

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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

**January 2023**

22 Class - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Ordinary Time** – Because the term ordinary in English most often means something that’s not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces the impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting. Thus the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact represent the ordered life of the Church-the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. Thus, for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There’s nothing “ordinary” about that!

### **The Minor Prophets**

The Minor Prophets is a collection of twelve Old Testament books, written from twelve different men inspired by God, known simply as “the Twelve” or “the Book of the Twelve” in the Hebrew Bible. The title “minor” refers to length, not significance. Roughly in chronological order, each of these short books gives a glimpse into the spiritual landscape and history of Israel, challenging the status quo through prophets called to speak on God’s behalf. The longest of these books are Hosea and Zechariah, with each having fourteen (14) chapters. The shortest prophetic book in this series is Obadiah, with only one chapter, followed by Haggai, which has only two.

The Minor Prophets, in alphabetical order, are Amos, Habakkuk, Haggai, Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Malachi Micah, Nahum, Obadiah, Zechariah, and Zephaniah. Their books are considered minor since each is much shorter than the writings of Isaiah (sixty-six chapters), Jeremiah (fifty-two chapters), and Ezekiel (forty-eight chapters). If all of their writings were combined into a single book, it would be only two-thirds of the size of Isaiah.

The Book of Daniel, although it contains important prophecies from Daniel’s time to the end of the age and Christ’s return, is not included as part of the writings of the minor prophets. This is because Daniel wrote in Babylon during the Jews’ 70- year exile. [biblestudy.org](http://biblestudy.org)

### **We begin the minor prophets with the Prophet Jonah-798**

Jonah is a type of Jesus Christ and shows God’s mercy to repentant. He wrote his prophecies against Nineveh, with implications to all people. He spoke of the cruelty of the Assyrians.

The Prophet Jonah seems almost comical in his relationship with God, except for one thing: The souls of over 100,000 people were at stake. Jonah tried to run away from God, learned a terrifying lesson, did his duty, then still had the nerve to complain to the Creator of the Universe. But God was forgiving, both of the Prophet Jonah and the sinful people Jonah preached to. [learnreligion.com](http://learnreligion.com)

Next issue Jonah’s Strengths and Accomplishments

**SFX CENTENNIAL COOKBOOKS**  
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### **Mass Intentions for January 21 - 24, 2022**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Deceased family &amp; ancestors of souls in purgatory</b> <i>By: Van Do</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Freddie Smith</b> <i>By: Contemporary Choir</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Bridget Taylor</b> <i>By: Family</i>

### **PRAY FOR US**

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Frazier Jordan	Lorraine 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	Chavon D. White	Betty Dupas



***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.

We are counting on your help SFX, to make this Service Project a success.  
 Your talent and donations are needed to make bags for people in need on Sunday, February 5th after CCD.

**Items needed:**

- Bottled water**
- Individually wrapped crackers and chips**
- Large plastic Ziploc bags (1 gal or larger)**
- Peanut butter**
- Loaves of bread**
- Small hand sanitizer**
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste**
- Oranges**
- Granola bars**
- Cash donations**

Organized by Analise Gradney  
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 337.945.5568 or [Kristen.gradney@alumni.lsu.edu](mailto:Kristen.gradney@alumni.lsu.edu)

**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.

If you are interested in nominating a fellow parishioner or yourself as a candidate for the Parish council, please complete the nomination form on the table at the entrance of the church.  
 Nominations will close after the 11:00 mass on January 29th.

Parish council elections will be held on the weekend of February 18-19.

When you are going through something hard and wonder where is God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test!!

**HomeStart**

Early Childhood Education & Technology Project  
 For children 16 to 28 months old who are not in Day Care or Head Start  
 Free books, educational toys and more for EBRP Housing Authority Communities and families with children receiving SNAP or Medicaid  
 Register now! For more information call 225.928.8484

**Stewardship - January 15, 2023**

- Regular Collection**  
\$6,428
- Parish Needs**  
\$135
- School Support**  
\$75
- Flowers**  
\$55



**PLEASE SEND US ONLY 150  
COPIES OF THE BULLETIN THAT WE  
ARE SUBMITTING FOR  
January 22, 2023**