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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

TUESDAY:

WED -THURS:

HOLYDAYS:

FRIDAY:

VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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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

November 2022

27 No Class

We continue our series on the Major and Minor Prophets in the bible with **the Prophet Jeremiah and Lamentations**.

A prophet's life is never easy, but Jeremiah had an especially rough time.

Known as the Weeping Prophet, Jeremiah was a prophet to the southern kingdom of Judah in the Old Testament, right before Judah ultimately fell to Babylon and was led away into captivity. God sent Jeremiah to a crumbling nation to warn of their impending demise – a warning they didn't heed.

Jeremiah lived at a truly terrible time in history. Not only did he experience the horrors of war, starvation, siege, and captivity, he was called upon to tell the people of it, urging them to repent. Worst of all, they didn't listen. The below passage well demonstrates the cause of Jeremiah's agony:

"And if they ask you, 'Where shall we go?' tell them, 'This is what the Lord says:

"Those destined for death, to death;

those for the sword, to the sword;

those for starvation, to starvation;

those for captivity, to captivity.'

"I will send four kinds of destroyers against them," declares the Lord, "the sword to kill and the dogs to drag away and the birds and the wild animals to devour and destroy..."

"Who will have pity on you, Jerusalem? ...

You have rejected me," declares the Lord.

"You keep on backsliding.

So, I will reach out and destroy you;

I am tired of holding back ...

I will bring bereavement and destruction on my people,

for they have not changed their ways.

I will make their widows more numerous

than the sand of the sea ...

I will put the survivors to the sword

before their enemies,"

declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 15:2-3,5-9)

"Alas, my mother, that you gave me birth!" Jeremiah wails in Jeremiah 15:10.

Many times, he cries out to God, even lashing out, as in Jeremiah 15: 18.

Jeremiah witnessed, both in foresight and real time, the destruction of his people. Upon Judah's captivity, he penned the book of Lamentations, a highly poetic and devastatingly beautiful series of laments about the fall of God's people.

Jeremiah spent forty years telling the people what would happen. And they didn't listen.

While we do not have internal proof that the Lamentations were written by Jeremiah, rabbinic tradition, the parallel themes in Jeremiah and Lamentations, and the eye-witness character of the laments point to Jeremiah as the likely author of these five poems of lament. Judah and its capital, Jerusalem, have been totally destroyed. After a two-year siege, the Babylonians have captured the city, torn down its walls, looted and destroyed God's temple, and taken the able-bodied citizens into exile in Babylon. Jeremiah is among the few survivors left in the land, living among those who had clung to life through the famine and watched starving children die, as false prophets continued to mislead the people about God's purposes. The book of Lamentations captures the desolation of the city and the despair of the people at the same time that it underscores the reason for this desolation.

Here we see the poet at work. In five tightly structured poems, he uses powerful images of the carnage in the city as God allows the punishment of his people for their vicious sins. But in spite of the emotional depth of his grief, the artist captures the devastation in a controlled poetic form. This is art in the service of emotional release. While a discussion of "work" doesn't often include the work of artists, these poems force us to acknowledge the power of art to encapsulate the highs and lows of human experience.

The artist embeds a note of hope in this despair, anchoring the future in the goodness of God:

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. (Lamentations 3:21-25)

For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone (Lam.3:31-33)).

Why should any who draw breath complain about the punishment of their sins? Let us test and examine our ways and return to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven (Lam. 3:39-41). biblestudytools.com

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Mass Intentions for Nov 26 - 29, 2022

Saturday	5pm	Shelvia Stewart <i>By: Janet St. Cry Moore</i>
Sunday	8am	Louis Jones, Jr. <i>By: Wilma Greene & Family</i>
	11am	Freddie Smith <i>By: Contemporary Choir</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Norma Duell & Gladys Lee <i>By: Melba Venison</i>



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

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All online methods are safe and secured. Thank you for your generosity!

Starting October 25, the deadline for bulletin entries will be due on Fridays by 12 noon.
Please consider admission at least a week prior to the date of the announcement, when possible.

**The Spring Lenten Fish Fry
is moving to the Fall and Winter!**

December 2nd.....First Friday Fish Fry

First FRY Day Menu includes: Fish, Spaghetti and Cheese, potato salad, peas, bread, and cake
Time: 10am until sold out
Call-in orders: 9am until
Delivery available for 10 or more orders
Donation: \$13.00

Mark your calendars for the next **First FRY Day Fish Fry:**
January 6th

Additional flyers are on the back table to pass along to others
and please post on your social media.

We welcome monetary donations.

**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

The Junior Daughters Ct# 12 (Little Flowers) are still collection
"Pull Tabs". If you have any please leave them at the back of the church.

The 18th annual Sock it to Me! Sock Drive presented by Baton Rouge Parents Magazine is here. The Sock it to Me! Sock Drive is an affordable and convenient way to touch the lives of children and adults in our community. The 2022 sock drive will begin in October and continue through December.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Advent Prayer
Come, Lord Jesus.
O God, you are great indeed.
Look upon us and reveal your glory,
promised to Abraham and sent to us
through David and his lineage.

Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word,
the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people.
Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation.
Fill our minds with watchful hope
and let us see your kindness.

Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation.
May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Stewardship - November 27, 2022



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