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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ————— 5:00 pm
Sunday ————— 8:00 am & 10:30 am

HOLY DAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Since times may vary, please check the weekly Mass schedule inside the bulletin.

SPIRITUAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the office when a parish member has been admitted to the hospital or has become home bound. Upon request, the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated and Holy Communion will be brought monthly.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 pm. At any other time by appointment.

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THE MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES PARISH

Guided by the gentle spirit and practical teachings of St. Francis de Sales, we strive to "Live Jesus" in our daily lives. We proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and are nourished through prayer, worship, love, and service to others. Together we are building a community that brings joy to our faith and light to the world, which one day will become the City of God.

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass or on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Parents are asked to contact the parish office to arrange a time for preparation and to schedule the baptism.

CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST: Each child must have received a full year of religious education at St. Francis prior to beginning the sacramental preparation classes.

MARRIAGE: In order that the requirements for marriage preparation may be fulfilled, couples are to contact the parish office at least six months before the desired wedding date.

NEW MEMBERS: Please register at the office, or pick up a form in the back of the church. We are delighted to welcome you.

WILLS AND DONATIONS: Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the Lord has given you can continue to build His Kingdom here on earth.



November 8, 2020 ✕ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, November 7, 2020 ~ FIRST SATURDAY

9:00 AM
5:00 PM Melody Dynes

Sunday, November 8, 2020

8:00 AM Rita J. Stella
10:30 AM Healing for Child Victims

Monday, November 9, 2020 {Dedication of the Lateran Basilica}

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Deco & Scandrole Families

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 {St. Leo the Great}

9:00 AM Hermino S. Alegado

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 {St. Martin of Tours}

9:00 AM Jose Antonio Gonzales

Thursday, November 12, 2020 {St. Josephat}

12:00 PM Melody Dynes

Friday, November 13, 2020 {St. Frances Xavier Cabrini}

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Saturday, November 14, 2020

5:00 PM John Milia

Sunday, November 15, 2020

8:00 AM Our Parishioners
10:30 AM Tara Mirabella

Lector Schedule

Saturday, November 14th ~ 5:00 PM: Milligan

Sunday, November 15th ~ 8:00 AM: Batchelder

Sunday, November 15th ~ 10:30 AM: Hampson

Parish Schedule

Tuesday, November 10 @ 7:00 PM ~ NO HOLY HOUR

**Sunday, November 15 @ 9:00 AM ~ PREP Grades 1-7
~ Penance Retreat Gr. 2**



PLEASE NOTE: This weekend, we will be live-streaming our 8 AM Sunday Mass. Throughout the month of November, we will live-stream Mass on Sunday mornings.

Pray For Our Sick

Lucille Anderson, Edward Bellina, John Binder, Jim & Joan Bross, Rosemary C., Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Stephen Horst, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Annamarie McCormick, Walter Muir, A. Pawelski, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Bill Straw, Edwin Zeltzer



Let us pray for our priests:



November 9 Rev. Thomas Carney, MSC
November 10 Rev. Msgr. Michael Chaback
November 11 Rev. Msgr. John Chizmar, VF
November 12 Rev. Donald Cieniewicz, M.Div.
November 13 Rev. Richard Clement, M.Div.
November 14 Rev. Msgr. Robert Coll
November 15 Our Deceased Priests

Spiritual Thought:

Get into the habit, little by little, of adoring God in this way: Beg for His grace and offer Him your heart from time to time – during the day, in the midst of your work, at every moment if you can. Do not constrain yourself by rules and devotions. Simply turn to God in faith, with love and humility.

Brother Lawrence – Abiding in God

Heaven is no trick and hell is no treat.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Monday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

Our Return to the Lord

Week of November 1, 2020

Offertory ~ \$5,415.00



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process is for both Catholics and non-Catholics who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and wanting to complete their initiation into the Church. The RCIA team here at St. Francis de Sales welcomes your questions, your concerns and your presence among us. If you are interested in completing this process and receiving the Sacraments, please contact the office at 610-693-5851 or stfrancisrob82@verizon.net.

All are welcome!



There have been reports from some parishioners within the Diocese about emails or text messages saying that their pastor or priest is soliciting money or gift cards. Please be aware that this is a scam.



Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During National Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people today will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.



