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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

April 2023

The Prophet Hosea: We continue with the remaining 3-5 lessons learned from Hosea God is Faithful Even When We Are Not

Throughout the Old Testament, God used the prophets to warn the people of their sin and infidelity, but with Hosea, He decided to take a more personal approach, conveying His anger and personal heartbreak in terms they might understand. After all, how many would jump into a marriage knowing their spouse would regularly cheat on them? How many would choose to remain in such a one-sided, adulterous relationship? But that was the point.

And when God's faithfulness and compassion seemed too good to be true, God reminded His people, *"I will not execute My fierce anger; I will not destroy Ephraim again. For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath."* (Hosea 11:9, bold emphasis added)

4. Only God Can Redeem and Restore

Like Hosea, God was willing to go to extreme lengths to buy back His bride (Hosea 3). We see this throughout the Old Testament and even into the New Testament. God chases after His runaway bride and is eager to restore and even renew the relationship. In gospel terms, the good shepherd searches for his lost sheep. This was God's message to Israel, which Hosea communicated beautifully; and it is the driving theme of all of Scripture, fulfilled through Christ's redeeming work on the cross.

At times, however, many of us are too stubborn, too afraid, or too prideful to admit when we need help, but the truth is, we all need rescuing, and that is an eternally good thing when we know who is coming to our rescue. Despite Israel's spiritual adultery, God's invitation was clear.

"Therefore, return to your God. Observe kindness and justice and wait for your God continually." (Hosea 12:6)

For not only will God receive His lost bride when she returns (Hosea 2:19-20; Hosea 14:2), Hosea writes, *"I will heal her apostasy, I will love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them."* (Hosea 14:4)

5. God Is Committed to the Good of His People

Hosea's calling was not for the faint of heart, but then again, no calling in service of the King of Kings is. Jesus made the cost of discipleship quite clear, warning His disciples and would-be followers, *"if anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me"* (Matthew 16:24). And yet, as the apostle Paul later wrote, *"and we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose"* (Romans 8:28).

Israel would learn, through years of trial, failure, and eventual captivity and exile, that there is no satisfaction separate from God and no love that can compare to the unshakeable love God has for His people (Romans 8:38-39). Hosea was loyal to his God, as he was to his wife because he understood something about the heart of God. God is faithful, God is good, God is loving, and God is just; and if God is faithful, good, loving, and just, His plans for us are the same, even when they don't make sense, aren't fun, or aren't easy. crosswalk.com

Next Issue: The Prophet Joel

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
Mary Elaine Bourgeois		Earl Bourgeois

Mass Intentions for April 1 – 4, 2023

Saturday	5pm	Deceased Family & Ancestors By: Van Do
Sunday	8am	Lester & Ronnie Gauthier By: Edward, Donna, Mary & Damien
	11am	Christopher Vaughn & Ruben Davis By: Davis Family
Tuesday	5pm	Charles Williams By: Mary & Ingrid



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

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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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

Easter Vigil—8pm

Easter Sunday Masses—8am & 11am

ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

**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 26, 2023

Regular Collection

\$6,042

School Support

\$897

Building Fund

\$4,436

Fish Fry

\$3,216



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.