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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

September 2024

- 01 PSR Registration – Classes begins September 8, 2024
02 **Labor Day**
07 **PSR Team Meeting 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm Adoration Praise and Worship ` 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

Other fundamental tasks of catechesis. Initiation and education and community life and to mission.

Catechesis prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church. The Second Vatican Council indicates the necessity for pastors “to form genuine Christian communities” and for catechumens [to] learn to cooperate actively in building up the Church and its work of evangelization.”

-Education for community life.

Christian community life is not realized spontaneously. It is necessary to educate it carefully. In this apprenticeship, the teaching of Christ on community life, recounted in the Gospel of St Matthew, calls for attitudes which it is for catechesis to inculcate: the spirit of simplicity and humility (“*unless you turn and become like little children...*” Mt 18: 3); solicitude for the least of the brethren (“*but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin...*” Mt 18:6); particular care for those who are alienated (“*Go and search for the one that went astray...*” Mt 18:12); fraternal correction (*go and tell him about his fault...*) Mt 18:15); common prayer (*if two of you agree on earth to ask about anything...*)”. Mt 18:9; mutual forgiveness. (*but seventy times seven...* Mt 18:22. Fraternal love embraces all these attitudes, (“*love one another even as I have loved you...*”, Jn 13:34.

In developing this community sense, catechesis takes special note of the ecumenical dimension and encourages fraternal attitudes toward members of other Christian churches and ecclesial communities. Thus, catechesis and pursuing this objective to give a clear exposition of all the churches doctrine and avoid formulations or expressions that might give rise to error. It also implies “a suitable knowledge of other confessions,” with which there are shared elements of faith: “the written word of God, the life of grace, faith, hope and charity, and the other interior gifts of the Holy Spirit.” Catechesis will possess an ecumenical dimension and the measure in which it arouses and nourishes “a true desire for unity,” not easy irenicism, but perfect unity, when the Lord himself wills it, and by those means by which he wishes that it should be brought about. *General Directory for Catechesis*

We begin our series on Judge Elon

Elon from the tribe of Zebulun is perhaps the most unknown judge. We only get two sentences about him, and there’s little we can gather from them:

“After him, Elon the Zebulunite led Israel ten years. Then Elon died and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.” —[Judges 12:11-12](#)

Again, we don’t know if Elon’s role as judge included any military leadership, or if this was a period of peace. His name means either “oak” or “terebinth” (another type of tree), which doesn’t tell us much.

Scholars believe there’s a relationship between the name Elon and the place where he was buried—Aijalon—because in ancient Hebrew they’re spelled the same, but Aijalon doesn’t appear anywhere else in the Bible. No one knows what it means, where it is, or what the relationship between these two names is.

Our next series is Judge Abdon

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

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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.

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.

On the weekend of September 7/8, we will have a second collection for the Catholic University of America Agency. Please be generous.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Labor Day originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the Catholic Church's social teachings for the last century or so. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the day.

Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notions as a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and continues to uphold the dignity of the human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII has issued teachings on the subject. Take some time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church's social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor.

—Rev. James Field

Registration is Open

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Enrolling Grades K-8

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Mass Intentions - Aug 31 - Sept 6, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Grace Ricard Honore (R)
Sunday	8am	Lester & Ronnie Gauthier <i>By: Mary, Danna & Edward</i>
	11am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	5pm	David Williams, Jr. <i>By: Owanda Campbell</i>
Thursday	9am	Marcella Keyes (R) <i>By: Wessie</i>

Stewardship

	<u>Aug 18th</u>	<u>Aug 25</u>
Regular Collection:	\$6,092	\$6,843
Online Support:	\$1,578	\$700
Flowers:	\$17	\$50
Parish Needs	\$114	\$5



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Laws of Love

When someone mentions laws and/or commandments, we usually think of them as burdens that we have to bear to be good citizens or church members. But if you listen carefully to the first reading from Deuteronomy, you get the sense that the laws Moses presented to the people of Israel were gift from God, something to be proud of. Moses gives two reasons for this.

Moses presents the laws as wise and just, so much so that other nations would praise and envy the Israelites for having such laws. No doubt some of the nations around at the time had kings who used the law to keep themselves in power and make them wealthy. As the Jews had no kings at this time, they only had to obey God's laws. Moses' command not to add or subtract from the laws was a reminder that they were directly from God, not an interpretation by Moses.

The origin of the laws was the second reason they were revered. They showed how much God cared for his people, that he would guide them in their everyday lives and hear their prayers. Though God is greater than they could comprehend, he is also nearer than we think. Which brings us to Jesus, who shows us the Father and who made the law both simpler and more challenging?

Jesus simplified the laws and commandments by showing us that loving God with all our being and loving our neighbors as ourselves was the basis of all God's laws. But it is also more difficult because it is no longer enough to simply avoid hurting or cheating others. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us. That means reaching out to those in need, forgiving our enemies, caring for the sick or dying, teaching our children that love is more important than money.

And don't forget the first part of Jesus' command: loving God. How often do we even think about Him, thank Him for all we have, or take time to listen to Him? Do we love Jesus so much that we want other people to know him too? Do we thank him for the people who love us? Do we ask his Holy Spirit for the courage to spread the gospel? If we are willing to accept the challenge to love God and neighbor, we will not have to worry about breaking laws.