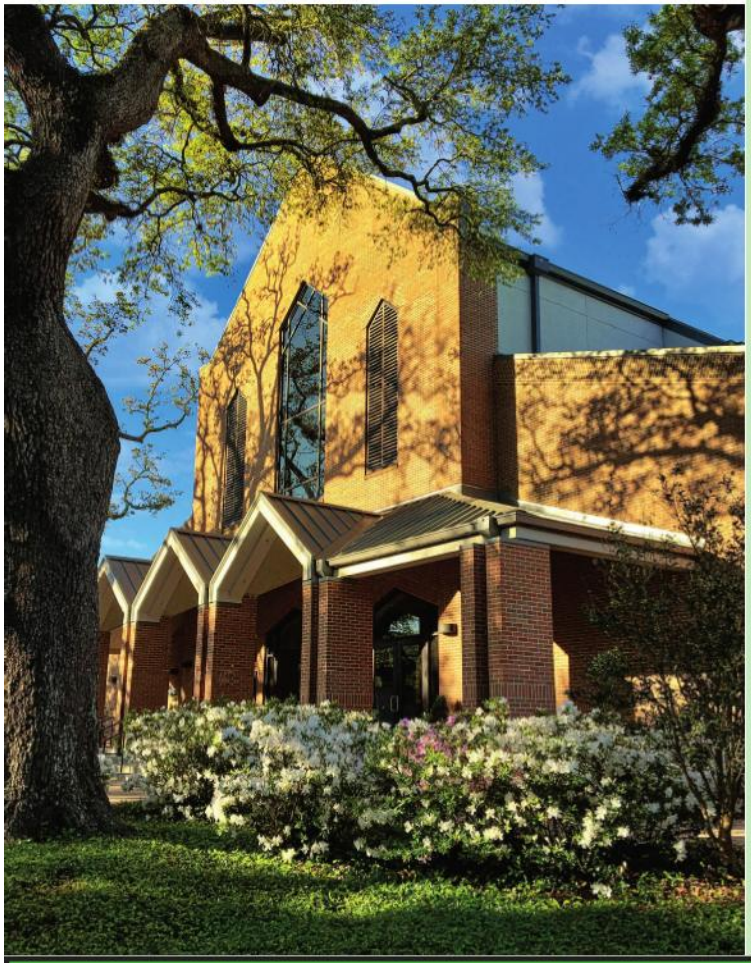

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Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon, & 6:00 PM

Adoration Chapel — Monday-Thursday 7am-6pm; Friday 7am-Sunday 6pm

Confessions — Wednesday & Saturday-7:30-7:50am; Saturday-8:30 am & 3:00-3:45 pm or by appointment

Baptism—Contact Parish Center 1 month prior to due date. Seminar 7:00P.M. - Second Monday of the month.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
By: Reverend Andrew Sanchez

I am writing this the day after my return from the Archdiocese of New Orleans' annual pilgrimage to Washington DC for the March for Life. Every year our Archdiocese takes 400-500 high school students to D.C. for an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of tens of thousands of pro-life women, men, youth and children from all across the country. The March itself takes place on the Friday closest to the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states, but the pilgrimage is so much more than a pro-life March.

This year things were a little different since it was the first march after the overturning of *Roe v. Wave,* but as one of the students on my bus wisely pointed out, we don't march against abortion, we march to respect *all* life —the lives of children in the womb, but also the beautiful lives of those born with disabilities, of immigrants seeking better lives, and of prisoners on death row. As Christians, we can't help being pro-life no matter what form it may take.

Although quite draining physically, the trip is always a great source of inspiration and spiritual blessing for me and all who attend. I've gone to D.C. many times as a seminarian, but this was my first time going as a priest. Being able to offer and concelebrate the sacrament of reconciliation and Mass with my brother priests were both great spiritual consolations for me. I was also greatly inspired by the zeal and witness of our high school students. They truly understand the value of life and the value of a relationship with Jesus, the source of all life.

Our trip to Washington DC wasn't a vacation or simply social activism. It was about opening our minds to understand and our hearts to receive the personal love God has for each one of us. I received God's love first-hand on the trip during an evening of Eucharistic adoration when I heard Jesus' voice in my heart repeatedly say to me "I love *you.*" I saw the love of Jesus impact the lives of many young people through the sacraments, adoration, personal connection and sharing.

