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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 2022**

- 16 Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil**  
**17 Happy Easter - He is Risen - Alleluia, Alleluia - No Class**  
**24 Class - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### The Easter Vigil

The Roman Missal **states:** "Of this night's Vigil, which is the greatest and the most noble of all solemnities, there is to be only one celebration in each church. It is arranged, moreover, in such a way that after the Lucernarium (the evening service of light) and the "Exsultet" (the act of exalting; the state of being exalted), The Easter Proclamation (which constitutes the first part of this Vigil), the Holy Church meditates on the wonders the Lord God has done for his people from the beginning, trusting in his word and promise (the second part, that is, the Liturgy of the Word) until, as day approaches, with new members reborn in Baptism (the third part), the Church is called to the table the Lord has prepared for his people, the memorial of his Death and Resurrection until he comes again (the fourth part)."

### Easter Sunday

*On this greatest day of the year, all fasting and somber thoughts are banished. As St. John Chrysostom announces in this famous Easter sermon, all are invited to the feast: "Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord!*

*Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward!  
 Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful,  
 celebrate the day.*

*Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread.*

*Fare royally upon it-the calf is a fattened one.*

*Let no one go away hungry.*

*All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith!*

*All enjoy the riches of His goodness.*

*Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has appeared!*

*Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave.*

*Let none fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free.*

*He has destroyed it by enduring it.*

*He spoiled the power of hell when he descended thereto.*

*Isaiah foretold this when he cried, 'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!'*

*It is frustrated, for it is destroyed.*

*It is frustrated, for it is annihilated.*

*It is frustrated, for now it is made captive.*

*For it grabbed a body and discovered God.*

*It took earth and behold! It encountered Heaven.*

*It took what was visible, and was overcome by what was invisible.*

*O Death, where is your sting?*

*O Death, where is your victory?*

*Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down.*

*Christ is risen, and life is set free.*

*Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead.*

*For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep.*

*to Him be glory and power forever and ever!*

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Elaine Johnson	Maria Rice	Betty Camble
Linda Gills-Beshears	Whitney Robiho	Elouise Noel
Mary Johnson	Betty Dupas	Cora Scott-Green

### Mass Intentions for April 15 - 19, 2022

<b>Friday</b>		<b>Andre &amp; Eric</b> <i>By: Fish Fry Committee</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Parents &amp; Ancestors of Souls in purgatory</b> <i>By: Van Do</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Lionel CalvinThymes, Sr. &amp; Jr.</b> <i>By: Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Charles Williams</b> <i>By: Mary &amp; Ingrid</i>



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

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

**\*Online Giving:** [www.stfrancisxavier.org](http://www.stfrancisxavier.org) **\*Text the word "GIVE" to (225) 396-4347**  
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**Starting October 25, the deadline for bulletin entries will be Mondays by 12 noon.**  
**Please consider admission at least a week prior to the date of the announcement, when possible.**

**EVERYTHING IS CHANGED**

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes." Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

**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.

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](mailto:DuellMemorialScholarship@gmail.com) by April 30, 2022.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
 April 17, 2022

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
 that everyone who believes in him  
 will receive forgiveness of sins  
 through his name.  
 — Acts 10:43

**THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S LOVE**

From the proclamation of the Gospel at the beginning of the liturgy, we know that today is different, not only because we hear two Gospel passages, or because we hold palms and move in procession. Today begins Holy Week, a time set apart, a week in which to listen, pray, reflect, and take to heart the truth of Christ's passion, crucifixion, death, and ultimately, resurrection. It takes a week, and a lifetime, to truly hear the message of Christ's love. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus willingly sacrificed himself, so we must hear the story again and again. Let this week be for us a new moment of faith in which we, together with the criminal who was crucified with Christ, cry out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."  
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**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 3, 2022**



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