

# 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

### October 2024

6 Class – Month of the Holy Rosary

7 **Our Lady of the Rosary**

### October: Month of the Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The Rosary is appealing and simple. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the Our Father we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation.

The traditional fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary were finalized by the sixteenth century. The mysteries are grouped into sets: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries, and, in 2002, Pope John Paul II announced the new Luminous Mysteries.

### We continue our series on the Judges where we left off with Samuel.

#### Samuel's Story in the Bible

Samuel was a Levite from the descendants of Kohath. He was one of the few biblical characters to have a detailed birth narrative.

#### Early Life and Ministry

His story in the Bible began with [a barren woman, Hannah](#), praying to God for a child. The Bible says, "The Lord remembered her," and she became pregnant. She named the baby Samuel, which in Hebrew means "the Lord hears" or "the name of God." When the boy was weaned, Hannah presented him to God at Shiloh, in the care of Eli the [high priest](#).

As a child, Samuel served at the Tabernacle, ministering to God with the priest Eli. He was a faithful young servant who had God's favor. One night God spoke to Samuel while he was sleeping, and the boy mistook the Lord's voice for Eli's. This happened three times until the old priest realized God was speaking to Samuel.

In our next issue Samuel Becomes a Prophet and Anoints Kings

## PRAYER LIST

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

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

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.

On October 13 at the 11 am mass we will have a "Pray for the Cure" Mass for our beloved sisters and brothers battling with Cancer. Please we are encouraged to put on Pink Clothes.



There will be no masses these days in our parish on October 8-10, because Fr. Henry and other priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be on an Annual Continuing Formation in Mobile, Alabama. Thanks for your understanding.

### Register to Vote

In Person/By Mail (EBR Registrar of Voter 389-3940/City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.) Registration Deadline: **October 7, 2024, MONDAY at 4:30 or postmarked**

Geaux Vote Online ([geauxvote.com](http://geauxvote.com)) Registration Deadline: **October 15, 2024, TUESDAY**

**Early Voting: October 18-29, 2024** (Extended Early Voting Time, Except Sunday Oct. 20 and Sunday, Oct. 27)

**Vote by Mail:** Request a Vote by Mail Ballot by, **November 1, 2024, FRIDAY**

Return a Vote by Mail Ballot by, **November 4, 2024, MONDAY Election Day : TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you have a desire to join this sacred ministry, please complete the Sign-in Sheet at the back of the church. All EMHC are required to attend this training on October 26, 2024 @10:30am. For more information, contact Ruby Jordan @ 225-337-0766.

**Altar Servers of all Ages** - The Altar Server Ministry is seeking parishioners of all ages (youth to adults) to serve at masses. If you are interested in joining our ministry or are a current Altar Server, please attend our next training on October 26, 2024, at 9am in the church. New and existing Altar Servers are also asked to register or sign up for the Altar Server Ministry on the Ministries tab on the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church website.

**Please join us for a live Public Square Rosary Crusade for our Country and the Election.**  
As we join 22,500 Rallies that will take place on that day across the United States.

59 persons will be needed to create a live rosary  
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Front Parking Lot  
October 12, 2024 @ 10AM  
Contact Gail Jones 772-0177 for more info.

### Mass Intentions Oct 5 - 11, 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Faye Stewart Boykin</b> <i>By: Patrick &amp; Desmarie DeCuir</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Lester &amp; Ronnie Gauthier</b> <i>By: Mary, Edward &amp; Danna</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Ruben Davis (R)</b> <i>By: Family</i>
		<b>Chavon D. White (R)</b> <i>By: Ejigiri Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Lester Vallet, Sr. (R)</b> <i>By: Paula Fabre</i>

### Stewardship September 29



<b>Regular Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,538</b>
<b>Online Support:</b>	<b>\$1,806</b>
<b>Parish Needs:</b>	<b>\$110</b>
<b>School Support:</b>	<b>\$210</b>

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Way to the Kingdom

The disciples were trying to be helpful. In the Temple of Jerusalem, only priests could enter the Holy of Holies, the men could enter the sanctuary, while women and children only got into the vestibule. So the disciples knew that children never approached the Rabbis. To show their respect for Jesus, they tried to turn the children away. But Jesus saw this as a chance to teach the disciples about the kingdom.

As they tried to send the children back to their parents, Jesus changes the rules. He invites the kids to come to him and even makes an example of them: “accept the kingdom of God like children” or you won’t get in at all. So what do we learn from this?

Children don’t make themselves look important. They haven’t learned to brag about their accomplishments, or how to offer a bribe to get what they want. They simply accept what is given to them. In a culture where we are expected to make a good impression, where we compete to get scholarships and jobs, we may be more like the disciples than we think. A young man falling in love may be tempted to show what a great athlete he is, or how he plans to get a high paying job after graduation. Yet all he really needs to do is tell the girl that he loves her. We cannot make ourselves look important to God; we can’t bribe Him with good works or change His mind with promises to avoid sin. We can be sorry for our sins, and tell Him we love Him, and ask for help with our weaknesses.

Children also have great faith. Not the deep faith that comes with adult experience, but a faith that sees goodness in everyone. If we can keep that faith in God’s goodness, while developing a deeper faith that is not discouraged by sin and evil, we are on the way to the Kingdom.

*Tom Schmidt*