

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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### MASS SCHEDULE:

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| <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 ~THURS:</b> | <b>6:30 AM IN CONVENT</b>                           |
| <b>HOLYDAYS:</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

September 2022

25 PSR Class - Registration

### The Prophets of the Holy Scriptures

#### What Does Prophet Mean?

The word prophet defines someone who the declarations of God. These men and women did not exist for their own glory but for the glory of God. The Hebrew word for prophet is *Nebi*, which is derived from the verb action, "to bubble forth" like a fountain. The English word for prophet comes from the Greek word *prophetes* which means to "speak for another, especially one who speaks for a god."

The biblical prophets spoke the truth which came from God. Their unique vocation allowed them to authoritatively speak on God's behalf. They never spoke on their own authority, nor did they share their own opinions. They only shared their message as God instructed them. Their role was to make God's will known, as well as his holiness, and to instruct God's people to reject idolatry, and sin.

**The Four Major Prophets:** Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Daniel and Ezekiel

**The Twelve Minor Prophets:** Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

The difference between major and minor prophets is the difference in length of their books. The major prophets are much longer and fewer in number. Minor prophets are shorter in length and greater in number. The major and minor labels do not really imply that one set of prophets are more important than the other. Length is the main determining factor when deciding whether a prophet is major or minor. Both labels are used strictly within the Old Testament.

There are five books from the major prophets. Combined, these books contain 167 chapters, with the longest composed of 66. Isaiah, the longest, along with Jeremiah, Lamentations, Daniel and Ezekiel, make up the major prophets.

There are twelve books labeled minor prophets, and combined they only contain 67 chapters. The shortest has only one chapter. These can often be read in a single short setting. The minor prophets are Hosea, Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, Michael, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

These books are contained within all Christian bibles that have the Old Testament and always appear in the same order within these bibles. In Jewish texts, however, the prophets are often arranged differently. These books are considered important to the foundation of both religions.

#### Our series continues with synopsis of the Major Prophets beginning with the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah was a Hebrew prophet who was believed to have lived about 700 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. Born in Jerusalem, Israel, he was said to have found his calling as a prophet when he saw a vision in the year of king Uzziah's death. Isaiah, the son of Amoz, was a member of the royal family. He made his first public appearance as the Divinely inspired prophet in the year of Uzziah's affliction with leprosy, and he ministered to the people for about ninety years, during the reigns of Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

Isaiah had seen the growth of a new empire, Assyria (today Iran), and the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. (*More in detail about Israel's division, Northern and Southern Kingdoms, in future series*). Judea alone remained, and it was the last bulwark of the true faith in One God. Isaiah brought to king and people the message of the holiness of God, the Lord of hosts, at a time when idolatry seemed to be taking hold in the land of Judah. He preached justice and charity at a time when the morals of the people had reached a new low. *Jacob Isaacs. Published and copyrighted by Kehot Publication Society*. Isaiah prophesied the coming of the Messiah Jesus Christ.

#### Key Verses & Themes of Cited Passages in Isaiah [theologyofwork.org](http://theologyofwork.org)

**Is. 1:11-1** God desires no sacrifices from people who practice oppression and injustice. **Theme 1** – Integration of worship and work.

**Is. 2:11** God will humble those who trust in themselves rather than in him. **Theme 2** – Arrogance in work leads to destruction.

**Is. 2:22** Don't trust human power apart from God. **Theme 2** – Arrogance in work leads to destruction

**Is. 2:7** Wealth is no source of security. **Theme 2** – Arrogance in work leads to destruction

**Is. 3:3-15** God judges leaders for gaining wealth by grinding down poor. **Theme 3** – God despises wealth gained by exploitation

**Is. 5:8** The nation is judged for allowing the rich to accumulate all the resources needed for production. **Theme 3** – God despises wealth gained by exploitation

**Is. 7:14** God is with his people wherever we are. **Theme 1** – Integration of worship and work.

Next Issue: Key Verses & Themes of Cited Passages in Isaiah Continues.

**SFX CENTENNIAL COOKBOOKS**  
**MAKES A GREAT GIFT**  
**FOR ONLY \$20.00**

### **Mass Intentions for September 24 - 27, 2022**

**Saturday 5pm Shelvia Stewart**  
*By: Betty Camble & Family*

**Sunday 8am People of the Parish**

**11am Fulton Toaston**  
*By: Contemporary Choir*

**Tuesday 5pm Mary Harris**  
*By: Ike Harris, Jr.*

### 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 |
| Mary Johnson         |                 | Betty Dupas      |



***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.

**The Spring Lenten Fish Fry  
 is moving to the Fall and Winter!**

October 7th will be the **First Friday of October**, but also  
 it will be the **First FRY Day Fish Fry**.

**First FRY Day Menu** includes: Fish, Spaghetti and  
 Cheese, potato salad, peas, bread, and cake  
 Time: 10am until sold out  
 Call-in orders: 9am until  
 Delivery available for 10 or more orders  
 Donation: \$13.00

Mark your calendars for the next **3 First FRY Day Fish Fries**:  
 November 4th, December 2nd, January 6th

Flyers are placed in today's bulletin. Additional flyers are on  
 the back table to pass along to others and please post on your  
 social media.

We welcome monetary donations.

**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*

The Junior Daughters Ct# 12 (Little Flowers) are still collection  
 "Pull Tabs". If you have any please leave them at the back of the  
 church.

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

SFX Parish Council will host a Town Hall  
 Meeting on  
 Tuesday, September 27 at 6pm  
 In the church.

All are encouraged to attend.

**THE SFX Ladies Auxilliary** will host their  
**Annual Burger Bash** for the seniors of  
 SFX

on October 8, 2022 in the cafeteria  
 following the 5:00pm mass.  
 There will be food, bingo, and fun!

**TALENTED AND ENERGETIC**

Hell is full of the talented,  
 but heaven of the energetic.  
 -St. Jane Frances de Chantal

**Stewardship - September 18, 2022**

**Regular Collection**  
**\$6,335.61**

**Parish Needs**  
**\$220**

**School Support**  
**\$388**



**PLEASE SEND US ONLY 150  
COPIES OF THE BULLETIN THAT WE  
ARE SUBMITTING FOR  
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