When we look at our world, it can be easy to focus on the negatives and feel overwhelmed or even hopeless. The overturning of *Roe v Wade* and my most recent pilgrimage to Washington DC for the March for Life has given me hope — hope for life, hope for our youth, and hope in the unending, inexhaustible, ever-present, intimately-personal love that Christ has for each one of us!

We stand for LIFE!

PASTOR'S CORNER
An Outstanding Right to Life Gala

Fr. Joe and Deacon Bobby with Tim Tebow

I am a huge college football fan, but never in my wildest dreams did I think I would meet Tim Tebow, a Heisman Trophy Winner and College Football Superstar, whom I admire for his fiercely competitive nature and courageous stand for God and life in the world of sports and media. On the evening of January 13 (Friday the 13th), I received an email telling me that my donation to a Pro-Life Gala where Tebow was speaking included a photo op with Tebow. Huh?!? God smiled on me once again. I called Deacon Bobby Norman, another huge college football fan, and he and I snapped a picture with Tebow before meeting up with a group of SFX parishioners and staff members at the Gala. (*By the way, Tebow is a HUGE man – he makes 2 of me and Dcn. Bobby and 3 of Fr. Andrew*). Tebow was all smiles as I said, "Thanks for bringing faith into the national limelight. Please don't let up!" He nodded as the photographer took our photo.

Two hours later, Tim Tebow gave a talk that mesmerized over 1,200 people in attendance at the Gala. He shared several amazing pro-life stories but one I'll never forget. A Filipino woman with 4 children got pregnant for a fifth child. She told her husband there was no way they could have another baby – emotionally or financially. Her husband wanted the baby but gave in to his wife. The two of them drove to an abortion clinic where they encountered pro-life demonstrators pleading that they not abort their child. The couple got out of their car and headed toward the clinic, then back into their car to talk, then back to the clinic, then back to the car, then back to the clinic, and finally, back to the car where they decided they would trust God and have that baby. And Tebow said, "I am that baby. My parents came close to aborting me but had their minds changed by God and pro-life demonstrators. And when the doctors later told my mother her placenta was detached, I wasn't getting nourishment, I would be born dead, and she should abort me, she said she would trust God. I have made up for the lack of nourishment in the womb since!"

Besides the riveting speech by Tim Tebow, a woman named Bobbie Jones spoke at the Gala. She'd had an abortion when she was 20 and she'd always regretted it. She couldn't conceive a child after getting married and adopted a girl when she about 40. Bobbie said she couldn't forgive herself for her abortion until one day in prayer, she was flooded with the love of God in such a profound way she could no longer doubt it. God gave her a mission to be a demonstrator at abortion clinics holding a sign saying, "I regret my abortion." She did this faithfully for decades changing a lot of hearts and minds.

What a Gala! I am grateful to Tim Tebow, Bobbie Jones, LA Right to Life, and all who witness to life . God bless, Fr. Joe

COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Saturday, January 28
- St. Joseph Altar Cookie Workshop, 9a-12n, Cafeteria
- First Reconciliation Service, 10am, Church

Saturday/Sunday, January 28/29
- Special Collection this week is for Catholic Schools

Sunday, January 29
- KC Quarterly Mass, 10am Mass
- Children's Chapel, 10am Mass
- RCIA Class, 10:00am-12:30pm, Church and Parish Center
- PSR Classes, 4:15-5:45pm, St. Joseph Hall and Parish Center
- Confirmation Mass & Class, 6:00-8:30pm, Church then SJH
- CYO Games, Pizza and Pro-Life Sharing, 7pm, GYM

Monday, January 30
- KC Red Bean Dinner, 5:30-8:00pm, School Cafeteria

Tuesday, January 31
- School Board Meeting, 6:30pm, School Library
- KC Officer Meeting, 7pm, Parish Center

Wednesday, February 1
- "That Man Is You" Program, 6:00-7:30am, St. Joseph Hall
- SFX School Mass, 9:00am, Church—Catholic Schools Week
- The Chosen Season 3 Meal and Video, 6-8pm, St. Joseph Hall

Thursday, February 2
- Sanctuary Society Church Cleaning, 8:30-10:30am
- Deacon Ed's Food Bank, 9:00-11:00am, St. Joseph Hall

Friday, February 3
- WWP Women's Bible Study, 8:30-10:30am, Parish Center

Saturday, February 4
- St. Joseph Altar Cookie Workshop, 9am-12noon, Cafeteria
- SFX School Mother/Son Bowling, 10am-12n, Colonial Lanes

