

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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### MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>8:00 AM &amp; 11:00 AM</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA~ 5:00 PM</b>
<b>WED ~THURS:</b>	<b>6:30 AM IN CONVENT</b>
<b>HOLYDAYS:</b>	<b>9:00 AM &amp; 6:00 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM</b>

**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

### January 2023

15 Class - **Martin Luther King Birthday Day**

16 **MLK Day**

### **MLK A Day On Not Off**

The MLK Day On Not Off is a service day which invites parishes, communities, schools, families, groups, and individuals to make positive contribution to society in remembrance of the gifts given by Dr. King. Each year participants gather for a prayer service afterwards go into the community to serve those who are in need. Projects range from planting in community gardens to serving the homeless at one of the local shelters.

### **What can we learn from Ezekiel?**

Apart from our lack of knowledge about his personal life we can learn several things from this prophet.

First, God can call us to a particular vocation or ministry at any time. Ezekiel's life was more than halfway over when God sent him prophetic visions.

Perhaps he'd felt a lack of purpose because his priestly duties were no longer needed in Babylon. Still, God uses him and delivers messages full of hope.

Secondly, we can know that God can use even the most difficult of lives to bring glory to him.

Ezekiel had a rough go of things. He likely didn't have many memories of King Josiah and only witnessed corruption, death, and captivity in his lifetime.

Nevertheless, God prevails in the story. The prophet has something to hope for and look forward to for future generations of Israel. *christianity.com*

Next Issue we begin with the Minor Prophets.

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### **PRAY FOR US**

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Frazier Jordan	Lorraine Perry	Joyce Decuir
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	Chavon D. White	Betty Dupas

### **Mass Intentions for January 14 - 17, 2022**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Deceased family &amp; ancestors of souls in purgatory</b> <i>By: Van Do</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Charles Williams</b> <i>By: Mary &amp; Ingrid</i>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Marcus Monette</b> <i>By: Contemporary Choir</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>



***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!

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.

**OUR STRATEGIC GOAL**

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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**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.

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

Prayer to Begin the Day  
 Lord God, may everything we do  
 begin with your inspiration  
 and continue with your help,  
 so that all of our work today will bring us closer you.  
 Guide us in our work today,  
 that we may do it not for ourselves alone,  
 but for the common good of all.  
 We ask this in your name. Amen.

**GOD KNOWS BEST**

God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans.  
 There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and  
 only one for it to go out.  
 -Anonymous

**HomeStart**

Early Childhood Education & Technology Project  
 For children 16 to 28 months old who are not in  
 Day Care or Head Start  
 Free books, educational toys and more for EBRP Housing Authority Commu-  
 nities and families with children receiving  
 SNAP or Medicaid  
 Register now! For more information call 225.928.8484

**Stewardship - January 8, 2023**



**Regular Collection**  
**\$18,386**  
**Parish Needs**  
**\$300**  
**School Support**  
**\$1,005**  
**Food Bank**  
**\$1,562.45**



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