

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 2023

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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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

30 Mass and Class – Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 2023

1 No Class - **First Communion**

7 No Class – **Happy Mother’s Day!**

21 Last Day of PSR – **Teacher Appreciation – Hand Out Certificates**

Why a Child’s First Holy Communion is a Big Deal *by Whitney Hetzel*

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love":

"The Eucharist is at the heart of 'Christian initiation', together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church’s life itself. From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness."

For children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, **it should always be a big deal.**

What makes it so special the first time is the same thing that makes it special every time!

The Book of Amos Addresses Corrupt Leadership

Many places in Amos address the corruption of Israel’s leadership. Especially as a country that was supposed to be run in accordance with God’s laws, the Lord was angry with the corruption that existed. Amos 5:10-15 says,

“There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth... There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts... Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.”

The Lord hated the bribes, the lack of justice, and what appears to be a system that favored the rich over the poor. The passage “then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is” (Amos 5:14) hits especially hard. The leaders of Amos’ day may have claimed they were working under the blessing of the Lord, but God was displeased with them and their lack of justice.

The Book of Amos Addresses Caring for the Poor and the Oppressed

The Book of Amos showcases God’s depth of passion for justice and care for the downtrodden.

Amos 4:1, which addresses materialism, shows God’s anger with the materialism stems from the rich’s carelessness toward the needy: *“Hear this word, you cows of Bashan on Mount Samaria, you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy and say to your husbands, ‘Bring us some drinks!’”*

In Amos 5:12, in addressing corruption, God specifically called out the courts for oppressing the poor: *“For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.”*

And in expressing His distaste for the Israelites’ false worship, God told them what He truly wanted in Amos 5:24, *“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”*

The Book of Amos Is Timely

Though penned thousands of years ago, the book of Amos holds timely lessons for us today about what God truly desires: not shows of worship, but lives lived in accordance with His will. crosswalk.com

Mass Intentions for April 29 – May 2, 2023

Saturday 5pm **Walter Smith**
By: Wife & Kids

Sunday 8am **Reginald Thomas**
By: Friends

11am **Ike Haney**
By: Family

Tuesday 5pm **Mary Cobb**
By: undisclosed

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



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.

OUR PROTECTOR

Today's readings invite us to recognize our need for one who ensures our safety, nourishes us, and leads us to peace and security, like sheep who rest in the care of a good shepherd. Such a shepherd will protect and save the sheep, even from the most deadly of predators. Today, we ponder the incredible news that Jesus accepted death on the cross in order to open the gates of eternal life with God for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus protects and saves us from the power of sin and death. We need only accept his love and live as God's people in this life, relying on the Lord who is the door to new life for us and for all.

HEAVEN
The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven—but to get heaven into us.
-Anonymous

STOP COUNTING SHEEP
When at night you cannot sleep,
talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.
—Anonymous

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



Weekday Masses
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
at 9am

KPC Ladies Auxiliary SFX Court 12
Would like to extend an invitation to join our Nobe Order.
Applications can be found in the rear of the church with contact numbers.

Delicious Spaghetti
Sunday, May 21, 2023
Immediately after each Mass
SFX Jr. Daughters Court 12 Fundraiser
\$10 Dinner Includes:
Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Roll and
Cake
\$1 Drinks

Join us for the
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
When: Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm
Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
1120 Myrtle Street

Stewardship - April 23, 2023

	<p>Regular Collection \$6,743</p> <p>Parish Needs \$106</p> <p>Building Fund \$865</p> <p>School Support \$520</p>	
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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.