Season 3 of "The Chosen"

Wednesday Evenings — January 25; February 1 & 8; March 1, 8, 22 & 29

6 pm Meal, followed by Video & Sharing;
St. Joseph Hall

A PROGRAM OF STUDY & FELLOWSHIP FOR CATHOLIC MEN

Meetings on Wednesday Mornings in SJH

6:00am – Coffee/Fellowship 6:30am – Video
7:00am – Discussion & Prayer 7:30 am – Dismissal

WWP Women's Bible Study

Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study meet on **Friday Mornings. Join us for Mass at 8am (by the pink & green scarfs), followed by the meeting at 8:30am on the 2nd floor, Parish Center.**

Meeting dates in the series are February 3 & 10, and March 3. New participants are always welcome to join at any meeting. For registration and book information:

SCAN ME

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Ivan Dragicevic

Saturday, February 11 - 4:00 pm

4:00 PM – Parish Vigil Mass
5:10 PM – Break and Refreshments
5:40 PM – Talk by Ivan
6:10 PM – Rosary
6:40 PM – Apparition & Sharing of Message

Annulment Writing Workshop

The Annulment Writing Workshop Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be hosting an annulment writing workshop on three consecutive Saturdays 2/11, 2/18, & 2/25, from 9am – noon.

The workshop will be in the Parish Center at St. Clement of Rome 4317 Richland Avenue Metairie. The cost of the workshop is $25. Register Online at www.arch-no.org/annulments .

2022 Easter Concert with Adult and Children's Choirs

Calling Adult Singers to 10am Sunday Choir

If you would like to use your voice in a more prominent way during Mass, come try out for our 10am Sunday Choir. Rehearsals are at 9am on Sunday Mornings in Church prior to Mass. All adults are invited, and no prior musical experience is needed. You will learn the fundamentals of music reading and singing. Perks include solo opportunities at Mass, performing in the Spring Concert, and enjoyable fellowship. If you can speak, you can sing!

Linden Uter, SFX Music Director—337-254-5780.

SFX Knights of Columbus
Red Bean Dinner

To support the Dall Thomas Tuition Assistance Fund

Dine In or Take Out

Monday, January 30, 2023
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
SFX School Cafeteria
444 Metairie Road

Adult's Plate:	**$10**
Child's Plate:	**$7**
Pizza Slice:	**$2**

Dinners include Red Beans & Rice with Salad & Bread.

Desserts by Daughters of Isabella

Cookie Makers Needed!

We make thousands of Italian cookies for our fabulous St. Joseph Altar in March. We need your help in making cookies for the Altar from 9am-12noon in the Cafeteria on the following dates:

January 28, February 4 & 25, March 4

The experience of cookie making is fun and sociable. Come check it out this Saturday. High Schools Students needing service hours are welcome to help.

SFX Attendees at Louisiana Right to Life Gala

Enrollment of 2nd Graders at "Bread Mass"; First Children's Chapel; Mardi Gras at Rectory

Above, Below & Right: **At the "Bread Mass" our 2nd graders are blessed with the bread they bring and share with a fellow parishioner who prays for them.**

Above & Below: **Blessing for 1st Children's Chapel at 10am Mass**

Left: **Mardi Gras at the Rectory—Thanks to Carol P. for the umbrella and to all who donated decorations.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28, 2023—4:00 PM

Edmond Brignac, Jr., Ernie Harvey, Jr., Audrey Roussel, Jack Culotta, Mrs. Winifred Delery, Sarah Champagne, M/M Arthur Montz, Judge Patrick M. Schott, M/M Anthony L. Zuppardo, Anthony E. Zuppardo, Mary Ross Berridge, Randy Eckstein, Marilyn & Joe Allard, Dr. Donald Palmisano, Maureen Porteous, Robert Bleakley Golden Jr, Peggy A Labat*, Carol Pritchard*, Gail Cook Ferouillet*

Sunday, January 29, 2023—8:00 AM

A. E. Briede, III

Sunday, January 29, 2023—10:00 AM

Karen Vicknair Angelo, Newton Reynolds, Chris Hanson, Dolores Richard, Bonnie Murray, Lynn Dantin, M/M Ed Laizer, Ray Miller, Suzanne Miller, M/M Stephen J Laizer Jr, Stephen J Laizer III, Gregory Brunet, Mary Ross Berridge, Douglas Ritter, Tom Ewart, Sandy Arrington, Maurice Stouse, Fr. Laurence O'Neill, Josephine Benz, Jim Ward*, Audrey Simpson*, Ann Babington*

