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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

March 2022

13 Class – 2nd Sunday of Lent

The Spirit and the Church in the Last Days

Pentecost

On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.

On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated.

We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.

The Holy Spirit - God's gift

"God is Love" and love is his first gift, containing all others. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. the communion of the Holy Spirit in the Church restores to the baptized the divine likeness lost through sin.

He, then, gives us the "pledge" or "first fruits" of our inheritance: the very life of the Holy Trinity, which is to love as "God (has) loved us." This love (the "charity" of 1 Cor 13) is the source of the new life in Christ, made possible because we have received "power" from the Holy Spirit.

By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." "We live by the Spirit"; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we "walk by the Spirit."

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory.

The Holy Spirit and the Church

The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. the Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. the Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "bear much fruit."

Thus the Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity (the topic of the next article):

All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God. For if Christ, together with the Father's and his own Spirit, comes to dwell in each of us, though we are many, still the Spirit is one and undivided. He binds together the spirits of each and every one of us, . . . and makes all appear as one in him. For just as the power of Christ's sacred flesh unites those in whom it dwells into one body, I think that in the same way the one and undivided Spirit of God, who dwells in all, leads all into spiritual unity.

Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self-offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body. (This will be the topic of Part Two of the Catechism.)

These "mighty works of God," offered to believers in the sacraments of the Church, bear their fruit in the new life in Christ, according to the Spirit. (This will be the topic of Part Three.)

**Don't let people pull you into their storm,
Pull them into your peace.**

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Mary Johnson	Whitney Robiho	Elouise Noel
Betty Dupas		Cora Scott-Green

Mass Intentions for March 11 - 15, 2022

Friday	9am	Elaine Ewell <i>By: Carol Lamotte</i>
Saturday	5pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8am	Ronald Toval <i>By: Men's Choir</i>
	11am	Agnes Bonnefaye Jackson-Ross <i>By: Contemporary Choir</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Parents & Ancestors of Souls in Purgatory <i>By: Van Do</i>



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

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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 Mondays by 12 noon.
Please consider admission at least a week prior to the date of the announcement, when possible.

Synod Listening Session for African American Catholics
 Bishop Duca will hold a Synod Listening Session at Immaculate Conception Church in Scotlandville on Thursday, March 17 from 6 - 8pm.
 I encourage you to attend.

Stations of the cross
Fridays during Lent at 2pm

Paul and Norma Duell Memorial Scholarship

Purpose of the scholarship: The Paul and Norma Duell Memorial Scholarship is established to provide financial support of \$5,000 to a graduating high school senior and/or first year college student who will attend Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge or Grambling State University in the Fall of 2022. The student should have a 3.0 GPA and be a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church or Mt. Zion First Baptist Church.

Black and Indian Mission Collection

We will have a second collection on the weekend of March 12-13 for the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our School receives funds from this collection.
 Please be generous.

Both Paul and Norma believed in the value of education, given their experiences growing up in a segregated society. They both worked tirelessly to bring together people of all races, faiths, and backgrounds to improve their community, the State of Louisiana and our country through their active engagement in many organizations including their church homes. They often recruited students to attend both Southern University and A&M College and Grambling State University, so it is fitting that their daughters, Paula Duell Northern and Stephanie Duell honor them through this Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Dear SFX Family,

Today I would like to take a moment to recognize some important partners of St. Francis Xavier. Sometimes we take our Sunday bulletin for granted, but on the back page are ads from the companies that support us year-round. Please take some time today to look over our bulletin ads and when you patronize those businesses or services, say thank you from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. No one ever tires of hearing thank you. Our bulletin advertisers will appreciate it. They are part of our success at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

To apply, students should submit a resume and personal statement on their future aspirations in 250 words or less to DuellMemorialScholarship@gmail.com by April 30, 2022.

Rev. Edward J. Chiffrieller, SSJ.

A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.



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February 6, 2022

Regular Collection
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