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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

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B.V. Baranco

In the year 1925, there was no question to who the leading-colored citizen of Louisiana's Capitol City was- without a doubt the man at the forefront of the civic and business affairs among the colored population was Beverly Victor Branco, Sr., who generally went by "B.V. Baranco."

B.V. Baranco stood at the helm of the largest fraternal organization in Louisiana, District Grand Lodge No. 21 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. In 1915, Branco was elected Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge. (Commonly known today by many residents as the Temple Theatre located on North Blvd.) He was well known throughout the state as a member of the Republican State Central Committee and a frequent delegate to the RNC. He also served as an officer of the Peoples Industrial Life Insurance Company of New Orleans. creolelegen.org

The Prophet Obadiah

Obadiah was a proselyte (*a person who has converted from one opinion or religion to another*) of Edomite origin and is said to have been a descendant of Eliphaz, the friend of Job. He is identified with the Obadiah who prophesied against Edom. It is said that he was chosen to prophesy against Edom because he himself was an Edomite. Moreover, having lived with two most godless persons, Ahab and Jezebel without learning to act as they did, he seemed the most suitable person to prophesy against Esau (Edom), who having been raised by two pious persons, Issaac and Rebekah, had not learned to imitate their good deeds.

Obadiah is supposed to have received the gift of prophecy for having hidden the hundred prophets from the persecution of Jezebel. He hid the prophets in two caves so that if those in one cave should be discovered those in the other might yet escape.

Obadiah was very rich, but all his wealth was expended in feeding the poor prophets, until, in order to be able to continue to support them, finally he had to borrow money at interest from Ahab's son Jehoram. Obadiah's fear of God was one degree higher than that of Abraham; and if the house of Ahab was capable of being blessed, it would be blessed for Obadiah's sake.

Twelve Things About Obadiah

Obadiah is the name of thirteen different persons mentioned in the Bible. It means "worshiper of God". **1.** He was head steward to King Ahab of Israel at the time of the persecution of the prophets of God by Jezebel, Obadiah succeeded in concealing one hundred of them in caves (I Kings 18:4-6). During the great famine he was sent by Ahab to search for food. He met the prophet Elijah and brought Ahab the message that famine was at an end. **2.** He was a descendant of Jeduthun (I Chron.9:16). **3.** One of the grandchildren of the last king, Jeconiah. **4.** A descendant of the tribe of Issachar, and one of David's heroes. **5.** A descendant of Saul. **6.** A Gadite, the second in the list of David's heroes who joined him in the desert before the capture of Ziklag. **7.** He was father to Ishmaiah, who was appointed representative of the tribe of Zebulun, under David. **8.** One of the officers sent by Jehoshaphat to teach in different towns of Judea (II Chron 17:7). **9.** A Levite, who, during the reign of Josiah, was placed over the workmen repairing the Temple. **10.** Son of Jehiel; chief of 218 men who returned with Ezra to Palestine (Ezra 8:9). **11.** One of those who signed, with Nehemiah the covenant to live according to the doctrines of the law of Moses (Neh. 10:6). **12.** One of the porters of the gates in the porticos of the new Temple. jewishencyclopedia.com

Next Issue we wrap up Obadiah and begin the Prophet Joel

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Linda Gills-Beshears	Bridget Taylor	Cora Scott-Green
Mary Johnson	Chavon D. White	Betty Dupas
	Phyllis White	

Mass Intentions for February 11 – 14, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Woodruff-White <i>By: Family</i>
Sunday	8am	People of the Parish
	11am	Ifeanyi Obi <i>By: Pat Ejigeri</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Reginald Thomas <i>By: A Friend</i>



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

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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.

Save the Date

The Tri-Parish Revival will be on March 6th, 7th, 8th at 6pm. The Revivalist is Father John Judy, a priest of the Diocese of Louisville, Kentucky. The first night will be at St. Paul, the second night here at S.F.X. and the third night will be at Immaculate Conception.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
9am & 6pm

Stations of the cross at 2pm on Fridays during Lent

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.
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PRESIDENTIAL GARDENING
 After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow.
 —Abraham Lincoln

Time doesn't heal all wounds, God does.

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

Stewardship - February 5, 2023



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\$11,598
Parish Needs
\$719
School Support
\$113
Food Pantry
\$25



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

**PLEASE SEND US ONLY 150
COPIES OF THE BULLETIN THAT WE
ARE SUBMITTING FOR
February 12, 2023**