

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 9, 2023

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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

08 Holy Saturday – Holy Saturday is the day in the Christian liturgical calendar that celebrates the 40-hour-long vigil that the followers of Jesus Christ held after his death and burial on Good Friday and before his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Holy Saturday is the last day of Lent and of Holy Week, and the third day of the Easter Triduum, the three high holidays before Easter, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

09 No Class – He is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!!! – Happy Easter!!!

The Prophet Amos

Amos was from Tekoa, a small town in Judah about 6 miles south of Bethlehem and 11 miles from Jerusalem. He was not a man of the court like Isaiah, or a member of a priestly family like Jeremiah and Ezekiel. He earned his living from the flock and the sycamore-fig grove. Whether he owned the flocks and groves or only worked as a hired hand is not known. His skill with words and strikingly broad range of his general knowledge of history and the world preclude his being an ignorant peasant. Though his home was in Judah, he probably ministered for the most part at Bethel, Israel's main religious sanctuary, where the upper echelons of the northern kingdom worshiped.

According to the first verse, Amos prophesied during the reigns of Uzziah over Judah (792-740 b.c.) and Jeroboam II over Israel (793-753). The main part of his ministry was probably carried out c. 760-750. Both kingdoms were enjoying great prosperity and had reached new political and military heights. It was also a time of idolatry, extravagant indulgence in luxurious living, immorality, corruption of judicial procedures and oppression of the poor. As a consequence, God would soon bring about the Assyrian captivity of the northern kingdom (722-721).

Israel at the time was politically secure and spiritually smug. About 40 years earlier, at the end of his ministry, Elisha had prophesied the resurgence of Israel's power and more recently Jonah has prophesied her restoration to a glory not known since the days of Solomon. The nation felt sure, therefore, that she was in God's good graces. But prosperity increased Israel's religious and moral corruption. God's past punishments for unfaithfulness were forgotten, and his patience was at an end—which he sent Amos to announce.

With Amos, the messages of the prophets began to be preserved in permanent form, being brought together in books that would accompany Israel through the coming debacle and beyond.

Next issue: **Amos' Theological Theme and Message**

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 7 – 11, 2023

Friday	9am	Andre & Eric <i>By: Fish Fry Committee</i>
Saturday	5pm	Dr. Melvin Jones <i>By: Family & Friends</i>
Sunday	8am 11am	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Tuesday	5pm	Deceased Family & Ancestors <i>By: Van Do</i>



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

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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.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Easter Season

Our Easter celebration lasts fifty days, during which Resurrection joy should overflow the hearts of believers to refresh a parched and weary world with the revivifying waters of faith, hope, and charity. All season, at every Sunday Mass, we read Luke's Acts of the Apostles, charting the young church's Spirit-led journey, sometimes peaceful, sometimes persecuted, beset by enemies without and turmoil within. But this young church is always moving onward, from Jerusalem's familiarity to the strangeness of every place between there and Rome; and outward, from an inherited Judaism's comfortable uniformity to the Gentile world's challenging diversity. A week after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to renew our personal relationship with Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples at Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and return to share the Good News even as modern-day disciples should. On Good Shepherd Sunday, the church prays for priestly and religious vocations. All the while, Acts shows people drawn to the early Church because they had seen the Risen Jesus not in person, but in persons, in disciples who still form Christ's living Body, the Church. Each of us is likewise called to be the kind of disciple, personally and in communion with our brothers and sisters, in whom those who seek Jesus may at least glimpse his presence.

Weekday Masses

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
at 9am**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of baptism, we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things.

This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promises to reject evil's grip and empty promises. Today we do not recite the Creed, but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent's refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water!

Stewardship - April 2, 2023



Regular Collection \$9,872
Parish Needs \$448
Building Fund \$2,984
Fish Fry \$3,288
School Support \$155



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.