Sunday, January 29, 2023—12:00 Noon

Patricia and George Goetz

Sunday, January 29, 2023—6:00 PM

Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Monday, January 30, 2023

6:30 AM—Douglas Ritter
8:00 AM—Janet and Eddie Brignac

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

6:30 AM—Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier
8:00 AM—Karl Pomerleau

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

6:30 AM—Birthday Intentions of Brad Crook*
8:00 AM—Cal Meilleur

Thursday, February 2, 2023

6:30 AM—Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier
8:00 AM—Christopher Briede

Friday, February 3, 2023

6:30 AM—Dr. John J. Caulfield
8:00 AM—Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, February 4, 2023

8:00 AM— Robert Hebert * Living

REMEMBRANCES

Sanctuary Lamp: There is no remembrance for the Sanctuary Lamp this week**.** Cost is $10/week.

Flowers on the Altar: There is no Altar Flower remembrance this week. The cost is $90 per week.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Lessie Bohnenstiehl, Dominick Bonura, Randy Brunet, Barbara Connick, Sebastian Easterly, Tim Fox, Eric Jupiter, Ricardo Mussiett, Pauline and Charles Price, Marie Richard, Jimmy Smith

LITURGY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 28, 2023—4:00PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo
Homilist and EM: Dc. Robert Normand
EM: Peter Quirk, Gail & Jack Siciliano, Suzanne Thomas
Reader: Kathy Calder

Sunday, January 29, 2023—8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Sanchez
Homilist and EM: Dc. Robert Normand
EM: Patty Jourdan, Dianne Killeen, Susan Laizer, Philip Saitta
Reader: Charlene Peterson

Sunday, January 29, 2023—10:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Sanchez
Homilist and EM: Dc. Robert Normand
EM: Donna Dantin, Jim Folse, Jan Harrison, Bob Menard
Reader: Elizabeth Towe

Sunday, January 29, 2023—12:00 Noon

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo
Homilist and EM: Dc. Kevin Darrah
EM: Suzy Friedrichs, Carol Gambel, Sherri Knoepfler, Jane Pendleton
Reader: Jeff Hamm

Sunday, January 29, 2023—6:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo
Homilist and EM: Dc. Kevin Darrah
EM: Kelly & Paul Bates, Douglas & Norris Robicheaux
Reader: Jennifer Heath

Readings for January 29—February 4

Sun: Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a
Mon: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tues: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thurs: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Fri: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9; Mk 6:14-29
Sat: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Victims' Assistant Coordinator……...Joseph Pistorius
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+Call 504-861-6253
+Your call will be returned within 24 hours if you leave a message.
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Parish Financial Reporting	Jan. 14/15	Jan. 21/22
Weekly Offering	$12,956.00	$9,919.03
Other (Faith Direct)	$4,500.00	$4,500.00
Donations		$5,900.00
Building Maintenance	$130.00	
Clarion Herald		$717.00
Miscellaneous	$2,405.00	$375.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$19,991.00**	**$21, 411.03**
Weekly Budget	$19,895.00	$19, 895.00
Surplus (Deficit)	**$96.00**	**$1,516.03**
Deacon Ed's Food Bank	$1,140.00	$160.00
Church in Latin America	$120.00	$100.00

JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS

+ First Reconciliation Ceremony will be celebrated on Saturday, January 28, at 10:00am in Church.

+ The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Community of Third Order (Lay) Carmelites meets in the Parish Center on the second Monday of the Month—Feb. 12 & Mar. 19. Call Dottie Watson (504) 339-4298 for information.

+ First Communion Parent Meeting is Feb. 7 at 6:30pm in SJH.

+ Ash Wednesday Masses, February 22: 6:30am, 8:00am, 12:00n & 6:00pm.

+ Lenten Bible Study on Mondays from 10:00am-12:00noon and Thursdays from 2:00-4:00pm beginning Thursday, February 23.

+ SFX Sanctuary Society cleans the Church every Thursday from 8:30-10:30am. Come when you can, once a month or every week. Call the Parish Office for information.

Baby Bottle Campaign — February 11/12

We will once again help to support the Woman's New Life Clinic through the Baby Bottle Campaign. The bottles will be in Church for you to pick up on the weekend of February 11/12. The bottles are due back to Church by February 25/26. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this life saving cause.

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