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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 2023

19 Mass and Class – 4th Sunday in Lent

The Prophet Hosea

Hosea is often seen as a “prophet of doom”, but underneath his message of destruction is a promise of restoration. The Talmud (the Talmud is the central text of Rabbinic Judaism and the primary source of Jewish religious (*halakha*) and Jewish theology) claims that he was the greatest prophet of his generation. The period of Hosea’s ministry extended to some sixty years, and he was the only prophet of Israel of his time who left any written prophecy.

Five Lessons Learned from Hosea

1. Sin leads to Confusion, Forgetfulness, and Destruction

Among Hosea’s many themes, the prophet warned for nearly years that the people of Israel were in a state of spiritual decline that would only lead to destruction. Sadly, the people had become blind to the reality of their own demise (Hosea 4:1).

Hosea writes, “*my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge. I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.*” (Hosea 4:6) “*Harlotry, wine, and new wine take away the understanding.*” (Hosea 4:11) “*So the people without understanding are ruined.*” (Hosea 4:14)

2. Personal and Private Sin Does Not Stay Personal or Private for Very Long

While God used prophets like Hosea to minister to the people of Israel in the north, the people of the Southern Kingdom were not immune to idolatry and betrayal either. However, where Judah was known to go through seasons of revival, the Northern Kingdom’s spiritual sickness has spread far quicker than their southern neighbors. For this reason, God spoke through Hosea to warn people to repent, unless their sin list their sin destroy them and grow to infect their brothers to the South, which is inevitably which it inevitably did (Hosea 4: 15), (Hosea 8: 14).

So, what’s the takeaway from Hosea warning against Judah? Hosea repeats it throughout his book. Hidden sin does not stay hidden forever, and a sin we think we can cover up will eventually be exposed (Hosea 2: 10). Sin that festers on the inside smells on the outside. It is a spiritual fact. And while it is true that Israel was accountable for its sin while Judah would be accountable before God for its own disobedience, however, the things we do in secret often hurt those closest to us, including God. Hosea's marriage was the illustration of this. Gomer’s adultery hurt more than just Gomer. It broke Hosea's heart as well. The same is true of God, who sees and feel the things we do in secret (Hosea 7: 2). crosswalk.com

Next Issue: We continue with the lessons learned from Hosea: 3. God is Faithful Even When We Are Not, 4. Only God Can Redeem and Restore, and 5. God is Committed to the Good of His People.

PRAY FOR US

Richard Camble, Jr.	John Paul Moore	Catherine Murray
Frazier Jordan	Loraine 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
Phyllis White	Chavon D. White	Betty Dupas

Mass Intentions for March 25 – 28, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Dr. Melvin Jones <i>By: Family & Friends</i>
Sunday	8am	William “Tex” Turner <i>By: wife & kids</i>
	11am	Deceased Family & Ancestors <i>By: Van Do</i>
Tuesday	5pm	Mary Williams



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

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

*Online Giving: www.stfrancisxavier.org *Text the word "GIVE" to (225) 396-4347
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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass—6pm
Good Friday Stations—12 noon
Good Friday Services—3pm

Easter Vigil—8pm

Easter Sunday Masses—8am & 11am

**SFX CENTENNIAL COOKBOOKS
MAKES A GREAT GIFT
FOR ONLY \$20.00**

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.

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

OPEN OUR GRAVES

Open our graves, Lord,
remove us from the prison of death.
Place your Spirit in us
so that we may live
in a world of freedom.

**Stations of the cross at 2pm on
Fridays during Lent**

Lenten Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
at 9am

Lenten Retreat

Watch The Chosen, the multi-season series
about the life of Christ through the eyes of
those who followed him.
It is excellent!

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

Stewardship - March 19, 2023

Regular Collection
\$5,530
Parish Needs
\$153
Building Fund
\$1,599
Fish Fry
\$3,485



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.

Paul L. Duell was an active member of Mt. Zion First Baptist Church, serving dutifully as a deacon and Superintendent of the Sunday School. He was a proud 1952 graduate of Grambling State University in Education. He was an educator, principal, businessman and mentor to many. He was a proud member of the G-Men, having played football for Coach Eddie Robinson.

Norma Bellard Duell was an active member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, serving faithfully as the Leader of the Lectors and as a result, helped found the Annual Women's retreat. She was also a member of Moms who PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens). She was a proud 1966 graduate of Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge in Education. She was also an educator, having been named West Baton Rouge Parish Teacher of the Year and an advocate for vocational education.

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.

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.