big Drawdown.

Tickets are \$100 each. The main prize is \$10,000
 and \$5,000 in additional cash prizes. If we sell all
 500 tickets our profit will be \$35,000.

Let's pull together to make this Parish Fair a huge
 success!

Save the Date

Sunday, August 20 at the 8am mass, we will
 honor the Sisters of the Holy Family for the
 104 years of service to our school and parish.

We will have a breakfast for them in the
 cafeteria after mass.

We will also take up a second collection at all
 the masses that weekend to support the
 Sisters.

Worry is worshipping your problem.
 Prayer is surrendering your problem.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
 at 9am

Stewardship - July 23, 2023



Regular Collection
 \$4,275
Parish Needs
 \$45
Building Fund
 \$523
School Support
 \$5.00



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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.
God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."

Solomon answered:

"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king
to succeed my father David;
but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.
I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen,
a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.
Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.

So God said to him:

"Because you have asked for this—
not for a long life for yourself,
nor for riches,
nor for the life of your enemies,
but for understanding so that you may know what is right—
I do as you requested.
I give you a heart so wise and understanding
that there has never been anyone like you up to now,
and after you there will come no one to equal you."