

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 04, 2026

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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 2026

4 PSR Classes - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Month of the Rosary

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Students will pray the Rosary during class, and families are encouraged to pray together at home.

Weekend Masses

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Rosary beads are available for anyone who needs them; please ask an usher.

The Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one.

The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow, of glory and of light of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary.

It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours.

Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks, She always receives, Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for.

In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With your prayer made together with Your heavenly Mother, you can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion.

Above all each day, through prayer you can drive away from yourselves and from your homeland many dangers and many evils. It can seem a repetitive prayer but instead it is like two sweethearts who many times say one another the words: "I love you"...

Next Sunday, 10/11 through 10/18, classes in the Circles of Grace curriculum will be held.

Dynamics of Disclosure Course

Date and location

Saturday, October 17, 2026, in the Parish Office.

Who should attend

All adults involved in student formation or extracurricular activities associated with St. Francis Xavier Church.

Requirements and registration

This course is mandatory, and certificates will be issued upon completion. Please register and contact John Young for more information.

PRAYER LIST

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

Elouise Noel * Betty Dupas * Fred Dejuan * Loretta Warren * Lorenzia Dardone, * Roslyn Jones * Robert Alfred

*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

*Online Giving: www.stfrancisxavier.org *Text the word "GIVE" to (225) 396-4347 or scan the QR Code.
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!



SCAN ME

Silent Auction

Donations are needed for the Silent Auction that will be held at the Parish Fair. Drop off your items at the parish office within the office hours. Thank you.

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.

We want to use this opportunity to thank all those who attended our Kickoff dance last Saturday. We thank you for your generous support and for making our dance a memorable experience. May God continue to bless and reward you.

SAVE-the-DATE SCHOOL GALA

Saturday, December 5, 2026
City Club of Baton Rouge

[SFXGala2026.netlify.app](https://www.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



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

Upcoming Events in the Parish

- *Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7.
- *Bible Study, Thursday, October 08, 6 pm.
- * Food Pantry Distribution, Thursday, October 08, 10 am.
- *School Mass, Friday, October 09.
- *Second Collection: Propagation of Faith/ World Mission Sunday, October 17-18.

Mass Intentions October 03-04, 2026

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| Saturday | 5 pm | The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8 am | Melvin Amar, Sr.
<i>By: Lucy Amar</i> |
| | | Lester & Ronnie Gauthier
<i>By: Mary, Danna, Edward</i> |
| | | Aline "Cookie" Vaughn
<i>By: Family</i> |
| | 11 am | Easter Lorraine Bienville
<i>By: Monique, Dominica, Susan</i> |
| | | Sophie White
<i>By: Carolyn Watts</i> |
| | | Mary Harris
<i>By: Ike Harris, Jr.</i> |

Stewardship September 27, 2026

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| Regular Collection: | \$5614.00 |
| Online Support: | \$Unavailable |
| Parish Needs: | \$171.00 |
| School Support: | \$35.00 |



Thanks for your Generosity!

Today's Readings
Isaiah 5: 1–7, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

Where Are the Grapes?

Jesus' parable is a little different from the one in the first reading. Isaiah has the vineyard under good and faithful care, but still it produces wild grapes. In the Gospel, the vineyard presumably had a good harvest, but the workers refuse to give any of the grapes to the landowner. The question for us is, which parable is about me?

Do I ignore all that God does to help me be a good disciple? Am I too busy to take time to pray or read the Bible? Do I hold onto grudges instead of forgiving and releasing them? Do I only go to church when someone drags me there, or only at Christmas and Easter? (If that were true, I probably would not be reading this bulletin.) Do I decline the invitations to go on a retreat? Am I afraid to share my faith with someone who needs encouragement? If any of these are true, I might be like the vineyard in the first reading, producing no fruit despite all the opportunities God has given me.

Or we may be the other side of the coin. We had our children baptized when they were babies, sent them to the parish school or religion classes. We went to church every Sunday and took them with us. We gave them as good an example as we could, teaching them to love others and be generous with what they have. Yet they grew up and drifted away from the faith. Then we have to remember how patient God is with us, God's people who don't always produce the fruits of faith.

The Gospel is a little more difficult to relate to. The tenants in the parable refer to those who mistreated or killed the prophets sent by God or the people who would have Jesus crucified. Yet the kingdom of God is still being proclaimed in spite of them. God is patient with them. Look what happened to Saul, who persecuted many Christians before he became one himself. In our second reading he tells us to follow his example as he follows Christ. Then, he says, the peace of God will be with us, too (Philippians 4:6–9).

By Tom Schmidt