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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 ~ THURS:	6:30 AM IN CONVENT
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

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

25 No Class – Merry Christmas!

“May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.” —*Ray Pritchard*
We wrap-up our series on Daniel and begin with the **Prophet Ezekiel** in our next issue.

Daniel means "God is my judge," or "judge of God," in Hebrew; however, the Babylonians who captured him from Judah wanted to wipe out any identification with his past, so they renamed him Belteshazzar, which means "may [god] protect his life."

In Babylon, Daniel was trained in the king's court for service. He quickly established a reputation for intelligence and for absolute faithfulness to his God. Early in his retraining program, they wanted him to eat the king's rich food and wine, but Daniel and his Hebrew friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, chose vegetables and water instead. At the end of a test period, they were healthier than the others and were allowed to continue their Jewish diet. It was then God gave Daniel the ability to interpret visions and dreams. Before long, Daniel was explaining the dreams of King Nebuchadnezzar. Because Daniel possessed wisdom bestowed by God and was conscientious in his work, he not only prospered during the reigns of successive rulers, but King Darius planned to put him in charge of the entire kingdom. The other advisers became so jealous they conspired against Daniel and managed to get him thrown into a den of hungry lions:

The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. (Daniel 6:23, NIV)

The prophecies in the book of Daniel humble the arrogant pagan rulers and exalt the sovereignty of God. Daniel himself is held up as a model of faith because no matter what happened, he kept his eyes firmly focused on God.

Daniel's Accomplishments

Daniel became a skilled government administrator, excelling at whatever tasks were assigned to him. His court career lasted nearly 70 years. Daniel was first and foremost a servant of God, a prophet who set an example to God's people on how to live a holy life. He survived the lion's den because of his faith in God. Daniel also predicted the future triumph of the Messianic kingdom (Daniel 7-12).

Daniel's Strengths

Daniel had the ability to interpret dreams and visions. Daniel adapted well to the foreign environment of his captors while keeping his own values and integrity. He learned quickly. By being fair and honest in his dealings, he gained the respect of kings.

Life Lessons from Daniel

Many ungodly influences tempt us in our daily lives. We are constantly pressured to give in to the values of our culture. Daniel teaches us that through prayer and obedience, we can stay true to the will of God.

Question for Reflection

Daniel refused to compromise on his convictions. He avoided temptation by fixing his eyes on God. Keeping his relationship with God strong through prayer was a priority in Daniel's daily routine. What are you doing to stand firm in faith so that when times of crisis come, your trust in God does not falter?

Key Bible Verses

Daniel 5:12

"This man Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means." (NIV)

Daniel 6:22

"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king." (NIV)

Daniel 12:13

"As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance." (NIV) *learnreligion.com*

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Mass Intentions for December 24 - 27, 2022

Saturday	5pm	Shelvia Stewart <i>By: Betty Camble</i>
Sunday	9am	William "Tex" Turner <i>By: Wife & Kids</i>
	11am	David Williams, Jr. <i>By: Nancy Cortez</i>
Tuesday	5pm	People of the Parish

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!

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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)

OUR FASCINATING FAITH
Christmas Time

The feasts that make up Christmas Time all illuminate in their own way the fundamental mystery of the Incarnation that stands at the heart of this sacred season. Each celebration sheds its own distinct light on our conviction that, in the birth of Jesus, earth and heaven have been wedded together for the sake of our salvation. The feasts of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all have their own particular histories. But they have been joined together in a single seasonal flow that invites us to trace the unfolding meanings of the Incarnation from myriad perspectives. As we follow the successive meanings of Jesus' birth, his participation in family life, the meaning of Mary's motherhood, the significance of the Magi's visit, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are invited to explore in deeper and deeper fashion the staggering truth that Jesus has shared completely in our human experience, has truly become one with us, fully human while remaining fully divine.
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Stewardship - December 2022

WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK



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