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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



March 21, 2021 ✕ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, March 20, 2021

5:00 PM Christine Zdravecki

Sunday, March 21, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Stanley Hain

Monday, March 22, 2021

9:00 AM Francis Schaab

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 (St. Turibius of Mogrovejo)

9:00 AM Gretchen Leigh Ober

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

9:00 AM Special Intention: Lili Ana Arias

Thursday, March 25, 2021 (The Annunciation of the Lord)

12:00 Noon John Parenti

Friday, March 26, 2021

9:00 AM John Milia

Saturday, March 27, 2021

5:00 PM Javier Lira

Sunday, March 28, 2021 ~ Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Rosemary Deegan

10:30 AM Our Parishioners

Lector Schedule

Saturday, March 27th ~ 5:00 PM: DiNunzio

Sunday, March 28th ~ 8:00 AM: Broskey

Sunday, March 28th ~ 10:30 AM: Balthaser

Parish Schedule

Tuesday, March 23 @ 7:00 PM ~ Holy Hour

Friday, March 26 @ 4:00 PM ~ Pick-up your Crab orders

7:00 PM ~ Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 28 @11:45 AM ~ Youth Easter Egg Hunt

6:00 PM ~ PREP Class & student confessions

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Jim & Joan Boss, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Raymond Kasproicz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Annamaria McCormick, Walter Muir, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Bill Straw, Eleana Wilson, Edwin Zeltzer

Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 14, 2021 Offertory ~ \$ 4,119.00

The Lenten Knights of Columbus Crab Cake orders will arrive here at the church kitchen for pick-up Friday, March 26th from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. Please mark your calendars. We thank you for your support and hope you enjoy your purchases.



Let us pray for our priests:



March 22, 2021 Rev. Msgr. Thomas Orsulak, M.Div.

March 23, 2021 Rev. Luigi Palmieri, S.T.L.

March 24, 2021 Very Rev. John Paul, M.S.C.

March 25, 2021 Rev. Gregory Pendergraft, F.S.S.P.

March 26, 2021 Rev. John Pendzick, M.Div.

March 27, 2021 Rev. Dominic Thao Pham, M.Div.

March 28, 2021 Rev. Quyet Pham, M.Div.

Spiritual Thought:

If God is for us, who is against us? (Rom. 8:31)

If I am on God's side, then He is also on my side. I can stand with courage against the whole world. True devotion makes people brave and courageous, sure of their victory.

Mighty God, strengthen me in Your grace. Let nothing be able to harm me and everything contribute to my good.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

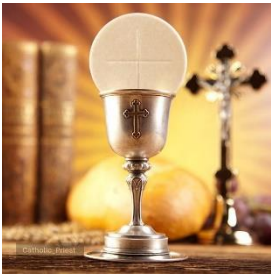
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



Holy Communion is now being distributed by means of 'drive thru'. On Sunday mornings ~ and **Sundays only** ~ from 9:10 - 9:30am and from 11:40 – 12 Noon, the priest will be standing at the end of the sidewalk outside the church building. You are asked not to arrive before such time as to avoid any traffic issues in

the parking lot with those who are leaving Mass. Please take the right hand driveway of the church entrance and make a large loop to come around to where the priest will be standing (instead of coming in on the left and making a direct approach). The priest will then approach each person in the car and distribute Holy Communion, after which the person(s) may exit. This opportunity will continue until we are able to attend Mass without any restrictions. Also, please be aware that this particular way of reception of Holy Communion is with the important understanding that the person(s) have either watched the Mass already, or have full intention of watching Mass later in the day.



As we continue our Lenten journey, the prophet Jeremiah turns our attention to the new covenant God desires to establish with his people. “All, from least to greatest, will know the Lord. He will write the law on our hearts and forgive our evildoing and remember our sins no more.”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus announces that the “hour” has come. When he is lifted up from the earth, he will draw all to himself. Jesus has chosen to strip himself of his divinity and become human like us so that we would know the great love God has for us.

