

Feast of Christ the King
November 24, 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 NOVEMBER 2024

24 No Class – Christ the King of the Universe

Our liturgical year is ordered in such a way as to lead us through the entire mystery of salvation won for us in Christ. Each liturgical year begins with Advent, when we ponder the Incarnation that leads us to the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. Following Christmas we enter into the public ministry of Christ during Ordinary Time, which begins with the feast of His Baptism. In the midst of Ordinary Time, we enter the deepest paschal mystery of Lent and Easter, culminating with the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The Easter Season concludes with Christ's Ascension and Pentecost, the beginning of the Church. Finally, after the rest of Ordinary Time, we come to the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King.

Christ the King of the Universe is a solemnity celebrated by the Church on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It recognizes Jesus as both fully God and fully man, the divine Lord who suffered and died on the Cross. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to respond to growing secularism and atheism.

We continue our issue on the **Kings of the Bible:**

Here's A List Of The Kings of Israel

King Jeroboam	King Jehu
King Nadab	King Jehoahaz
King Baasha	King Joash
King Elah	King Jeroboam II
King Zimri	King Zachariah
King Omri	King Shallum
King Ahab	King Menaham
King Ahaziah	King Pekahiah
King Jehoram	King Pekah
	King Hoshea

This was the last king of the Northern Kingdom of Israel before they got into captivity for continually falling into idolatry. The nation of Israel or the northern ten tribes of Israel would disappear from history but not forever.

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

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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!

Our Bible study begins on Wednesday, November 27 at 6 pm. Subsequently, we will be having our Bible Study every Thursday at 6 pm.

Reminder

This is to remind all the ministries that their calendar is due for submission by November 30. Thank you



ADORATION, PRAISE, AND WORSHIP
December 7, 2024 3:00-4:30 PM
We will be praying for PEACE, within our
Homes, Families, Church,
Communities, and the World as we begin the
Advent season.



Upcoming Events in the Parish

*Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, Nov. 28, Mass at 9am.
*Feast of St. Francis Xavier – Tuesday, Dec. 3.
*First Friday Fish Fry – Friday, Dec. 6, from 10 am – 1 pm.

Mass Intentions Nov 23-26, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Brenda Landry <i>By: Davis Family</i> Juanita Culbert <i>By: Kirkland & Camille</i> Richard Campbell, Jr. <i>By: Betty & Val Lowery</i> Wilson & Shelia Stewart <i>By: Betty Campbell</i>
Sunday	8am	Theresa Fabre <i>By: Paula Fabre</i> Edmond Doucette <i>By: Crystal Doucette</i> Deceased Usher Members <i>By: SFX Ministry of Hospitality</i> 11am John Eric Rice <i>By: Ronald Saison</i> Michael White <i>By: Family</i>
Tuesday	5 pm	Don Campbell <i>By: Owanda Campbell</i> Gladys Lee <i>By: Tammy Lee</i>

Stewardship November 17, 2024

Regular Collection:	\$7,956
Online Support:	\$1,756
Parish Needs:	\$285
School Support:	\$45



Christ the King What is Truth?

When we celebrate Christ the King, we are not talking about political power. That is the only kind of king that Pilate recognized. Our first two readings describe in poetic terms what Christ's kingdom is like: a priestly kingdom of glory and power that will never end. Pilate was judging the One who would one day judge him. He wanted to know if Jesus claimed to be a king, or if the Jews who wanted Jesus destroyed were behind the rumors of kingship. Jesus does not deny his kingship; after all, he says his purpose in life is the Truth. If you were reading this in the Bible, you would see Pilate's response, "What is truth?"

For Jesus (and for us), truth is the relationship between God and God's people. God is the source of the universe, the source of all life. Jesus came to show us the truth of God's love for all people. The divine kingdom is simply the way that we relate to God and each other. We join that kingdom, not by signing a membership list, but by living a life of love: Love for God and for each other.

So why doesn't Jesus use all that power and glory to make everyone follow him? Because God asks us to be humble like Jesus. God doesn't force people to believe. That is another side of Truth: who God is and who we are. If you believe in God, you begin to see God in people whom you love, people who need our help, even people who don't like us. We even see God in the beauty and majesty of creation. A few years ago, when I heard that scientists were coming to accept that the universe was infinite, I was afraid that that would make people reject the idea of God. But then it occurred to me that an all-powerful God would make an infinite universe to show the divine glory.

Today Jesus invites us to accept the truth and become members of his kingdom. The tax is what we freely choose to give; the army are those who freely give themselves in service to the poor, the sick, and those who are seeking God. And the laws of this Kingdom are simple—Love God with all your being and love your neighbor as yourself. And that's the Truth

Tom Schmidt