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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.

Set Your Hearts on Christ

Today's Gospel passage is part of a conversation between Jesus and the apostles in the Temple. It began with the apostles walking through the city of Jerusalem and being amazed at the beauty of the Temple. They said to Jesus, "Look, teacher, what stones and what buildings!" (Mk 13:1) It is no wonder that they were in awe as they saw the Temple. The temple compound was one of the most magnificent structures known in the ancient world and the center of Jewish life for almost 1,000 years.

So what did the apostles see that was so overwhelming in its beauty and grandeur? Josephus, the Jewish historian, documents that the temple was covered on the outside with gold plating, and when the sun shone it was blinding. Where there wasn't gold, there were blocks of marble that were pure white. The stones used to build the temple were massive. The limestone blocks used in the retaining wall for the temple compound alone are enormous and can still be seen today. Some of them are 50 feet wide, 25 feet high, and 15 feet deep.

Jesus responds to his closest followers with the disconcerting statement that not one of these stones would be left on a stone. In the eschatological discourse that followed, Jesus exhorted his disciples and the Church to have faith and to be obedient through the trials that confront them before Jesus' return in power and glory. No one but the Father knows the precise time of the Second Coming.

This Gospel passage about the tribulation to come was particularly unsettling, and for us could even seem terrifying. For the apostles, whose lives with Jesus up to that time had been filled with teaching, healing the sick, and prayer, this may have seemed to them like a sharp turn in the road. When we hear this Gospel proclaimed we may wonder with alarm if we are seeing the signs of the end occurring in the world.

Notice that Jesus didn't advise his followers to be worried and terrified. He exhorted us to be vigilant, to watch, and to have faith. His words will not pass away, and he will return in glory to gather to himself those who have believed in him.

I think it would be best to take our cue from Peter who wrote in his first letter: "Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, live soberly, and set your hopes completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Like obedient children, do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance but, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, 'Be holy because I [am] holy'" (1 Pt 1:13-16).

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 * Patricia Tyson

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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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Our Bible study begins on Wednesday, November 27 at 6 pm. Subsequently, we will be having our Bible Study every Thursday at 6 pm.

**Join us for the Procession of
The Blessed Sacrament On the Feast of Christ
the King
Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 9:30 A.M.**

Reminder

This is to remind all the ministries that their calendar is due for submission by November 30. Thank you

Second Collection

Campaign for Human Development Collection is this weekend. Please be Generous



**ADORATION, PRAISE, AND WORSHIP
December 7, 2024 3:00-4:30 PM
We will be praying for PEACE, within our
Homes, Families, Church,
Communities, and the World as we begin the
Advent season.**

Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *Eucharistic Procession - Sunday, Nov. 24, after the 8am Mass.
- *Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, Nov. 28, Mass at 9am.
- *Feast of St. Francis Xavier – Tuesday, Dec. 3.
- *First Friday Fish Fry – Friday, Dec. 6, from 10 am – 1 pm.
- *Adoration, Praise, and Worship – Saturday, Dec. 7, from 3pm – 4:30pm.
- *Immaculate Conception (H) – Monday, Dec 9. Mass at 9am and 6pm.

Mass Intentions Nov 16 - 22, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Jessie Campbell <i>By: Owanda Campbell</i>
Sunday	8am	William "Tex" Turner <i>By: Wife & kids</i>
	11am	Ruben Davis <i>By: Family</i>
		Chavon D. White <i>By: Denise Williams</i>
		Carolyn & Carlis White <i>By: Family</i>
Tuesday	9am	Children of Desmond & Thelma Jackson <i>By: Family</i>
		Gladys Lee <i>By: Tammy Lee</i>

Stewardship November 10, 2024



Regular Collection:	\$6,270
Online Support:	\$1,280
Parish Needs:	\$92.00
School Support:	\$5.00

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Time Warp!

This week is the last we will hear from the letter to the Hebrews. It makes the point that when Jesus allowed himself to be crucified he was actually being a priest, offering himself for the sins of the world. Jesus replaces the high priests of Israel, whose offerings had no power to forgive sins. After giving his life for us, he takes his place as God's equal. He is now the eternal Priest, so all clergy since the time of Jesus are visible signs of that priesthood.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus' sacrifice is there: The bread that is his Body is broken; the wine that is his Blood is poured out. We are present at his death and resurrection, without needing a flux capacitor or a time warp. Instead of taking us back in time, he brings his saving death and resurrection to us now. His sacrifice is an eternal one, redeeming all past and future sins. So if you have come back to church after being absent for years, you don't have to hide behind the hymnal. If you have sins weighing on your conscience, God has already offered you forgiveness. He knows all our weaknesses and lets us learn from our mistakes.

The Eucharist also reminds us that Jesus is present in glory, with us always, sharing his priesthood with all the baptized. We too are called to forgive, starting with ourselves. We can show God's mercy by forgiving each other. Since Jesus lives in us, we offer our lives as sacrifice for sins, as St. Paul said, "I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions." (Col 1:24) Does that mean we are supposed to seek ways to suffer? No, it means the suffering we cannot avoid can become our offering to God, a way to take up our cross as Jesus did, and a way to experience God's power in our weakness.

At the Eucharist, we pray with the priest, "that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God..." All the sacrifices we make, from accepting serious illness, to giving up something for Lent, are ways we take part in the priesthood of Christ.