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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

29 Class – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah's Accomplishments

Proud, stubborn, disobedient, unfaithful, a grumbler, and altogether a bad-tempered, cantankerous old curmudgeon (a bad tempered person, especially an old one) —this was Jonah, whose name means “dove”! Jonah was the son of Amittai, who came from Gath-hepher in Zebulun (called Gittah-hepher in Joshua 19:10-13). He was the earliest of the prophets and close behind Elisha in his place in the Old Testament. Jonah's story is told in the short (just 48 verses) but powerful book of Jonah.

When God called Jonah to go and warn the violent and godless Ninevites of their impending doom, all his pride in being a Hebrew and therefore uniquely favored by the Almighty (so he thought, no doubt along with many others of his nation) - rose up in rebellion. Pagans, to him, were the worst kind of human garbage, not even fit to pollute the good earth by living on it. They were the “untouchables,” and that God should take an interest in them was unthinkable. Therefore, not being one to put up with that which was not to his mind, he fled to Joppa and got himself a passage on a ship bound for Tarshish, which was in the opposite direction from Nineveh.

Jonah's Strengths'

The reluctant prophet finally recognized the power of God when he was swallowed by a great fish and remained in its belly for three days. Jonah had the good sense to repent and thank God for his life. He delivered God's message to Nineveh with skill and accuracy. Even though he resented it, he did his duty.

While modern skeptics may consider the account of Jonah an allegory or symbolic story only, Jesus compared himself to the Prophet Jonah, showing that he existed and that the story was historically accurate.

Jonah's Weaknesses

Prophet Jonah was both foolish and selfish. He mistakenly thought he could run away from God. He ignored God's desires and indulged his own prejudice against the people of Nineveh, Israel's fiercest enemies. He thought he knew better than God when it came to the fate of the Ninevites.

Life Lessons

While it may appear that we can run or hide from God, we're only fooling ourselves. Our role may not be as dramatic as Jonah's, but we have a duty to God to carry it out to the best of our ability.

God is in control of things, not us. When we choose to disobey him, we should expect bad consequences. From the moment Jonah went his own way, things started to go wrong.

It is inappropriate to judge other people based on our incomplete knowledge. God is the only righteous judge, favoring whom he pleases. God sets the agenda and timetable. Our job is to follow his instructions. learnreligions.com

Next Issue: **The Prophet Obadiah 845-750**

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	Phyllis White	

Mass Intentions for January 27 - 31, 2022

Friday	9am	Ike Haney <i>By: Family</i>
Saturday	5pm	William S. Nelson <i>By: Sylvie Nelson</i>
Sunday	8am	People of the Parish
	11am	Andre Nevels <i>By: Fish Fry Committee</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Keith Thierry <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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 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
 Send questions to Kristen Gradney
 337.945.5568 or 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.

As long as you know that God is for you,
 It doesn't matter who is against you.

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 22, 2023



Regular Collection
\$5,507
Parish Needs
\$215
School Support
\$424
Flowers
\$10



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ARE SUBMITTING FOR
January 29, 2023**