

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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 ~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

### December 2022

11 Class - 3rd Sunday of Advent

We complete our reflections on the Prophet **Jeremiah and Lamentations** and begin with the **Prophet Daniel**

The book of Lamentations is a book of sorrowful songs or poems. The name implies that the topic is expressing grief over something (to lament). Jeremiah, also known as the “weeping prophet” writes this after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians. It was written soon after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.; he was an eyewitness. He predicted this destruction (as did others), watched it take place, and now in this book he is sadly reflecting on it. Key personalities are the prophet Jeremiah and the people of Jerusalem.

Its purpose was to express despair and teach God’s people that disobedience to the Lord results in immense suffering and distress. Jeremiah pours out his emotions in compassion, and empathy for God’s nation, as he watches them inhabit a foreign land.

- In chapter 1, Jeremiah mourns for Jerusalem and Judea as it lays in ruin by the raid and destruction of Babylon, “*How lonely sits the city that was full of people! She has become like a widow who was once great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces has become a forced laborer!*” (1:1).
- Chapter 2, He described the anger of the Lord who brought judgment to the wicked land (as God had warned), “*In fierce anger He has cut off all the strength of Israel; He has drawn back His right hand from before the enemy...*” (2:3).
- Chapter 3, we see Jeremiah expressing his troubled spirit and suffering in gloom. He too is afflicted, as his homeland has been pillaged. On the other hand, he reminds us in verses 19-23, that God is faithful and will restore and bring His promise to pass, “*The LORD’S loving-kindness indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail*” (3:22).

Finally, in chapter 4, we read that God has brought justice and ruled mightily. During the siege, the city of Jerusalem suffered incredibly. Starvation was so bad and widespread that the Israelites resorted to eating their own children. The nation was warned about their sin and disobedience and the penalty of the coming judgment of God, and in verse 11 we read, “*The LORD has accomplished His wrath...*” [biblehub.com](http://biblehub.com)

### **The prophet Daniel**

The prophet Daniel was of the tribe of Juda, of noble, or perhaps of royal, descent. He was carried captive to Babylon in 605 B.C. by Nabuchodonosor, at which time he was about fourteen years of age. He, with three companions, was entrusted to the care of Asphenez, to be educated in the language and learning of the Chaldeans. At the end of three years, Daniel and his three companions were presented to the king, who found that they excelled all the others who had been trained with them, and they were given positions of rank in the king’s court.

The book of Daniel consists of two main sections. The first part includes a series of narratives. After a preface, there follows the accounts of a dream of Nebochodnosor and its interpretation by Daniel. There is the story of the refusal of Daniel’s three companions to worship the great statue set up by the king and their being cast into a fiery furnace, followed by their miraculous deliverance and promotion. The story of the mysterious writing on the wall of Balthasar’s banquet hall and Daniel’s interpretation is then related.

In the second section, we have the mysterious visions of Daniel as the seer of God, and the account of the ministries of Gabriel to Daniel in these revelations. There are four of these visions, all of them relation to the future history of the Gentiles. *ccd*

Next Issue we continue with the Prophet Daniel.

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### **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

### **Mass Intentions for December 9 - 13, 2022**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Geraldine Jack</b> <i>By: Children, grand/great-grandchildren</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Zula Comeaux</b> <i>By: Catherine Veazie</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Norma Duell &amp; Gladys Lee</b> <i>By: Melba Venison</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Freddie Smith</b> <i>By: Contemporary Choir</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Isaac Haney</b> <i>By: Family</i>



***Through trials and tribulations, by God's grace, we triumph!***

**3 Ways to Give**  
*St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church*

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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!**

January 6th.....First Friday 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 **First FRY Day Fish Fry:**  
 January 6th

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 PRAYING THE ROSARY**  
EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7PM  
 Just dial **1 720 7409653**  
 And enter access code **5217381#**

**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.

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve Mass - 5pm (12/24/22)**

**Midnight Mass - 12am (12/25/22)**

**Christmas Mass - 9am (12/25/22)**

**THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG**

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.  
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**Stewardship - December 4, 2022**



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**Parish Needs**  
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