

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 28, 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. 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.

What Will You Bring to the Table?

Music has often helped enhance my memory through catchy tunes. A favorite song of mine is *You Raise Me Up* by Brendan Graham and Rolf Løvland. I was surprised to find that what I thought was such a tried and tested hymn has only been around for a little over 20 years. Its message offers so many lessons, particularly, that with God's help, we can achieve the infinite.

“When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.” (© Universal Music Publishing Ab)

We often think our efforts are not enough. Who am I, amongst all the pristine social media profiles advertising "success stories" of the rich and famous? In today's Gospel the disciples, overwhelmed by the hungry crowd, say to Jesus: “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” The young boy who offered his five loaves and two fish may have initially been perceived as a minor character and perhaps still is today. We don't know the boy's name or his backstory, but he stepped up, providing that sustenance through which Jesus could work a miracle. Without his offering, it is unclear what might have happened next.

God teaches us that we are nourished by the gifts we offer to one another. Even the simplest of actions, like offering a shoulder to cry on when someone has lost a loved one, can make a big difference. Whether young or old, we can often feel helpless in situations that seem overwhelming. However, we must remember that nothing is insurmountable for God. As the chorus of *You Raise Me Up* declares, "I am strong, when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be."

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

PRAYER LIST

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

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

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

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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
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.

Father Henry will be formally installed as our new Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Sunday, August 11th at 8:00am.
Bishop Duca will be present for the ceremony as well.

Reception to follow after mass in the cafeteria.

Registration is Open
St. Francis Xavier Catholic School
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Enrolling Grades K-8

For More Information
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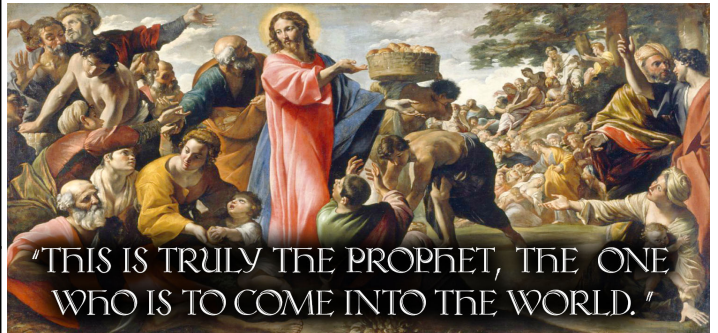
SFX School Open House August 5th @ 6pm
Parents & Students Only

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

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



Mass Intentions - July 27 - August 2, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Norman Brown (R) <i>By: Fran & the Gang</i>
Sunday	8am	People of the Parish
	11am	Darryl Hughes, Sr. <i>By: Patrick & Desmarie Decuir</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Charles Williams (R) <i>By: Mary Williams</i>
Friday	5pm	Catherine Murray (R) <i>By: SFX Food Pantry Family</i>

Stewardship

Regular Collection:
Online Support:
School Support:

July 21st
\$11,615
\$1,826
\$30

Thank You for your support



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prophet's Profit

It's no coincidence that the first reading shows the prophet Elisha feeding a crowd of people like Jesus in the gospel. If you want to compare miracles, Elisha did his first, but Jesus did it better. Elisha had a hundred people to feed with twenty barley loaves and a handful of fresh grain. Jesus had five thousand people and only five loaves and a couple fish. So was Jesus trying to show up Elisha?

Neither Jesus nor Elisha ever did a miracle for their own benefit. The very next story in 2 Kings about Elisha is the one where he cured Naaman, the king's servant, of leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:1:19) When Naaman realized he was cured, he came back to Elisha and offered him a gift in thanksgiving. Elisha refused the gift, because it would imply that Elisha did the miracle, while the prophet knew that God had cured him. Jesus also refused to benefit from feeding the crowds. They came to take him away and make him king, but he went up to his place of prayer on the mountain.

Jesus' miracle of feeding the five thousand was not done just for the crowd. He was using it to teach the disciples something important. He knew there would be times when they felt they were not holy enough or good enough preachers, to spread the gospel over the world. So he showed them what God can do with our meager abilities.

There are millions of people hungry for the good news that Jesus brings to the world. Remember the miracle of the loaves when you only have a few dollars to give to the missions, when you're not sure you know enough to teach someone about Jesus, when you don't know how to invite someone to come back to church. And remember that you do those things, not to make you look holy, but to let God show his loving power.

Tom Schmidt, .