

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time  
October 27, 2024

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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

**October 2024**

27 Class – 30 Sunday in Ordinary Time

**November 2024**

1 All Saints Day

2 All Souls Day

3 Class – 30 Sunday in Ordinary Time

### All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day recognizes those known to God as saints-not only those canonized by the Catholic church. Therefore, All Saints' Day celebrates all faithful followers of Jesus throughout church history.

It's a feast day remembering those who have gone before us, honoring their lives and faithfulness. Believers come together to celebrate continued communion with saints through the ages, recognizing their continued participation in the body of Christ.

In the Catholic Church, All Saints' is considered a holy day of obligation, meaning parishioners are required to attend Mass. If the holy day falls on a Saturday or a Monday, Mass attendance is not required.

It's observed in various ways around the world, with many visiting the gravesides of loved ones.

### All Souls' Day

All Saints' Day remembers and celebrates all saints, known and unknown. Catholics also observe All Souls' Day, honoring the faithful in Purgatory, who are awaiting full sanctification. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but praying for and remembering the departed is encouraged.

### Samuel's Decease and Traditions

Samuel labored throughout his life for the welfare of his people and served as Israel's last judge before the people asked for a monarchy. The biblical record shows that although there were battles and some losses by Israel's armies, overall, the nation survived and flourished under the leadership of Samuel.

Eventually, order was established, godliness was promoted, and the nation was at peace and prospered. "So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. Then the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel recovered its territory from the hands of the Philistines. Also there was peace between Israel and the Amorites" (1 Samuel 7:13-14).

Samuel's life serves as an example for believers today. Key principles include his obedience to God from the time he was a youth, his faith (Hebrews 11:32) and his willingness to intercede for others (Jeremiah 15:1).

Next Issue we begin a series on Kings in the Bible

## PRAYER LIST

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

Elouise Noel \* Betty Dupas \* Denise Chutz \* Fred Dejuan \* Loretta Warren \* Lorenzia Dardone \* Patricia Tyson

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

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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!

### 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](mailto:henry95ugo@gmail.com)) **NOLATER** 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.**

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.

### ADORATION PRAISE AND WORSHIP

November 2, 2024 3:00 - 4:30pm

We will be praying for all family members and friends who are deceased.

Please sign the book at the back of church for anyone who has died this year

### Bible Study is to begin in November. Stay Tuned!

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 26 - Nov 1, 2024

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| Saturday  | 5pm  | <b>Family</b><br><i>By: Patrick &amp; Desmarie Decuir</i><br><b>Ceola Marcelle</b><br><i>By: Daughters</i> |
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| Sunday    | 8am  | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                                                                |
|           | 11am | <b>Deceased Darenbourg &amp; O'Brien Families</b><br><i>By: Sis</i>                                        |
| Wednesday | 9am  | <b>Ava Wade Patin</b><br><i>By: Weesie</i>                                                                 |



### Stewardship October 20, 2024

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| Regular Collection: | \$6,719 |
| Online Support:     | \$1,704 |
| Parish Needs:       | \$45    |
| School Support:     | \$60    |
| Building Fund:      | \$50    |

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Man of Many Talents

When you think of Jesus, what do you think was his job? Healer of the sick, the lame and the blind, as in today's gospel? Preacher? Teacher? Leader of men? Messiah? The second reading from Hebrews reminds us of his main duty: Priest. It calls him a High Priest, referring to the Jewish priesthood in which one priest was chosen each year to offer the most important sacrifices and so appeal to God for forgiveness of the peoples' sins. Now this may sound like primitive religion, but it actually lets us understand Jesus even better.

The high priest offered sacrifice for his own sins, as well as the peoples'. While Jesus did not sin, he experienced temptations just as we do and so can intercede for us as one who knows what it is like to be tempted. He also knows suffering, from his passion and death on the cross. If you ever wonder if you deserve to be forgiven, remember that Jesus died for all sinners, deserving or not. The High Priest was the one to bring the Israelites prayers to God and God's blessings to the people. Jesus also brings our prayers to his Father and shows us the Father's love.

Our baptism gives us a share in that priesthood. You don't have to be ordained to pray for your friends and family. You don't have to be a bishop to bring God's love to those around you. When you listen to a friend who is hurting, or forgive someone who hurts you, you are blessing them with God's love. When you encourage them to have faith and trust in the Lord, you are bringing them to God. You are sharing in the priesthood of Christ.

*Tom Schmidt*