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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. 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

June 2024

09 10th Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

16 11th Sunday in **Ordinary Time** – **Father's Day**

19 **Juneteenth**

Ordinary Time - Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

A Father's Day Prayer – God, Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models a loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen.

Juneteenth - In 1863, during the American Civil War, Pres. Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million enslaved people living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, that the state's residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished. The formerly enslaved immediately began to celebrate with prayer, feasting, song, and dance.

We continue our series on the Judges in the Bible with Abimelech.

Abimelech was a son of Gideon, the king of Israel and his concubine from Shechem. He sought to rule over Shechem by killing all other sons of Gideon. Who are all slain except for Gideon's youngest son, Jotham. Abimelech then became king of Shechem, ruling for three years before a conspiracy arose against him. He commanded by force. Murdered his opposition and led in such a manner that even his subjects sought to overthrow him.

A civil war broke out, leading to a battle at a town called Thebez. Where Abimelech surrounded the leaders of the city and a tower approached with the intention of burning it down. However, a woman in the tower heroically dropped a large rock on Abimelech's head and cracked his skull. Nearing death, he called out to a comrade to stab him as being killed by a woman was considered disgraceful at that time. This was an appropriate for Abimelech malevolent end and the evil he committed against his own brothers and people. In contrast to the positive lead of his father, Abimelech focused on his own personal gain, hurting many in the process.

PRAYER LIST

John Paul Moore * Loraine Perry * Martha Proctor * Whitney Robiho * Joyce Decuir * Catherine Murray * Patricia Armstrong * Lorenzia Dardone

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Richard Camble, Jr.* Elizabeth Whitfield * Elaine Johnson * 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!

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.

The Historic National Eucharistic Procession will be stopping in Baton Rouge On June 7, 2024, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, on its route to the National Eucharistic Congress taking place on July 17-21, 2024, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Below is the schedule for the day and you are welcome to join us.

- 8am** - Mass | Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
- 9am** - Grab-and-Go Breakfast | Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
- 9:30am** - Eucharistic Procession Begins The procession will begin at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and go to St. Joseph Cathedral.
- 10:20am** - Bishop Duca Addresses Diocesan Pilgrims & Eucharistic Adoration | St. Joseph Cathedral
- 11:30am** - Call to Service Presentation | St. Joseph Cathedral
- 12:30pm** - Lunch and Perpetual Pilgrim Testimonies | St. Joseph Cathedral
- 1:30pm** - Program ends at St. Joseph Cathedral, depart for Christ the King Catholic Church
- 2pm** - Eucharistic Prayer Service | Christ the King Catholic Church

For more information about the Baton Rouge pilgrimage and to register that you will be attending, please visit diobr.org/pilgrimage

SFX Youth Ministry - (youth between 12-18 years of age)
Please plan to attend these 2024 Youth Summer Meetings!

- June 7th - Bible Study
- June 14th - Park Day & Basketball/kickball tournament
- June 20th - Health & Leadership Talk
- June 29th - Service Opportunity
- July 13th - Game Night with parishioners
- July 18th - Movie Night
- Location: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (Parish Office)
- Time 6:00pm

We will be celebrating Father Ed's 50th Anniversary/farewell on June 30, 2024, here in the cafeteria after the 8am mass.

We will also like to recognize the principal, Ms. Paula Johnson for her 6 years of service here at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School.

Please plan to attend this joyous event!

KPC, St. Anges Council #12
Pork Sandwich Plate Sale and BINGO
June 22nd, immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Mass Intentions - June 8 - 14, 2024

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| Saturday | 5pm | Walter LaMotte, Sr.
<i>By: Patrick & Desmarie Jackson Decuir</i> |
| Sunday | 8am | Brenda Landry
<i>By: Monica, Karmen & Kellye</i> |
| | 11am | People of the Parish |
| Tuesday | 5pm | Inez Bajoie LaMotte
<i>By: Patrick & Desmarie Jackson Decuir</i> |

Stewardship - May 26, 2024



Regular Collection
\$7,385
Parish Needs
\$353



10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Blameless Not Blamers

If you spend any amount of time around young children, you will quickly realize that they like to pass the blame. If you're lucky, they may even accompany it with an irritating whine. What are they trying to accomplish with this behavior? They are trying to get out of trouble, to avoid punishment, often even twisting the truth to do so. Where do they learn this behavior?

The short answer is from our first parents, the founders of Original Sin. In today's first reading, we see Adam passing the blame to Eve, who then passes the blame to the serpent. While neither of them were untruthful, they were definitely trying to avoid punishment. They knew instantly that they had done wrong and disobeyed God. We all know what happens next. They are evicted from the Garden of Eden and begin to experience pain, hunger, illness and ultimately death.

Although we might be tempted to let this first reading get us down, the second reading reminds us of God's promise of redemption: "the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also... Therefore, we are not discouraged... For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven."

That is why we can exclaim with joy, "Oh happy fault, Oh necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!" Because of Adam's sin, Jesus came down from heaven to save us. But not only did he save us, he made us members of his own family: "For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Knowing we are members of God's family should motivate us to end the cycle of blaming and finger pointing that Adam and Eve started and that we and our children continue. It should encourage us to humbly accept our faults, confess our sins and seek to be blameless in God's sight. It should drive us to instead lift others up by sharing the good news of God's unconditional love. Let's take one small step toward making that happen today. Tami Urcia