

# 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 - FRI:	9:00 AM
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	SCHOOL MASS 9:00 AM

**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. HENRY IHUOMA'S 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

August 2024

25 PSR Registration – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The word of God: source of catechesis.

The source from which catechesis draws its message is the Word of God.

*“Catechesis will always draw its content from the living source of the Word of God transmitted in tradition and the Scriptures. But Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture make up a single sacred deposit of the Word of God, which is entrusted to the Church.”*

“Pope St. John Paul II Apostolic Exhortation, Catechesi Tradendae (16 October 1979) pp.1277-1340

This “deposit of faith” is like the treasure of a householder; it is entrusted to the Church, the family of God, and she continuously draws from it things new and old. All God’s children, animated by His spirit, are nourished by this treasure of the word. They know that the word is Jesus Christ, the word made man, and that his voice continues to resound in the Church and in the world through the Holy Spirit. The word of God, by wondrous divine “condescension” is directed toward us and reaches us by the means of human “deeds and words,” “just as the word of the eternal Father, when He took on Himself the flesh of human weaknesses, became like men.” And so, without ceasing to be the word of God, it is expressed in human words. Although close to us, it still remains veiled in a “kenotic” state. Thus the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has to interpret the word continually. She contemplates the Word with the profound spirit of faith, listens to it devoutly, guards it with dedication and expounds it faithfully.” *General Directory for Catechesis*

### We continue our series on Judge Izban

We only get a few details about the judge named Izban. We know he came from Bethlehem. The Bible doesn’t specify his tribe but says he hailed from the same birthplace as Jesus.

It also tells us that he had many children: 60 in all. Perhaps he had multiple wives or just a very fertile one. However, he got a large family, and once he had it, he looked for ways to marry them off well. He ultimately married these children to people outside his clan, strengthening the nation of Israel through these many unions.

He leads Israel only for seven years. The Bible doesn’t say why he only lasted a while—perhaps due to old age or God selecting another judge.

That’s all we learn about Izban. When he dies, they bury him in Bethlehem. Then, the next judge, Elon, steps onto the scene, and we get more judges until King Saul eventually appears.

### Next series Judge Elon

## PRAYER LIST

John Paul Moore \* Loraine Perry \* Martha Proctor \* Whitney Robiho \* Joyce Decuir \* Patricia Armstrong

Betty Camble \* Elouise Noel \* Betty Dupas \* Denise Chutz \* Fred Dejuan \* Loretta Warren \* Lorenzia Dardone

Richard Camble, Jr.\* Elizabeth Whitfield \* Linda Gills-Beshears \* Phyllis White \* Mary E. Bourgeois \* Easton Charles

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**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.

### "BINGO is the THINGO"

Come dance, eat, and play bingo with us to raise money for Trunk or Treat 2024!

Date: Saturday August 31, 2024 from 6-10pm

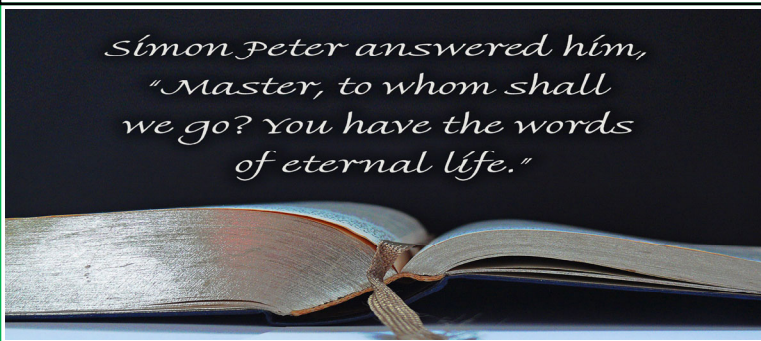
Cost: Tickets are \$25. cost includes a jambalaya dinner, 10 rounds of bingo, DJ

Tickets will be sold after mass.  
Contact Brandy at 225.378.2544 for more information.

**We shall have Adoration, Praise, and Worship on Saturday, September 7th at 3pm.**

**Please join us as we pray for healing.**

**All ministries are invited.**



### Registration is Open

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School  
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**Enrolling Grades K-8**

For More Information  
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### Mass Intentions - August 24 - 30, 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Walton Bean (R)</b> <i>By: Backrow Angels</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Desmond Jackson, Sr.</b> <i>By: Patrick &amp; Desmarie Decuir</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Lisa Plant</b> <i>By: Ronald Saizon</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Cathy McCall</b> <i>By: Jamar &amp; Jorea</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Marcella Keyes (R)</b> <i>By: Wessie</i>

### Stewardship

	<b><u>August 18th</u></b>
<b>Regular Collection:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Online Support:</b>	<b>\$1,578</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Parish Needs</b>	<b>\$</b>

*Will continue next week  
Thank You for your support*



## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Taken Out of Context

When we were in high school, we learned that the word sophomore came from Greek words meaning “wise fools.” The idea was that the second year student thinks he knows it all now, but still has a lot to learn. The first two readings describe wisdom versus foolishness. In Proverbs, Wisdom is a woman who invites us to her banquet, telling us to “forsake foolishness.” St. Paul invites us to give up our ignorance and to know the will of the Lord, by filling ourselves with the Spirit. Jesus says he himself is the way to understanding God’s will; he gives himself as food and drink for eternal life. So how will we accept these invitations to partake of the Wisdom of God?

One way is to read the scriptures every day, even for only 20-30 minutes. Take time to think and pray about what you read. Don’t do all the talking; let God have his chance to be heard. Read short passages and the footnotes—they can explain some of the obscure references. The gospels are especially good “food” because of all the examples Jesus gave in his sermons and parables.

Listen to the readings and homily at Mass. The Pastor may have some insights that make you think. Receive communion often to be fed with the living Bread. The Church has always taught that we are fed with both the word and the Eucharist.

An athlete grows in strength by eating well, but he also has to exercise to tone and strengthen his muscles. If we want to grow in God’s wisdom, we have to exercise our faith. If you have a friend or relative who is a good example of faith, talk with that person about how you experience God or your lack of experiences. They may help you see God in ways that never occurred to you. You could offer to be a sponsor for someone in the RCIA, and help someone else’s faith to grow. Your parish or diocese may also have on-line resources or discussions.

God never forces himself on anyone. To grow in his Wisdom, we have to accept it. Ask him for real food and you won’t be disappointed. But be patient, God only gives what we are ready to receive.

Tom Schmidt,