

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

*“Laetare”* — “Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you that love her... I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord.”

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! Today, our Holy Mother Church puts upon our lips words of rejoicing, as we have reached the halfway point of the Lenten season. In her wisdom, the Church gives her children both a little respite from their weariness in doing penance, and also encouragement to continue well the second half of their course toward Easter. We see in the words of the Introit a cause for our joy: “we shall go into the house of the Lord.” Here in this house, we find the very dwelling place of God on earth. From St. Paul’s epistle we realize that the children of the Church are styled the “children of the free woman”, and that the Church is the heavenly Jerusalem.

In the Gospel, we hear St. John’s account of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, which event was an immediate preparation for Christ’s discourse on the Bread of Life. Here in this Church, we find the Bread of Life, Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. From this, we can see more clearly why we ought to rejoice this day. Although the penances of Lent prepare us for a great sorrow on Good Friday, without Good Friday there would never have been an Easter Sunday, and no Blessed Sacrament in our tabernacles.

Let us take heart, then, rejoicing today as Our Mother Church encourages us! If our Lent has thus far not been what we had resolved, in these days we will find new strength for the task. If our Lent has been good, we will be refreshed to continue, and perhaps do even better. Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and of St. Joseph, May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

*“Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent” (Ps 125, 5)*



## St. Francis of Assisi Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
(LAETARE SUNDAY)

MARCH 15—MARCH 21, 2015

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

8:30 am James Bennier+  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, March 16, Feria of Lent

7 am James Bennier+

### TUESDAY, March 17, Feria of Lent

7 am James Bennier+

### WEDNESDAY, March 18, Feria of Lent

7 am James Bennier+

### THURSDAY, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Celebrant's Intention

### FRIDAY, March 20, Feria of Lent (Comm. *Pro Papa*, Anniversary of Papal Installation)

7 am James Bennier+

### SATURDAY, March 21, Feria of Lent

8 am Rex Mulholland

### SUNDAY, March 22, Passion Sunday

8:30 am Sr. Bernadette of the Sacred Heart  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

#### Lenten Schedule of Masses, Confessions, and Devotions

(For exceptions, see above, and the "Announcements" section.)

#### Regular Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday	7 am
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am
	<i>High Mass</i> 10:00 am

#### Stations of the Cross

Friday 7 pm

**Confessions in Lent** are heard one half hour before each mass, and on Fridays, 7:30—8:30 pm. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

**The Rosary** is prayed one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

#### Lenten Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Friday: (March 6) 8 am - 6:00 pm, Benediction at 5:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 5-6 pm Holy Hour, Benediction at 5:50 pm.

First Saturday: (March 7) Simple exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

#### Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

Not currently meeting

#### Altar Guild

As announced

#### Coffee Social: After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

#### Catechism for Children (September-May)

Wednesday 7 - 8 pm

#### Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

#### St. John Bosco Youth Group

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

#### Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

#### Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors** to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social

**Stations of the Cross:** The Stations of the Cross will be made on the Fridays of Lent at 7 pm.

**The Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary)** will be suspended during Lent, giving place to the Stations of the Cross.

**Lenten Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament:** Please note changes to exposition times for the Fridays of Lent. There will be no exposition on Good Friday.

**Altar Boys' Training this Month** will be on Saturday, March 28, to prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. There will be special practices scheduled for Holy Week liturgies, as well.

**Soup Supper:** There is yet one more Soup Supper this Lent; please come and join the faithful of St. Francis Church for a simple, meatless supper of soup and bread, to be served on Friday, March 27. The supper begins at 6:15pm, preceding the Stations of the Cross.

**The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Continues** in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion mill, 5631 S. 48th Street (near the Northwest corner of 48th St. and Old Cheney.) It runs every day through April 4, 6am—6pm; the faithful of St. Francis have been asked to keep vigil on Fridays from 12-5pm. (We are encouraged to join in at any other time as well.) There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule; please help in this prayerful defense of the unborn. May God bless you!

**Mass Schedule During the Rector's Absence in April:** A priest from Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary had originally been scheduled to offer all the normal masses at St. Francis during Fr. McCambridge's pilgrimage to the Holy Land, April 7-17. However, a recent addition to the seminary priests' obligations will mean that there will be no mass at St. Francis on Thursday, April 9, Friday, April 10, Saturday, April 11, and Monday, April 13. (The other days' masses at St. Francis will be as usual.) The faithful may attend mass at the seminary on those exceptional days; mass will be at 8 am on each of them. Mass at the Carmel in Valparaiso is also available, at 7 am Monday-Friday, and 8 am Saturday. Fr. McCambridge regrets the inconvenience.

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Fr. Denis Coiffet, FSSP, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:** James Bennier (father of Mark), Marvin Phelan (father of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff).

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday March 8:	<b>\$2464.10</b>
Collection counters March 15:	<b>Dan Fix and John Quinto</b>
Collection counters March 22:	<b>Frank Feuerborn and John Pepino</b>

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.