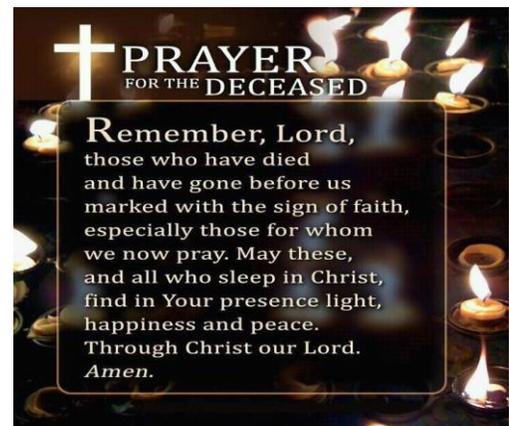
Holy Souls

The church has set aside the month of November to remember the Holy Souls: the great company of the Saints in Heaven as well as the poor suffering souls in Purgatory. Purgatory is still a wondrous teaching of the church. As found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (para. 1030): "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice. So that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead." We will place our All Souls envelopes on our altar throughout this entire month. At every Mass, we shall remember these deceased loved ones and commend them to God's mercy, peace and glory.

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales on **Sunday, November 15th @ 8:00 am**. During this Mass, we remember, in a special way, all the beloved of our parish who have passed away during the year. All are welcome to attend as we commend our recently departed Brothers and Sisters to the mercy and peace of God.

Frank Friedman
John Edmund Graupp
Maria Graupp
William Komorosky

George Painter
Frank W. Schnee
Margaret Swope
Susan M. Voegelé





Date: 11/1/20	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
First Grade	Lesson 2: God Cares for Us God loves us & we should love each other	Spend time with your family.	
Second Grade	Chapter 5: Your First Reconciliation	Review p 150 in your book with parents. Examination of Conscience	Next Class: First Penance Retreat {One Parent MUST attend}
Third Grade	The Year in the Church All Saints Day		
Fourth Grade	Chapter 2: What can you do to serve the Kingdom of God?	Find a way to donate to the less fortunate (Food, clothing, blankets, etc.)	
Fifth Grade	Ten Commandments and Saints Saint Rita & Saint Luke	Bring a saint name idea to class. Read your Bibles from class or one you already have at home.	
Sixth Grade	Unit 1, Session 2: Learned about Saints		
Seventh Grade	Session 1.4: Be a Rebel	Work on being a rebel against the culture that makes you less than who you really are.	

Please be sure any out-of-class assignments are completed prior to the next class which is: **Sunday, November 15th**. This class is also First Penance Retreat for 2nd grade **{one parent MUST attend with student}**.

Online resources for the Finding God Text Books (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th grades) can be found at: <https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2013/parents-and-students/>

Online recesses for 2nd Grade can be found at: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/blessed-program-view.html>

Online resources for 7th Grade can be found at: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/decision-point-program-view.html>



OBLATES OF
ST FRANCIS DE SALES

“Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her...those who watch at dawn will not be disappointed, for they shall find her sitting at the gate.”

In an introduction to an 1862 edition of St. Francis de Sales' Spiritual Conferences, Cardinal Wiseman wrote: “The Spirit of St. Francis de Sales is eminently a spirit of wisdom. For certainly all that we have written about it will have been written in vain if our readers have not recognized this spirit as a superhuman prudence. And what is this but wisdom? Moderation, avoidance of extremes, adaptation to all circumstances, and discerning the means to respond to all characters and situations - these constitute a wisdom difficult and uncommon.” (Conferences, p. lxiv)

St. Francis de Sales' spirituality is, among other things, a path to wisdom. It is a divinely-inspired, common-sense approach to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the state, stage and circumstances of life in which we find ourselves. St. Francis de Sales offers us a down-to-earth way in which to pursue the things of heaven.

One of the qualities of this God-centered, practical wisdom is prudence. The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language describes being prudent as “wise in handling practical matters; exercising good judgment and common sense; careful in regard to one's own interests; provident...” It comes from the Latin word, the root meaning of which is “to provide for.”

Today's Gospel provides a powerful story about the image to be prudent, to be “careful in regards to one's own interests.” One group of servants had prepared for the possibility that their master might be delayed in arriving; therefore, they brought extra oil along for their torches. The other group, however, did not prepare or make provision for this possibility and therefore only brought enough oil to provide one cycle of illumination.

The moral of the story is clear and unambiguous: “Keep your eyes open, for you know not the day or the hour.” Look around you. Consider the signs of the times. See beyond the horizon.

To be sure, so much of St. Francis de Sales wisdom is about rolling with the punches, playing the hand we're dealt or going with the flow. Sometimes, however, being “careful in regard to one's own interest” - being prudent, employing common sense - requires that we plan, provide and prepare for even the unexpected.

Perhaps especially so.

The book of Wisdom proclaims that whoever "keeps vigil for wisdom shall be quickly free from care." Part of that vigilance is about preparing ourselves to recognize the sights, sounds and smells of God's will and action in our own lives before it's too late.

After all, when did Noah build the ark?

Before the rain.

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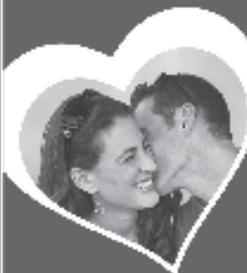


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