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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 - 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.  
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# 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

- 1 **Adoration, Praise and Worship (APW)** – will be held here at St. Francis from 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm. Mass following APW.
- 2 **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – The Feast of Corpus Christi**, festival of the Roman Catholic Church in honor of the real presence of the body (*corpus*) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. A movable observance, it is observed on the Thursday (or, in some countries, the Sunday) after Trinity Sunday and is a holy day of obligation in many countries.
- 7 **The Historic National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage to Stop in Baton Rouge**- On June 7, 2024, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be stopping in Baton Rouge on its route to the National Eucharistic Congress taking place on July 17-21, 2024, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The day will begin with 8 a.m. mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Baton Rouge followed by a 1.5-mile Eucharistic Procession beginning at 9:30 a.m. from Sacred Heart to St. Joseph Cathedral. At the Cathedral, pilgrims will have the opportunity to hear from Bishop Michael G. Duca, learn more about the call to service in our Baton Rouge community eat lunch and hear testimonies from the National Eucharistic Pilgrims from 10:20 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. At 2 p.m., a Eucharistic Prayer Service will begin at Christ the King Catholic Church and Student Center on LSU's campus featuring Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, prayer ministries and confession with priests from throughout the diocese. The event will end at 4 p.m. All events during the Baton Rouge stop of the Pilgrimage are free and open to the public. Due to the day's schedule, all pilgrims will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the various events around Baton Rouge. Local organizers recommend that pilgrims carpool or utilize transportation apps, especially if they are attending the Eucharistic Procession from Sacred Heart to the Cathedral.  
For more information about the Baton Rouge pilgrimage and to register that you will be attending, please visit [diobr.org/pilgrimage](http://diobr.org/pilgrimage).

*Next issue we begin our series on Judge Abimelech.*

## PRAYER LIST

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***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.

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](http://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 principle, 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 1 - 5, 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Marcella Keyes</b> <i>By: Honore Cousins</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Lester &amp; Ronnie Gauthier</b> <i>By: Mary, Danna &amp; Edward</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Brenda Landry</b> <i>By: SFX Food Pantry Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Marcella Keyes</b> <i>By: Marcella cousins</i>

### Stewardship - May 26, 2024



**Regular Collection**  
**\$13,620**  
**School Support**  
**\$768**  
**Parish Needs**  
**\$110**



## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ What's New?

I never noticed it before, but our reading from Mark's gospel is similar to the story in John's gospel of the wedding feast at Cana. They begin with a problem presented to Jesus: Lack of wine (John) and a place for Passover meal (Mark.) They both involve jars of water. Jesus responds to both by giving orders: to the waiters (Jn) and to the apostles (Mk.) And both have miraculous changes: water into wine (Jn) and bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood (Mk.)

Now the wedding feast showed Jesus using the water meant for purification and changing it to wine for a wedding. The Jews needed to purify any dishes in order to keep the kosher laws. But Jesus replaced those laws with a new one, the law of love, symbolized by the wedding. In our gospel today, Jesus replaces ordinary food with spiritual food. He is doing something new, beyond the requirements of the Old Testament.

What does that mean for us? Jesus is showing God's love for us in a new way. You might say he is replacing the way he comes to us. The bread and wine at the last Supper were signs of Jesus' body being broken and his blood poured out for us on the cross. When he gave his life for us, he rose from the dead to give us hope. And now we have the Eucharist, in which he becomes our new food and drink. Just as the Passover meal became a sign of Jesus' real death on the cross, our Eucharist is the sacrament of his real presence among us today.

Do we really believe that the Eucharist is Jesus, the Son of God? The way to measure that is to ask, how has Jesus changed your life? Do you love others more because you know God loves you? Do you have less fear of the future, because the Holy Spirit gives you courage? Do your children know Jesus, because you share your faith with them? In the Eucharist, God gives us a new way to be with him. Let us look forward to being renewed in spirit whenever we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Tom Schmidt



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