

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 21, 2024

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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

TUESDAY:

WED - FRI:

HOLYDAYS:

FRIDAY:

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

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

July 2024

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- Teaching To Pray

Communion with Jesus Christ leads the disciples to assume the attitude of prayer and contemplation which the Master himself had. To learn to pray with Jesus is to pray with the same sentiments with which he turned to the Father: adoration, praise, thanksgiving, filial confidence, supplication, and awe for His glory. All of these sentiments are reflected in the *Our Father*, the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples and which he is the model of all Christian prayer. The “*handing on of the Our Father*” is a summary of the entire gospel and is therefore a true act of catechesis. When catechesis is permeated by a climate of prayer, the assimilation of the entire Christian life reaches its summit. This climate is especially necessary when the catechumen and those to be catechized are confronted with the more demanding aspects of the Gospel and when they feel weak or when they discover the mysterious action of God in their lives.

We Continue our series on the Judges of the Bible with Jair.

In this series of articles, we will look at the life of Jair in the Bible

Jair, the Seventh Judge of Israel, is another of the minor Judges. We are told very little about his Judgeship in the *Book of Judges*, but the account of what takes place after his death is quite protracted.

He is considered a minor judge like Tola, Shamgar, and others. This is because his story is brief within scripture. You can read his whole account within 3 verses in the book of Judges. Yup, that’s it!

This is quite a contrast when compared to major judges like Deborah and Gideon. Their stories are found not in verses but in whole chapters of the Bible. This doesn’t mean we can’t learn something from a minor judge! We can always learn a glean revelation from even the smallest of characters in the Bible!

After him, Jair the Gileadite arose, and he judged Israel for twenty-two years. He had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they had thirty towns in the land of Gilead that are called Havvoth-jair (towns of Jair) to this day. And Jair died and was buried in Kamon. – Judges 10:3-5.

His 30 sons carried forth their father’s authority/influence and even established towns throughout Gilead. Jair judged Israel for 22 years until his death.

Now, Gilead is what we know as modern-day Jordan. Another interesting fact is that Jair is quite a popular name and is mentioned in several books in the Bible. The name means *enlightener* or *he who enlightens*.

PRAYER LIST

John Paul Moore * Loraine Perry * Martha Proctor * Whitney Robiho * Joyce Decuir * Catherine Murray * Patricia Armstrong

Betty Camble * Elouise Noel * Betty Dupas * Cecila Bazile * Denise Chutz Fred Dejuan * Loretta Warren * Lorenzia Dardone

Richard Camble, Jr. * Elizabeth Whitfield * Elaine Johnson * Linda Gills-Beshears * Phyllis White * Mary E. Bourgeois * Easton Charles

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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

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.

Registration is Open

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Enrolling Grades K-8



For More Information
(225) 387-6639 | www.sfxbr.org



United Men of St. Francis Xavier

Baked Chicken Dinner Sale

Sunday, July 28, 2024

9:30 AM – Until

Baked Chicken, Rice Dressing, Green Beans, Roll, and Cookie

\$15.00

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Cafeteria

SFX Ladies Auxiliary Court #12 Annual Back to School Give-a-Way Raffle

St. Francis Xavier-Ladies Auxiliary Court #12- annual back to school raffle will be held on August 4, 2024. Four (4) Walmart gift cards in the amount of \$50 per card will be awarded to eligible students enrolled in grades K-12. Raffle forms can be found in the rear of the church. To be eligible for this year's raffle the following criteria will be implemented:

The student/parents/guardian will have to be a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Only 1 (one) raffle per student
Please note that only one student per family will be declared a winner.

SFX Youth Ministry - (youth between 12-18 years of age)
Please plan to attend these 2024 Youth Summer Meetings!

July 18th - Movie Night

Location: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (Parish Office)
Time 6:00pm

We are looking for volunteers to donate food and/or time!

Mass Intentions - July 20 - 26, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Faye Boykin <i>By: Betty Lowery</i>
Sunday	8am	William "Tex" Turner <i>By: Wife & kids</i>
	11am	Maria P. Rice <i>By: Ronald Saizon</i>
		Elaine Johnson <i>By: Betty Davis & Family</i>
	11am	Ifeanyi Ejigiri <i>By: Ejigiri Family</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Karen Hughes Guillory <i>By: Patrick & Desmarie Decuir</i>
Friday	5pm	Joseph Nelson <i>By: Daughters</i>

Stewardship

Regular Collection:

Building Fund:

School Support:

Thank You for your support

July 14th
\$10,516

\$650

\$179



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus, Our Peace

You probably know that the Jews in the first century did not particularly like the Gentiles. Some of them who became Christians still looked down on the non-Jewish Christians. In the epistle today, Paul addresses this problem by reminding them that Jesus died for all people, Jew and Gentile. And just as Jesus rose from the dead to a new life, the converts to Christianity were given a new life also. That new life of baptism joined them all to Christ, who lives in them, forgives them, and brings them peace. So why was that unity so hard to accept?

One reason is that as much as we complain about laws and regulations, many people like to live by them. We even make our own rules: “I always eat breakfast at 7:15,” or “I have to read the newspaper every morning.” Even though our rules may not be bad in themselves, if we get angry at anyone who interrupts our routine, those rules lead us to sin. But some of the Hebrew Christians thought that they still had to keep the laws and regulations of the old covenant. There is nothing wrong with keeping the Ten Commandments: They are simply examples of Jesus’ command to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself. So why not just do that?

The problem with only keeping commandments is that we can avoid doing evil things, but still not love God or my neighbor. For example, we can avoid using God’s name in vain and kick back and relax on the Sabbath, but still not really love God. We can keep from killing, robbing, or lying to our neighbor, without loving anyone. Fortunately for us, God loves us first; we need only respond to that love. And if we make the decision to love God and our neighbors, and base all our other actions on that love, we will not break any commandments, or even worry about breaking them. We will have the peace that Paul mentions in our reading, the peace that makes us all one in Christ.

Tom Schmidt,