

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 11, 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.

PSR News

August 2024

- 11 **Today is 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** PSR Registration begins August 18, 2024, however, early registration is recommended. Registration forms are on the table at the entrance of the Church.
- 15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation**
- 17 **Dynamics of Disclosure** (Child Protection) will take place in the Parish Office. Please sign up on the sign-in sheet at the entrance of the Church. This event is required for any adults that work with children.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the “woman clothed with the sun” who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy.

We continue our series on the Judges in the Bible with Jephthah and Outlaw King

Jephthah settled further east, in a place called Tob, on the edge of the desert. There he set up shop as an outlaw Prince, and “a gang of scoundrels gathered around him and followed him” Judges 11:3. His band of brigands earned a reputation as skilled fighters, and Jephthah himself became known as a mighty warrior. Judges 11:1.

Enter the Ammonite armies.

Trying to correct what they saw as a 300-year wrong, the Ammonites invaded Israel to reclaim lands taken from their ancestors by Joshua and the Israelites of the Exodus. That frightened the elders of Gilead enough to come plead for help from that exile bandit. Suddenly, being a prostitute's son was no longer such a big deal.

A bargain was struck. Jephthah would lead an Israelite army against the Ammonites. If he came back victorious, he'd be anointed “head”-a king-like position- over the Hebrews in Gilead.

Judges 11:29 reveals, “Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jephthah. He... advanced against the Ammonites.” Upon seeing the enemy firsthand, Jephthah's confidence faltered. Uncertain of victory, he followed a custom of surrounding pagan cultures and proposed a “bargain with God”

“If you give the Ammonites into my hands,” he vowed, whatever comes out of the door of my house to meet me when I return and triumph from the Ammonites will be the Lord's, and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering: Judges. 11:30-31.

Scripture reports, “Then Jephthah went over to fight the Ammonites, and the Lord gave them into his hands Judges 11:32. The victory was so decisive that he “devastated” 20 ammonite towns, and “Thus Israel subdued Ammon” Judges 11:33.

Next issue we finish with Judge Jephthah Ibzan.

PRAYER LIST

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

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

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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.

Winners for the Ladies Auxiliary Court #12 Annual Back to School Give Away

Taylor Green - 2nd grade
Brandon Odoms - 8th grade
Jaden Plante - 9th grade
Gia Vinning - 2nd grade

We shall have Adoration, Praise, and Worship
on Saturday, September 7th at 3pm.
Please join us as we pray for healing.
All ministries are invited.

Registration is Open

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Enrolling Grades K-8

For More Information
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Mass Intentions - August 10 - 16, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Gladys DeCuir Jofferion <i>By: Patrick & Desmarie DeCuir</i> Walton Bean (R) <i>By: Backrow Angels</i>
Sunday	8am	William "Tex" Turner (R) <i>By: Wife & Kids</i>
	11am	Avery Jofferion <i>By: Patrick & Desmarie DeCuir</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Paul Overstreet (R) <i>By: Kids & Grandkids</i>
Friday	9am	Darensbourg & O'Brien Families <i>By: Honore Family</i>

Stewardship

Regular Collection:
Online Support:
School Support:
Parish Needs

August 4th
\$6,662
\$1,256
\$75
\$604

Thank You for your support



*"I am the
living bread
that came
down from
heaven..."*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Chicken or Egg

The second reading of Paul to the Ephesians talks about forgiving one another. It reminds me of the line in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." (Mt 6:12) You could read that line as a warning that God only forgives those who forgive others. Paul reverses that conditional meaning to say that we forgive because God has already forgiven us. So which came first, the chicken or the egg?

In a sense, both are needed: Jesus died on the cross to show that God forgives sins you haven't even committed yet. But God does not force his forgiveness on us. It is a gift, given freely. We have to want to be forgiven and accept that gift from God. And we also have to be willing to forgive those who have hurt us. There are many ways to do that.

One is to forgive in your heart. That's usually easy to do for someone you love. You know they didn't mean to hurt you and so you don't get angry at them. And if you truly forgive, you won't be thinking of how that person owes you for the hurt and what you can get from them. If you don't love the one who hurt you, you still need to forgive, so you can let go of the hurt. (And be forgiven for not loving your neighbor!)

Paul also tells us to let go of bitterness, anger, and shouting. Instead of getting even, we are told to be kind and compassionate (Eph 4:32.) We can go to the next step after forgiving in our hearts: We show our forgiveness in our actions. A friend or relative might get a hug; others might get a handshake or words of forgiveness. If the one who hurt you insists on making up for it, accept their gift graciously and remind them that they are forgiven; they may need to make reparation so they can forgive themselves.

Jesus showed how much God wants to forgive us by his death on the cross. Because we are forgiven, we are then able to forgive others. So while God's love and forgiveness are always first, we must be able to forgive others so that we can accept it from God.

Tom Schmidt,