

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 05, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

TUESDAY:

WED-FRI:

HOLYDAYS:

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY:

VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA- 5:00 PM

9:00AM

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—3:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS CELEBRATED ON THE 3RD 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 2025

12 PSR Class – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Circle of Grace – Coffee and Christ – Following 8 am Mass, parents please meet with the PSR Teachers for Coffee, Discussion and Q and A Session.

In this issue we continue our discussion on Discipleship and Encountering Christ:

The Cost of Following Christ

As suggested, the term “follow me” in the Greek translation of the Bible connotes something binding on the individual.

To follow Christ means to submit to his personal lordship. This, in turn, means that one is to identify his life with the life of Christ. For the early followers of Christ, such a commitment frequently entailed great hardship.

The Bible records how the followers of Christ were to share in Christ’s life and ministry (see Luke 10:1-16). Such commitment meant the apostles forsook their families, homes, and work. (See Luke 5:11; 18:28-30). Ultimately, following Christ means carrying the cross with Him (see Mark 8:34-38).

All this is to say nothing of the some three hundred million Christians who are experiencing some form of persecution today. (See Open Doors). “When God’s people are struck down, attacked and even killed ... what responsibility do we have as their brothers and sisters?”

Lastly, we must speak of the relational component of following Jesus. The apostles came to know Jesus as the good shepherd (John 10) and experienced the radical nature of divine love (John 13:1-17). To be a follower of Jesus meant friendship with God (John 14:13-15). It also meant (and means today) that a follower is to continue the work begun by Jesus.

Conclusion

To follow Jesus requires that we become His disciples. However, as with everything else in the spiritual life, it is God who initiates discipleship.

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” – John 15:16-17

Witnessing to the Faith:

Disciples are called to be witnesses to their faith in their daily lives, sharing their experiences of God’s loves with others.

PRAYER LIST

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

Elouise Noel * Betty Dupas * Denise Chutz * Fred Dejuan * Loretta Warren * Lorenzia Dardone, * Roslyn Jones * Anita Liggins

Elizabeth Whitfield * Linda Gills-Beshears * Phyllis White * Mary E. Bourgeois * Easton Charles * Erica H. Louis

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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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Mail: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1120 Myrtle Walk Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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SCAN ME

Bible Study

We will be having our Bible Study every Thursday at 6 pm at the Parish Office.

Parish Fair 2025 We Are One

Words cannot express the depth of our gratitude to all of you. Thank you for participating in this year's Fair. May God bless you abundantly in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen. We appreciate the committee members, all our volunteers and everyone who supported our bazaar in one way or another. You all did an excellent job. Thank you. May our Oneness continue to grow in mind and heart. Amen. Gracias!



"Register your child for the SFX School 2025-26, The Mustang Experience Awaits You." For more information, visit www.sfxbr.org or scan the QR Code.

Enrolling Grades K - 8

(225) 387-6639



Join us for
Adoration, Praise, and Worship
Every First Saturday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *Food Pantry Distribution, Thursday, October 9, 10 am.
- *School Mass, Friday, October 10, 9 am.
- *Adoration, Praise, and Worship, Saturday, October 11, 3 pm.
- *Youth Mass, Sunday, October 12, 8 am.
- *Second Collection: The Propagation of the Faith, October 19.
- *Food Pantry Distribution, Thursday, October 23, 10 am.
- *School Advisory Board Meeting, Saturday, October 25, 10 am.
- *Parish Council Meeting, October 28, 6 pm.

Mass Intentions October 05, 2025

Saturday 5pm **Melvin Amar, Sr.**

By: The Family

Margaret Louis

By: Philip & Connie Louis

Priscilla Fabre

By: Philip & Connie Louis

Mildred Mitchell

By: Philip & Connie Louis

Sunday 9:30 am **Lester & Ronnie Gauthier**

By: Mary, Donna, and Edward

People of the Parish

Stewardship September 28, 2025

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| Regular Collection: | \$5970.00 |
| Online Support: | \$1890.00 |
| Parish Needs: | \$125.00 |
| School Support: | \$220.00 |



Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17: 5– 10

Taking Care of Business

When we were kids, my brothers and sisters and I thought that you were not supposed to say the blessing before meals in a restaurant. You were not supposed to flaunt your faith in public. It probably had more to do with fear of being embarrassed if non-believers saw us praying. I think of that when I hear St. Paul telling Timothy, “God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7). All three readings mention the difficulties that people of faith will encounter, and each reading has its own way of facing those hardships.

Jesus gives the practical advice: Look at the difficulties of being a disciple as just part of your job. No servant expects to be praised by his master for doing his job. So if the Lord says I must forgive those who hurt me, or be patient with customers, or share what I have with the poor—no problem; it's part of the job of a disciple. If someone I know is in pain, I'm there to support them. Too tired to go to church after work on a holy day? Just taking care of business.

So how do we get the strength and self-control to roll with the punches? Paul reminds us in the second reading to stir the gifts of the Spirit into flame. If you take time to pray every day, if you look for God in other people, if you see difficulties as your share of the cross—you'll find those gifts of faith, power, love, and self-control beginning to grow stronger inside.

We can trust that this is more than just wishful thinking by going to the first reading. When the prophet cries out for help with the misery and violence in the world, he hears God's promise that the vision (of hope for deliverance) will be fulfilled even if it seems to be delayed. We too hear that promise when we start to get discouraged, for God's promise “will not disappoint” (Habakkuk 2:3).

Tom Schmidt