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### MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM
SUNDAY:	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
TUESDAY:	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA~ 5:00 PM
WED ~ THURS:	6:30 AM IN CONVENT
HOLYDAYS:	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
FRIDAY:	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.

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**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

### December 2021

- 19 PSR Class - Nativity rehearsal - **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- 24 **Christmas Eve** - PSR; The Nativity at the 5pm Mass
- 25 **Merry Christmas** - No PSR

### Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

We live in a world where people who see the world differently than we do receive less than dignifying respect from us. We see others through our own story, privately judging them according to our limited experience. Then, when an incident occurs, our judgments (and pain) spill out onto the world. We quickly dismiss others in our minds when we see them at their worst, forgetting that, given the same circumstance and environment, we could look as horribly deficient as those we judge. Racial tension claws at the soul of the United States, spurred on by acts of violence that confuse us in the story they tell, while truth gets distorted by the spin put on those stories by some who tell them.

Into the middle of our inability to love the other - that person who is not like us or from our background - Jesus walks. He knows it is hard for us to have compassion for someone who is not like us. He also knows that one drop of revelation can change us in an instant - yet He knows that we will resist that revelation to maintain the status quo and our internal level of comfort. He knows. But when He teaches His disciples in John 14 -15 what it means to follow Him, He doesn't let any one of us off the hook. According to John 15:5, when we are disconnected from the vine of Jesus, we cannot love in a holy and comprehensively loving way - like Jesus. But when we are in the vine of Christ, we can do anything - even love our greatest enemies. Loving in Jesus' way - without judgment, without need for accolades, without fear - will keep us connected to the Father's heart for the world (John 3:16). Laying our lives down (John 15:13), we become the friends of God (John 15:15) - learning how to befriend people we may have never befriended before. In the Father's house, we become like Him - loving without barriers

### The glorious advent of Christ, the hope of Israel

Since the Ascension Christ's coming in glory has been imminent, even though "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority". This eschatological coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are "delayed". The glorious Messiah's coming is suspended at every moment of history until his recognition by "all Israel", for "a hardening has come upon part of Israel" in their "unbelief" toward Jesus. St. Peter says to the Jews of Jerusalem after Pentecost: "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for establishing all that God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old." St. Paul echoes him: "For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?" The "full inclusion" of the Jews in the Messiah's salvation, in the wake of "the full number of the Gentiles" will enable the People of God to achieve "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ", in which "God may be all in all". Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh.

The Antichrist's deception already begins to take shape in the world every time the claim is made to realize within history that messianic hope which can only be realized beyond history through the eschatological judgement. The Church has rejected even modified forms of this falsification of the kingdom to come under the name of millenarianism, especially the "intrinsically perverse" political form of a secular messianism. The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover, when she will follow her Lord in his death and Resurrection. The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride to come down from heaven. God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgement after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world. ccc 672-677

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**Mass Intentions for December 18 - 21, 2021**

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| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>5pm</b>  | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                 |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>8am</b>  | <b>Ronald Toval</b><br><i>By: Men's Choir</i>               |
|                 | <b>11am</b> | <b>Lionel Calvin Thymes, Sr. / Jr.</b><br><i>By: Family</i> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>5pm</b>  | <b>Isaac Haney</b><br><i>By: Barbara Decuir</i>             |



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Starting October 25, the deadline for bulletin entries will be Mondays by 12 noon. Please consider admission at least a week prior to the date of the announcement, when possible.

**Christmas Schedule**

**Christmas Eve - Mass at 5pm  
 Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day - Mass at 9am  
 No Vigil Mass on December 25**

**Sunday, December 26, - Mass at 8am & 11am**

**New Year's Eve December 31 - Mass at 5pm**

**AUDACITY**

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.  
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**United Men of St. Francis Xavier**

Over the last several years, the United Men of SFX worked tirelessly raising funds for the church and school through the semi-annual BBQ, provided scholarships to our church families, and many other things.

Since we have been outstanding stewards and showed our love of God through Matthew 6:21, it is now our time to ask the Church community to give us something in return. Over the life of the organization, we have lost many members through attrition by illness and death. For the United Men to continue its good works, we need additional, dedicated participants.

We are inviting you to show your love of God through this effort; please get in touch with us through the following means: **Call me 225.205.8542, text, or email [les.pourciau@gmail.com](mailto:les.pourciau@gmail.com), [unitedmenstfx@gmail.com](mailto:unitedmenstfx@gmail.com) or any member of the organization** or come to the cafeteria after the 8 o'clock mass 10/24/2021

I use the framework of "We are blessed to bless others" to appeal to "YOU" the men of the SFX Catholic Church community. Please assist us in this effort.

Thank you

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