Now he is preparing himself to be the grain of wheat that will fall to the ground and die in order to produce much fruit. This will be the hour of our salvation. Because Jesus is obedient to his Father whom he loves dearly, he will suffer and die for the sins of the whole world. He will reconcile the whole human race with God. With his death and rising, Jesus will complete God’s new covenant. Through the grace of baptism, God’s law is now written on our hearts. We become God’s children once again, able to call God “Father.”

When we go within our hearts to listen to God’s word, we must not be surprised that we encounter a challenge. Jesus will challenge us to follow him wherever he goes, to do the will of his Father, as he did. Like Jesus, we may feel troubled at times with what we have to face each day. Like Jesus, we will come to understand that our Father is with us in everything we do.

We have nothing to fear. We heard Jesus tell us: “My Father will honor whoever serves me.” That is Jesus’ promise to us.

Let us be faithful to the new covenant Jesus has made with us. Let us listen to our heart; it is there that God speaks to us. Let us strive each day to do with love all that our God asks of us. Let us ask Jesus, who has died and risen for us, to draw us closer to him and one another each day.

<https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/fifth-sunday-of-lent-March-21-2021>

****Holy Week Schedule**

Holy Thursday – April 1

Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:00 p.m.  LIVE STREAM
followed by adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 2

Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion: 3:00 p.m.  LIVE STREAM
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m.

****Easter Schedule:**

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass
April 3: 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

April 4
8:00 a.m. ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.



Please note: Due to COVID restrictions, seating is limited to 70 in our worship space. Please be aware it is needed for you to sign-up for ALL the Masses listed above to assure your seating. Thank you for your understanding. Please visit our parish website: www.stfrancisroby.org for the link to register for your Mass time or to view the live stream Masses.

Condolences

St. Francis de Sales Parish offers heartfelt condolences to **Jack Pawelski** on the passing of his wife, **Annette**. May God welcome Annette into eternal life and peace, and may the Pawelski family experience God’s consolation and strength during this time of sorrow.





Date: 3/14/21	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
First Grade	Session 22: Jesus Cares for Us Lent: A time to grow closer to God.	How can you become closer to God during Lent?	
Second Grade	Session 4: The Eucharist	Go to mass this week!	Felt Square due March 31!
Third Grade	Lent (pg. 161), Confession (pg. 211) Lent and Lenten Promises, 4th decade of Joyful Mystery The Creed	Continue to follow your Lenten promises.	Keep looking for sacramentals around your home or any other place.
Fourth Grade	Session 21 The Ten Commandments The Stations of the Cross	Make a list of rules that will help you live peacefully as a family. Post the list where it will remind you to make good decisions.	
Fifth Grade	We prepared for the Resurrection Movement!	Please dress appropriately for Resurrection Movement. Solid shirt - no graphics/words, no hoodies Need to be able to move comfortably	
Sixth Grade	Year in our Church - Lent Continued working on our Stations of the Cross Presentation	Bring in can or box for the food pantry	
Seventh Grade	Sessions 7 & 8 Relationships with God The Holy Eucharist	Confirmation Sponsor Paperwork and Confirmation Name Paperwork are due!	

Our next Class is an EVENING class on Sunday, March 28, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please remember: Attendance is VERY important. Each grade has its own curriculum which builds upon the prior year and prepares for the next year. PREP allows children to build a strong foundation of their faith, it brings them closer to God and gives them the proper tools to lead a life that follows Jesus. Please value the importance of these classes and also Mass attendance. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences. Thank you.

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>

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Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 12:20-33

In His final days, Jesus reminds us to follow Him. Jesus says, "My Father will honor the one who serves Me". *John 12: 26*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". *John 12: 23-24*

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

SWEET as HONEY



J.D., what does it mean when Jesus talks about a kernel of wheat?



Honey, wheat is a seed, and when it is dried and planted it springs forth new life, and produces many more seeds.

Jesus is the seed of love. By dying and rising to new life, His love will blossom for everyone who serves Him.



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MATTHEW 4:17

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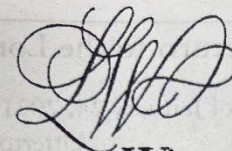
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