

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

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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:

9:00AM

HOLYDAYS:

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

FRIDAY:

SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

SATURDAY:

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 September 2026

20 PSR Classes - Catechetical Sunday – THEME: “You are not alone: Accompanying migrants in a tumultuous time”. All Teachers/Instructor will be commissioned at the 8:00 am Mass - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Catechetical Sunday

Those whom the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor” (Lk 4:18; cf. Is 61:1) reveals Jesus’ mission and identity. Anointed by the Holy Spirit, he is sent to bring hope, healing, and freedom—especially to the poor, the brokenhearted, and the forgotten.

This passage shows that the Messiah comes not with power or status, but with compassion, restoring dignity and proclaiming God’s mercy. It also becomes a model for the Church, us, which is called to continue Christ’s work by sharing the Good News and caring for those most in need.

Let us pray for our Catechists...

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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PRAYER LIST

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Through trials and tribulations, by God's grace, we triumph!

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



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Souvenir Book

We are producing a Souvenir book with Ads to support the parish fair. You can place an ad in the Souvenir book to advertise your business or individual or family endorsement of the event. Call Dr. J @ 225-907-3949 for more info.

Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *Kickoff Dance, Saturday, September 19, 7 pm - 11 pm.
- *Catechetical Sunday, Sunday, September 20.
- *Second Collection: Religious Education, September 20.

Parish Fall Fair 2026

Save the Date: Our Parish Fair will be held on October 31 and November 1. Remember, we are family, and on these days, we are going to show up and show out. Stay tuned for more information.

Our Kickoff dance will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at the McKinley Alumni Center. Tickets can be purchased after each mass or at the parish office for \$45 and \$50 at the door. Don't miss out!!!

Mass Intentions September 12-13, 2026

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| Saturday | 5 pm | Nettie R. Domingue
<i>By: Stephanie & Harlan Jones</i>
Dr. Melvin P. Jones
<i>By: The Family</i>
Linda Narcisse
<i>By: Brown, Ingram & Taylor Families</i>
Jimmy T. Henning
<i>By: Sylvia Nelson</i>
Charles Williams
<i>By: Mary Williams</i>
Phillip Louis
<i>By: Mary Williams</i> |
| Sunday | 8 am | Joseph A. Delpit, Jr.
<i>By: Patricia Delpit & Family</i>
Aline "Cookie" Vaughn
<i>By: Anissa Porter</i> |
| | 11 am | The People of the Parish |

SAVE-the-DATE **SCHOOL GALA**

Saturday, December 5, 2026
City Club of Baton Rouge
SFXGala2026.netlify.app



"Register your child for the SFX School 2026-2027, The Mustang Experience Awaits You." For more information, visit www.sfxbr.org or scan the QR Code.

Enrolling Grades K - 8
(225) 387-6639



Stewardship September 13, 2026

To be Posted Next Week



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



Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
Sirach 27:30—28:7, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

the Cross of Forgiveness

Why should we forgive those who hurt us? This Sunday's Gospel gives us three reasons: First, because Jesus commands it. Second, because forgiveness is part of loving one another. And third, because we want to be forgiven for our sins.

Obviously, Jesus expects us to forgive one another. In this passage, he commands us to forgive without ceasing, without limit. That might be a challenge for even the most patient people. So, does forgiveness exclude tough love? Does it mean we should let someone hurt us again and again? No. it is possible to forgive someone and also prevent them from hurting us. If we do so with love (the second reason). For example, we can forgive an alcoholic relative but still insist that they seek help. We can forgive a son or daughter who breaks the law but still let them face the consequences so they learn from their mistake. We can forgive a friend who borrows money without paying it back and also refer them to a credit counselor instead of lending them more money. Since forgiveness is part of love, it is also part of tough love.

That leads to the third reason: we forgive because we want to be forgiven. Or more accurately, we forgive because we have been forgiven. Jesus already died for our sins. His resurrection shows us that the Father accepted the sacrifice of his Son Jesus for our sins. If we truly believe that Jesus rose again and that we will rise with him to eternal life despite our sins, how can we refuse to forgive someone who hurt us? When we promise to take up the cross each day and follow him, we must remember why Jesus took the cross and realize that we must forgive as he forgives. That's why the cross is such a powerful symbol. It asks us to accept suffering for Jesus' sake. It reminds us that sometimes the cross is simply about forgiving someone rather than hurting or hating them. If Jesus gave his life to forgive e us, are we willing to spread that forgiveness far and wide?

By Tom Schmidt