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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.

**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. EDWARD CHIFFRILLER 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

**December 2022**

04 Class – 2nd Sunday of Advent

**08 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Few doctrines of the Catholic Church are as misunderstood as the dogma of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, which Catholics celebrate every year on December 8. Many people, including many Catholics, think that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That event, though, is celebrated at the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25, nine months before Christmas).

The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of **her conception** in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary-her birth-on September 8, nine months before that is December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**We continue our series on the Major and Minor Prophets in the bible with the Prophet Jeremiah and Lamentations**

Lamentations is anonymous, although ancient Jewish and early Christian traditions ascribe it to Jeremiah. These traditions are based in part on 2Ch 35:25 (though the "Laments" referred to there are not to be identified with the OT book of Lamentations); in part on such texts as Jer 7:29; 8:21; 9:1,10, 20; and in part on the similarity of vocabulary and style between Lamentations and the prophecies of Jeremiah. Moreover, such an ascription gains a measure of plausibility from the fact that Jeremiah was an eyewitness to the divine judgment on Jerusalem in 586 B.C., which is so vividly portrayed here. Nevertheless, we cannot be certain who authored these carefully crafted poems or who is responsible for putting them together into a single scroll. Lamentations poignantly expresses the people's overwhelming sense of loss that accompanied the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple as well as the exile of Judah's inhabitants from the land Yahweh had covenanted to give Israel as a perpetual national homeland. The earliest possible date for the book is 586 B.C., of Lamentations argues for an earlier date, probably before 575.

The entire book is poetic. The first, second, fourth and fifth laments all contain 22 verses, reflecting the number of letters in the Hebrew alphabet. In the first and second laments each verse contains three poetic lines; in the fourth each verse contains two lines; and in the fifth each verse contains but one line. The first four laments are alphabetic acrostics (see NIV text notes on 1:1; 2:1; 3:1; 4:1). In the first, second and fourth, each numbered verse begins with the letter of the Hebrew alphabet dictated by the traditional order of that alphabet. The third (middle) lament is distinctive in that while it too is made up of 22 three-line units (like laments 1 and 2), in it the three lines of each unit all begin with the sequenced order of the letters of the alphabet (thus three *aleph* lines followed by three *beth* lines, etc.) – after the manner of Ps 119. The fifth lament continues to reflect the alphabetic pattern in its 22-line structure, but the initial letters of these lines do not follow the alphabetic sequence (see note on 5:1-22). Use of the alphabet as a formal structuring element indicates that, however passionate these laments, they were composed with studied care.

Lamentations is not the only OT book that contains individual or community laments. (A large number of the Psalms are lament poems, and every prophetic book except Haggai includes one or more examples of the lament genre.) Lamentations is the only book, however, that consists solely of laments.

As a series of laments over the destruction of Jerusalem (the royal city of the Lord's kingdom) in 586 B.C., it stands in a tradition with such ancient non-Biblical writings as the Sumerian "Lamentation over the Destruction of Ur," "Lamentation over the Destruction of Sumer and Ur," and "Lamentation over the Destruction of Nippur." Orthodox Jews customarily read it aloud in its entirety on the ninth day of Ab, the traditional date of the destruction of Solomon's temple in 586 as well as the date of the destruction of Herod's temple in A.D. 70. Many also read it each week at the Western Wall (the "Wailing Wall") in the Old City of Jerusalem. In addition, the book is important in traditional Roman Catholic liturgy, where it is customarily read during the last three days of Holy Week. [biblestudytools.com](http://biblestudytools.com)

Next Issue we finish with Jerimiah and Lamentations and begin with the Prophet Daniel

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### **PRAY FOR US**

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Elizabeth Whitfield	Martha Proctor	John Ristic
Zelda Bates	Maria Rice	Betty Camble
Elaine Johnson	Whitney Robiho	Elouise Noel
Linda Gills-Beshears	Bridget Taylor	Cora Scott-Green
Mary Johnson		Betty Dupas

### **Mass Intentions for December 3 - 6, 2022**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Shelvia Stewart</b> <i>By: Janet St. Cry Moore</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Lester &amp; Ronnie Gauthier</b> <i>By: Edward, Mary, Danna &amp; Damien</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Marcus Monette</b> <i>By: Contemporary Choir</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Gladys Lee &amp; Norma Duell</b> <i>By: Melba Venison</i>



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

**3 Ways to Give**  
*St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church*

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All online methods are safe and secured. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

**The Spring Lenten Fish Fry  
 is moving to the Fall and Winter!**

December 2nd.....First Friday Fish Fry

**First FRY Day Menu** includes: Fish, Spaghetti and Cheese, potato salad, peas, bread, and cake  
 Time: 10am until sold out  
 Call-in orders: 9am until  
 Delivery available for 10 or more orders  
 Donation: \$13.00

Mark your calendars for the next **First FRY Day Fish Fry:**  
 January 6th

Additional flyers are on the back table to pass along to others and please post on your social media.  
 We welcome monetary donations.

**JOIN US FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY**  
EVERY SUNDAY EVENING @ 7PM  
 Just dial **1 720 7409653**  
 And enter access code **5217381#**

**Join us for the**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
*When: Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm*  
*Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church*  
*1120 Myrtle Street*

The Junior Daughters Ct# 12 (Little Flowers) are still collection "Pull Tabs". If you have any please leave them at the back of the church.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
 Thursday December 8  
 Masses 9am & 6pm

Retirement Fund for Religious  
 December 10/11 Second Collection  
 Please be generous

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

The Hail Mary  
 Hail Mary, full of grace,  
 the Lord is with thee;  
 blessed art thou among women  
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
 pray for us sinners,  
 now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**The 18th annual Sock it to Me! Sock Drive** presented by Baton Rouge Parents Magazine is here. The Sock it to Me! Sock Drive is an affordable and convenient way to touch the lives of children and adults in our community. The 2022 sock drive will begin in October and continue through December.

**Stewardship - November 27, 2022**



**Regular Collection**  
**\$5,839**  
**School Support**  
**\$154**  
**Parish Needs**  
**\$110**



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ARE SUBMITTING FOR  
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