

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1120 MYRTLE WALK  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

*Very Rev. Edward Chiffriller, SSJ*  
Pastor

*Rev. Henry Ihuoma, SSJ*  
Parochial Vicar

[stfrancisxavierbr.org](http://stfrancisxavierbr.org)

**PARISH OFFICE:**

**MRS. EBONY RILEY-COLEMAN- SECRETARY**  
1134 JULIA STREET  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802  
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM  
225.383.3479 OR 225.343.3709  
FAX: 225.388.5458  
EMAIL-SECRETARY@SFXC.BRCOXMAIL.COM  
WEBSITE-STFRANCISXAVIERBR.ORG  
REV. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER CELL: 225.571.8233  
EMAIL~ EJCHIFFSSJ@AOL.COM

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

**MR JOHN YOUNG ~ DRE** 225.343.3075 EXT 212  
FAX: 225.388.5458  
EMAIL:SFXPSR@SFXC.BRCOXMAIL.COM

**SCHOOL OFFICE:**

**MS. PAULA JOHNSON ~ PRINCIPAL**  
1150 SOUTH 12TH STREET  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802  
7:30 AM TO 4:00 PM  
225.387.6639 OR 225.387.6630  
FAX: 225.383.1215  
EMAIL: PJOHNSON@SFXBR.ORG  
WEBSITE: SFXBR.ORG



### 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 - FRI:</b> | <b>9:00AM</b>  |
| <b>HOLIDAYS:</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

### June 2024

**16 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Happy Father’s Day** - 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.

**19 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 the series on Abimelech and finish with a spoiler alert.

Abimelech offers a negative example of how a leader is to influence others. He led by force, murdered his opposition, and led in such a manner that even his subjects sought to overtake him. In contrast to the positive leadership of his father, Abimelech focused on his own personal gain, hurting many in the process.

Interestingly, a reference to Abimelech’s death would be made many years later during the reign of David. When Uriah was put on the front line of battle so he would die, Joab sent David a message that said, “Who killed Abimelek son of Jerub-Besheth (Gideon)? Didn’t a woman drop an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez?” (2 Samuel 11:21). This reference held both a practical and spiritual message for David. Practically speaking, the reference noted that Abimelech served as an example of not getting too close to a wall during a battle. Spiritually, the reference pointed out the flaw of leading for one’s own gain rather than out of service to God.

Spoiler Alert!!!

There is a debate by many if Abimelech was a judge. I personally don’t believe he was a judge and here is why. He was one of the many sons of Gideon (the Judge). He basically had a power trip, killed 70 of his brothers and made himself king. He even caused a civil war within the tribes of Israel. He was not called by God, nor did he do right before the Lord. And scripture never calls him a judge. He may have lead Israel, but he was no judge.

In our next series we will talk about **Judge Tola**

## PRAYER LIST

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

Betty Camble \* Elouise Noel \* Betty Dupas \* Earl Bourgeois \* Mary L. Boutte \* Cecila Bazile \* Denise Chutz Fred Dejuan \* Loretta Warren

Richard Camble, Jr.\* Elizabeth Whitfield \* Elaine Johnson \* Linda Gills-Beshears \* Phyllis White \* Mary E. Bourgeois \* Easton Charles

# Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, LA



**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!

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.



# GOD BLESS OUR FATHERS

**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!**

### Mass Intentions - June 15 - 21, 2024

|          |      |   |
|----------|------|---|
| Saturday | 5pm  | <b>Arnold Decuir</b><br><i>By: Patrick &amp; Desmarie Jackson Decuir</i>  |
| Sunday   | 8am  | <b>Father's Day</b>   |
|          | 11am | <b>Father's Day</b>   |
| Tuesday  | 5pm  | <b>Bridget Taylor</b><br><i>By: Sister, brother, nieces &amp; nephews</i> |
| Friday   | 9am  | <b>Joseph Nelson</b><br><i>By: Kids &amp; grandkids</i>                   |

*St. Francis Xavier Auxiliary Ct. #12,  
Raffle of Saints Pre-Season Tickets.*

*2 chances to win and tickets are \$10.  
Only 1 Pre-Season game this year.  
See members of the Ladies Auxiliary to purchase.  
Drawing will be held on August 4, 2024,  
after 11 a.m. Mass.*

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

### Stewardship - June 9, 2024

**Regular Collection**  
**\$11,380**  
**Flowers**  
**\$231**  
**Building Fund**  
**\$650**



## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Big Picture

We hear about the Kingdom of God in many of Jesus' parables. Jesus must have gotten tired of trying to explain it, but he never gives up. In today's passage, he uses parables to describe how the kingdom will spread. What is interesting is that these parables are not so much about our actions as they are about how God builds his kingdom.

Let's start with the second parable: Jesus exaggerates a little, with the mustard seed being the smallest seed and the bush being the largest plant. His point is that the kingdom may look small at first, but it will keep growing. The image of all the birds coming to the branches is taken from Old Testament passages, in Daniel and Ezekiel, about other people coming into Jerusalem to worship the one LORD. Jesus implies that the growing kingdom will attract outsiders to be members. The main point is not to be discouraged when it seems the kingdom is not growing: We might be limiting it to people who think and act just like ourselves. We might see attendance at church in our parish declining. So Jesus is reminding us to think of the bigger picture.

In the first parable about the man who scattered seeds, Jesus says that those seeds produce a harvest, even though the farmer doesn't know how or why those seeds can grow. We too can be doing things that help the Kingdom to grow, without knowing how we are helping. The obvious example is prayer: We may not see the results of our prayer, or not know if God is answering our prayer. But God is making the kingdom grow in his own way and in his own time. Like the farmer, we can help it grow by loving each other, teaching our children about Jesus, caring for the poor and the sick.

If the farmer were to let weeds choke his crop, or be stingy with his seeds, he might not have a very good harvest. We can be stingy with our love, or hurt people with our anger. Then we would be slowing the growth of the kingdom. So let us always be aware of the kingdom, and ask God to move us to do whatever we can to help it grow.

Tom Schmidt