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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:	9:00 AM
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	SCHOOL MASS 9:00 AM

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. HENRY IHUOMA'S 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

August 2024

4 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

-Liturgical Education

Christ is always present in His Church, especially in the “liturgical celebrations.” Communion with Jesus Christ leads to the celebration of his salvific presence in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. The Church ardently desires that all the Christian faithful be brought to that full, conscious and active participation which is required by the very nature of the liturgy and the dignity of the baptismal priesthood. For this reason, catechesis, along with promoting a knowledge of the meaning of the liturgy and the sacraments, must also educate the disciples of Jesus Christ “for prayer, for thanksgiving, for repentance, for praying with confidence. for community spirit, for understanding correctly the meaning of the creeds...”as all of this is necessary for a true liturgical life.

We continue our series on the Judges with Jephthah

Jephthah’s Background

Jephthah was the son of Gilead. But his mother was a prostitute, which caused him to be ostracized by his half-brothers. They expelled him from his family home and any player to the land of top. Where a group of outcasts gathered around him. Despite his rough start, the elders of Gilead later sought his help when war with war with the Ammonites became imminent.

Though we can piece together a few general details from the historical time and place where he lived, just about everything we know of Jephthah, (“pronounced Jeff thuh”) comes from the Old Testament Book of Judges, chapters 11 through 12.

Jephthah (meaning “set free”) son of a man named Gilead from a tribal area of ancient Israel that was also called Gilead? This was a stretch of heavenly. Forested land about 20 miles wide. East of the Jordan River. Which today is located in the country of Jordan. Jephthah live during the 12th century BC. And the Bible says without blushing, his mother was a prostitute. Judges 11:1

Although allowed to grow up in his father's household, the prostitute's son was eventually driven out by his half-brothers, who didn't want him to share their inheritance.

Next issue we continue with Jephthah An Outlaw King.

PRAYER LIST

John Paul Moore * Loraine Perry * Martha Proctor * Whitney Robiho * Joyce Decuir * Patricia Armstrong

Betty Camble * Elouise Noel * Betty Dupas * Cecila Bazile * Denise Chutz * Fred Dejuan * Loretta Warren * Lorenzia Dardone

Richard Camble, Jr.* Elizabeth Whitfield * 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

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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.

Father Henry will be formally installed as our new Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Sunday, August 11th at 8:00am. Bishop Duca will be present for the ceremony as well.

Reception to follow after mass in the cafeteria.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) for the school year 24/25 begins today, August 4, 2024. Registration forms are located on the table at the entrance of the Church.

N.B., anyone that ministers to children, must take the Child Protection Course; **Safe and Sacred**. You may find this course on the Diocese of Baton Rouge web site, <https://diobr.org/child-youth-protection>. Please take the course and provide a copy of the certificate to Ebony Coleman in the Parish Office.

Following the course of **Safe and Sacred**, you must attend **Dynamics of Disclosure** that will be administered here at St. Francis Xavier. Upon completion of this you will receive a Certificate of Completion. Please provide a copy to the Parish Office and to the Office of Religious Education.

These courses are mandated by the Diocese and must be completed in order to teach PSR or be involved with any activities that children are participating in. This includes the Knights of Peter Claver Jr. Knights and Jr. Daughters and the St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry.

Those who wish to teach PSR must read and sign The Code of Ethics and fill out a volunteer application. Both are found on the Diocese web page as well <https://diobr.org/child-youth-protection>.

Without completion of the above mentioned courses you will be unable to volunteer to work with the Youth of the Parish. For more information please contact John Young at; sfxpsr@sfxc.brcocmail.com, stfranxavierccd@bellsouth.net, or 225-383-3079.

Registration is Open

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Enrolling Grades K-8

For More Information
(225) 387-6639 | www.sfxbr.org

SFX School Open House August 5th @ 6pm
Parents & Students Only

Mass Intentions - August 3 - 9, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Grace Ricard Honore (R) <i>By: Honore Family</i> Walton Bean (R) <i>By: Backrow Angels</i>
Sunday	8am	Lester & Ronnie Gauthier (R) <i>By: Mary, Danna & Edward</i>
	11am	Don Campbell <i>By: Owanda Campbell</i>

Stewardship

Regular Collection:
Online Support:
School Support:
Parish Needs

July 28th
\$5,324
\$1,301
\$75
\$160

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Don't Look Back

It's bad enough that the Israelites were grumbling against their leaders. But they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery. Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin.

We would never sin if there wasn't something attractive about it. We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us to repeat our offenses. Even though we know we are better off putting it behind us, we sometimes find it difficult to move on. Notice that the Israelites look back to their time in Egypt, while the people of Jesus' time look back to the manna in the desert, yet none of them ever had manna!

So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future, instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place we can make plans. If those plans are ever going to work, we have to begin now. Jesus doesn't say "Remember how good that manna was." Or "Don't worry; your children will get it right." No, he keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now, His Father gives us true bread today; Jesus is that bread of life.

Those words are just as true today. We may look fondly at Jesus' birth, his miracles, and his death on the cross, but if we don't let him be born again in us, if we don't trust him to do wonders today, and if we don't take up our crosses each day—we are missing the chance to experience Jesus in us and in the people we live and work with each day.

Tom Schmidt,