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MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:

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VIGIL ~ 5:00 PM

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9:00AM AM

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

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 2024

10 Class – **4th Sunday of Lent** – Daylight Saving Time

17 Class - **St. Patrick's Day**

Saint Patrick, who lived during the 5th century, is the patron St. of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of Saint Patrick is the Irish is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of the native Irish clover, the Shamrock.

Daylight Saving Time

The underlying reason for Daylight Saving Time—or “summer time” as it’s called in other places around the world - is to make better use of the daylight. Thus, clocks are changed in the spring to, essentially, shift an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening. Then, in the fall, we return to Standard Time and shift an hour of daylight back from the evening to the morning.

But first, let’s get one thing straight. It’s Daylight “Saving” Time, not Daylight “Savings” Time. No “S”. Adjective versus verb. Got it? Great :)

Deborah's Military Leadership

One of the most famous aspects of Deborah's story is her role in leading the Israelites in the military campaign against the Canaanites general Sisera. Under her guidance, the Israelite forces, led by Barak, one of the significant victories over the Canaanites at the battle of Mount Tabor. Sisera, the Canaanite general, played the ball and sought refuge in the tent of a woman name Jael where he was eventually killed.

Upon receiving instructions from God. Deborah called Barak, an Israelite warrior, to bring 10,000 troops Mount Tabor to attack Sisera, Jabin's commander of troops.

Barak responded by saying, if you will go with me I will go if not I will not go (Judges 4:8) in the next verse Deborah agrees to go to battle with Barak and the troops but shares with him, “however, there will be no glory for you in the course you are taking but then the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.” (Judges 4:9).

Judge and warrior Deborah went off to battle with Barak, and, as foretold in prophecy, Cicero bell at the hands of a woman but not Deborah. Rather it was Jael, the wife of clan leader, who would avenge the Israelites by driving a tent peg through Sisera's head with a mallet when he asked for water and respect.

Biblical commentaries and scholars disagree on Barak's acceptance of Deborah's battle leadership some feel that Barak respected her as a leader and properties and willingly heeded her call. Others, however, concluded that with his response and judges 4:8 pointed to his discomfort and taking orders from a woman despite the esteem she held she is held in.

*Next issue: **Song of Deborah***

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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.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays of 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 in the Fall of 2024. The student should have a 2.8 GPA, be a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church or Mt. Zion First Baptist Church.

Paul L. Duell was born and raised in Alexandria, LA and a graduate of Peabody High School. He 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 1990 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, unofficial HS transcripts and personal statement about the importance of education in their lives or the importance of education for economic growth in a community. Please send marked with the scholarship name to terrye@suttrueblue.org Applications are due by March 15, 2024.

Stephanie Duell
Paula Northern

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9am

We are collecting candy and monetary donations for our Easter candy project. Please support this project.

We will have a Lenten Penance Service on Thursday, March 21 @ 6pm. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection.

During March 2024 **Trunk or Treat** will be selling raffle tickets for \$10 to win a sack of boiled crawfish with potatoes, corn and soda. Please support this fundraiser for 2024 Trunk or Treat.

Mass Intentions - March 9, 2024

Saturday	5pm	Bridget Taylor <i>By: Nieces & Nephews</i>
Sunday	8am	Kevin Bates <i>By: McKinley Class of</i>
	11am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	5pm	Norma Duell & Gladys Lee <i>By: Tammy Lee</i>

Stewardship - March 3, 2024

Regular Collection
\$11,589

Parish Needs
\$573

Fish Fry & Donations
\$6,092



Fourth Sunday of Lent Saying, Doing, or Being?

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that we are saved through grace: God's actions of sending his Son to die for us, and raising Jesus from the dead show the love God has for us. It comes entirely from God. We are saved by our faith in Jesus, but even that faith comes from God. So when Paul says that no one can boast about being saved, he means that we can't add up our good deeds like reward points for heaven. He also means that we can't brag about our faith because we can recite the creed or answer an altar call. So if being saved is not a matter of saying the right things, or doing good deeds, what is it?

The answer comes from the gospel. Jesus tells us that he will be lifted up, or crucified, so that we can believe in him and have eternal life. Notice he doesn't give a list of facts about God that we are required to believe. When we "believe in" someone, we put our love and trust in that person. We want to be with that person as much as we can. We know that we are loved and so respond by giving love. Our response of love is not just a happy feeling. It inspires us to stop being selfish and start noticing that others need our help. Jesus describes it as living in the light: we are not ashamed to help someone, forgive someone, or comfort someone. While we do not force our faith on others, we don't hide it either. Our life is in the light, open to anyone who wants to see what God has done for us.

That brings us back to the question about salvation: it is not something we do or say. It is what God does for us. Our response of faith is also his gift. So when we recognize all that God has done for us and believe in his Son Jesus, the Spirit will guide us to live that faith and share it with others.

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