

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 4, 2021

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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### MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

TUESDAY:

WED -THURS:

HOLYDAYS:

FRIDAY:

VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA~ 5:00 PM

6:30 AM IN CONVENT

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM

**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. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER 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

#### June 2021

#### 4 Independence Day – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Independence Day**, also called **Fourth of July** or **July 4<sup>th</sup>**, in the United States, the annual celebration of nationhood. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Independence Day is celebrated on Sunday, July 4, 2021 in the United States.

In 1863, during the American Civil War, Pres. Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on **June 19, 1865**, that the state's residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished. The former slaves immediately began to celebrate with prayer, feasting, song, and dance.

**Juneteenth** is a federal holiday in the United States. Legislation establishing the holiday was passed by Congress on June 16, 2021, and signed into law by U.S. President Joe Biden the following day. Juneteenth had previously been established as a state holiday in Texas in 1980, with a number of other states later declaring it a state holiday or day of observance.

#### Christ's Redemptive Death in God's Plan of Salvation

"Jesus handed over according to the definite plan of God"

Jesus' violent death was not the result of chance in an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, but is part of the mystery of God's plan, as St. Peter explains to the Jews of Jerusalem in his first sermon on Pentecost: "This Jesus (was) delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God." This Biblical language does not mean that those who handed him over were merely passive players in a scenario written in advance by God.

To God, all moments of time are present in their immediacy. When therefore he establishes his eternal plan of "predestination", he includes in it each person's free response to his grace: "In this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place." For the sake of accomplishing his plan of salvation, God permitted the acts that flowed from their blindness.

"He died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures"

The Scriptures had foretold this divine plan of salvation through the putting to death of "the righteous one, my Servant" as a mystery of universal redemption, that is, as the ransom that would free men from the slavery of sin. Citing a confession of faith that he himself had "received", St. Paul professes that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures." In particular Jesus' redemptive death fulfils Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering Servant. Indeed Jesus himself explained the meaning of his life and death in the light of God's suffering Servant. After his Resurrection he gave this interpretation of the Scriptures to the disciples at Emmaus, and then to the apostles. <sup>ccc599-601</sup>

#### **SFX CENTENNIAL COOKBOOKS** **MAKES A GREAT GIFT** **FOR ONLY \$20.00**

#### **PRAY FOR US**

|                      |                 |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Richard Camble, Jr.  | John Paul Moore | Catherine Murray      |
| Frazier Jordan       | Loraine Perry   | Joyce Decuir          |
| Elizabeth Whitfield  | Martha Proctor  | Cenia Richard         |
| Zelda Bates          | Maria Rice      | Mildred Anderson      |
| Elaine Johnson       | Whitney Robiho  | John Ristic           |
| Linda Gills-Beshears | Shelvia Stewart | Betty Camble          |
| Mary Johnson         |                 | Geraldine Christopher |

#### **Mass Intentions for July 3 - 6, 2021**

|                 |             |                                                                                             |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>5pm</b>  | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                 |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>8am</b>  | <b>Lester &amp; Ronnie Gauthier</b><br><i>By: Edward, Mary, Michael, Danna &amp; Damien</i> |
|                 | <b>11am</b> | <b>Lloyd Lazard</b><br><i>By: Carol Lamotte</i>                                             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>5pm</b>  | <b>Reginald Thomas</b><br><i>By: Ava Dee</i>                                                |



***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

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#### Happy Birthday Diocese!

As you all know, the Diocese of Baton Rouge is celebrating it's 60th anniversary in the year of St. Joseph! The Diocese was established by St. John XXII's papal bull on July 1961.

To mark this occasion, we're throwing a 60th birthday party for our diocese, and you're invited to an early afternoon of fun, fellowship, food trucks, live bands, party favors, birthday cake and open house at the Catholic Life Center, 1800 South Acadian Thruway, on July 22 from 11am - 2pm.

#### Mass Schedule

**Starting on Sunday, August 1, 2021, we will return to having our first Sunday Mass at 8am. Our weekend Mass Schedule will be 5pm Saturday Vigil.**

**Sunday Masses  
8am & 11am**

**JOIN US FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY  
EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7PM**

Just dial 1 720 7409653  
And enter access code **5217381#**

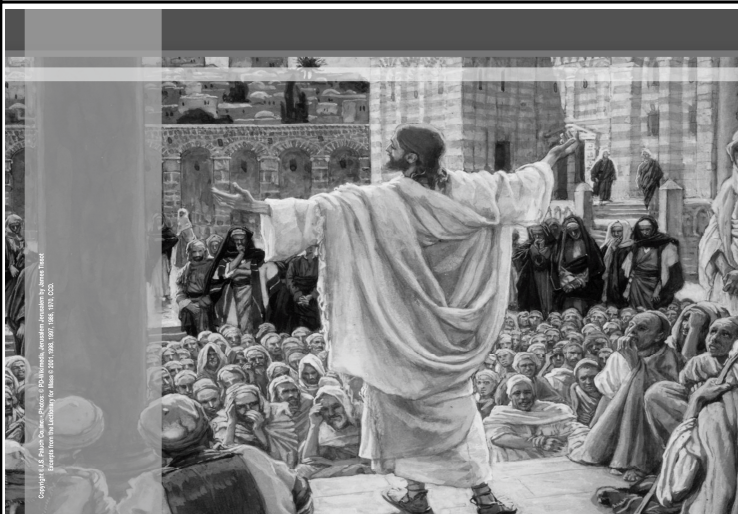
**Join us for the  
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
*When: Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm*  
*Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church*  
*1120 Myrtle Street*

**Stewardship  
June 27, 2021**

**Regular Collection**  
**\$5,536.23**

**Parish Needs**  
**\$65**

**Candles**  
**\$62**



**JULY 4, 2021**

**FOURTEENTH  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

*When the Sabbath came,  
Jesus began to teach  
in the synagogue, and many  
who heard him were astonished.*

*Mark 6:2*

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