

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 20, 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

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20 Class – 29 Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 Altar Server Meeting 9 am - Trunk or Treat!!!! 6-8 pm

The Word of God, source of catechesis.

The source from which catechesis draws its message is the Word of God.

Catechesis will always draw its content from the living source of the Word of God transmitted in tradition and the scriptures for Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture make up a single sacred. Deposit of the Word of God which is entrusted to the Church. John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation, Catechesi Tradendae

The ‘deposit of faith’ is like the treasure of a householder; it is entrusted to the Church, the family of God, and she continuously draws from it things new and old. All God's children animated by his Spirit, are nourished by this treasure of the Word. They know what the Word is Jesus Christ, the Word made man and that His voice continues to resound in the church and in the world through the Holy Spirit. Word of God, by wondrous divine “condescension” is directed toward directed us and reaches us by means of human “deeds and words,” “just as the word of the Eternal Father, when He took on Himself the flesh of human weakness, became black men.” And so, without ceasing to be the Word of God, it is expressed in human words. Although close to us, it still remains veiled in a “kenotic” state. Thus the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has to interpret the Word continually. She contemplates the Word with a profound spirit of faith, listens to it devoutly, guards it with dedication and expounds it faithfully.

We continue our series on Samuel

Critic of Saul

When Saul was preparing to fight the Philistines, Samuel denounced him for proceeding with the pre-battle sacrifice without waiting for the overdue Samuel to arrive. He prophesied that Saul's rule would see no dynastic succession. (1 Samuel 13:5-14)

Samuel also directed Saul to “utterly destroy” the Amalekites in fulfilment of the commandment in Deuteronomy 25:17-19 *When the Lord your God has given you rest from you enemies all around, in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, ... you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.*

During the campaign against the Amalekites, King Saul spared Agag, the king of the Amalekites, and the best of their livestock. Saul told Samuel that he had spared the choicest of the Amalekites' sheep and oxen, intending to sacrifice the livestock to the Lord. This was in violation of the Lord's command, as pronounced by Samuel, “to...utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass” (1 Samuel 15:3, KJV).

Samuel then proceeded to Bethlehem and secretly anointed David as king. He would later provide sanctuary for David, when the jealous Saul first tried to have him killed. (1 Samuel 16:1-12).

The remaining scriptural notices of Samuel are in connection with David's history.

In our next issue: Samuel's Decease and Traditions

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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NOTICE! ANNOUNCEMENT! NOTICE!

Changes has been made to the way we submit announcements to be inserted into the bulletin. The bulletin is processed on Monday mornings, all announcements should be submitted to and approved by Father Henry (henry95ugo@gmail.com) **NO LATER** than the Friday before the bulletin is processed for publishing. Failure to follow this procedure may result in your request not being placed in the bulletin.

A Retreat is scheduled for the Parish Council, all ministry leaders, and interested members of the parish for November 16 from 9am to 12pm. Please mark your calendar.
It is mandatory for all leaders.

We wish to thank all parishioners who showed up for the Public Square Rosary Crusade on Saturday and the Pink Mass on Sunday. May God bless you all. Amen.

Bible Study is to begin in November. Stay Tuned!

The Office of Black Catholics is celebrating its annual Black Catholic History Mass on November 2, 2024, at 11:30 AM, Sacred Heart, 2250 Main Street, Baton Rouge. The Most Rev. Michael G. Duca will be our celebrant, and Father Anthony Bozeman, S.S.J., will be the Homilist. The theme is "**Seeking Our Spiritual Home** in the Catholic Church." You are all invited. Please bring money for collections and nonperishable foods that will be given to charity groups in our diocese.

The next First Friday Fish Fry Fundraiser will be November 1, 2024 from 10am - 1pm in the cafeteria. The cost is \$15 per plate.

Mass Intentions Oct 19 - 25, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Maria P. Rice <i>By: Ronald Saizon</i>
Sunday	8am	Lionel & Bridget Taylor <i>By: Fran & the Gang</i>
	11am	Ruben Davis <i>By: Family</i>
		Chavon D. White <i>By: Denise Williams</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Evelyn "Weesie" <i>By: Weesie</i>

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you have a desire to join this sacred ministry, please complete the Sign-in Sheet at the back of the church. All EMHC are required to attend this training on October 26, 2024 @10:30am. For more information, contact Ruby Jordan @ 225-337-0766.

Altar Servers of all Ages

The Altar Server Ministry is seeking parishioners of all ages (youth to adults) to serve at masses. If you are interested in joining our ministry or are a current Altar Server, please attend our next training on October 26, 2024, at 9am in the church. New and existing Altar Servers are also asked to register or sign up for the Altar Server Ministry on the Ministries tab on the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church website.

Stewardship October 13, 2024



Regular Collection:	\$5,287
Online Support	\$1811
Parish Needs:	\$123
School Support:	\$155

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Great Service

In Mark's gospel, he has a short description of the Last Supper, without the washing of the disciples' feet found in the gospel of John. Today's passage has a similar message. While James and John seem to be close friends of Jesus, they obviously have not learned what it means to follow him. But they think this is the time to ask for their share in the glory of Jesus' Kingdom.

Jesus doesn't make any promises of worldly glory, but he does promise a share in his suffering. When he goes on to remind them of how Gentiles rule over people, they probably thought he was going to let them do the same. Imagine their surprise when he told them that the greatest of them would be the ones who served the rest.

They still did not understand that Jesus had to suffer and die to complete his life mission. They probably did not know what Jesus meant about their being baptized in death as Jesus would. But then how many people today know that leadership is a form of service? Whether you are head of a family, or of a nation, you were given that authority by God. And God expects leaders to not only direct those under them, but inspire and encourage them to do better. Parents do more than correct their children: They also guide them, love them, protect them, and sometimes even let them learn from their mistakes.

This connection of leadership and service is all inclusive. A manager is called to help his employees do their jobs better, not by badgering, but by giving the support they need. Government leaders are called to serve all constituents, not just the ones who donate to their election fund. Military leaders must support their troops with respect as well as discipline. God calls Church leaders in a special way to service of their flock: to protect the weakest members, to give an example of Jesus' love to all, and to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in both clergy and laity. Anyone who lives a life of loving service can be "greatest" in the Kingdom of God.

Tom Schmidt