

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent; the great, spiritual combat begins anew! The Gospel for today's mass presents Our Lord to us in His forty days' fast, before enduring His Temptation. Doing so, Christ, who has no need Himself of doing penance, gives the example of mortification of the body for the good of the soul: "Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." Furthermore, Our Lord Jesus gives us the encouragement that it is not temptations, but only sins which offend God, who will always grant us the grace needed to overcome temptation and to avoid sin.

St. Paul tells us in today's epistle, "Behold, now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation." Let these words be a spur to us to make a good Lent. Will it cost us to do penance by additional prayer, almsgiving, and fasting this season? Yes, it will, but the benefit will far outweigh the cost, as we grow stronger in spirit, and more detached from worldly things.

Fathers and mothers, consider the great blessing to yourselves and your children if you were to grow in the love of God this Lent. Sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, think of the added happiness in your lives and those of all your families if you were to make some progress in the spiritual life! Let us do all that we are able, sacrificing whatever we must, to profit from this grace-filled season of Lent. May the good God bless you and your families!

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

Fr. McCambridge, FSSP



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



## St. Francis of Assisi Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 14—20, 2016

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, February 14, First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, February 15, Feria of Lent

7 am James Bennier+  
8 am Celebrant's Intention

### TUESDAY, February 16, Feria of Lent

7 am Doris McGuire+  
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### WEDNESDAY, February 17, Ember Wednesday of Lent

7 am Kristen Wurtz  
8 am Celebrant's Intention

### THURSDAY, February 18, Feria of Lent

7 am Roger & Teresa Montag Family  
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### FRIDAY, February 19, Ember Friday of Lent

7 am Sisters at Ephesus  
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

### SATURDAY, February 20, Ember Saturday of Lent

8 am Men to be ordained Sub-Deacons today

### SUNDAY February 21, Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Andrea Weis Dean+  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

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

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

Monday and Wednesday	7 am, 8 am
Tuesday and Thursday	7 am, 12:10 pm
Friday	7 am, 5:15 pm
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 10:00 am

#### Stations of the Cross

Friday 7pm

**Confessions in Lent** are heard one half hour before each mass, and on Fridays, after Stations. 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 4) 8 am - 5:00 pm, Benediction at 4:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 4-5 pm Holy Hour, Benediction at 4:50 pm.

First Saturday: (March 5) Simple exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

#### Altar Guild

As announced

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

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

Monday 7 - 8 pm

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

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

#### St. John Bosco Youth Group

Not organized for this year.

#### Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

#### Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Welcome, 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.

**Easter Duty:** All are reminded of the obligation for Catholics, once having made First Holy Communion, to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season, which is understood in the United States as being between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost).

**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.

**Lenten Confession Times added:** Confessions will be heard on Fridays, after Stations, until the line is ended.

**Soup Suppers:** Please come and join the faithful of St. Francis Church for simple, meatless suppers of soup and bread, every Friday during Lent. The suppers will begin at 6:15pm, preceding the Stations of the Cross.

**The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil** continues and runs through March 20. St. Francis associates have been asked to keep the vigil on Wednesdays from 10 am-2 pm, on the public sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood facility, at the Northwest corner of 48th St. and Old Cheney. Please use the sign-up sheet posted in the vestibule, and offer your time and prayer to end this great sorrow of abortion. God bless you!

**New Choir Members Welcome:** New members for the St. Francis Choir are sought. Those 14 and older, interested in singing, are invited to contact the Choir Director, Mr. Nicholas Lemme, <nlemme@olgseminary.org>, (402) 797-7700. This is an opportune time to join, as Mr. Lemme will soon begin instructing the choir in the fundamentals of Gregorian chant. He who sings well prays twice!

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held Friday, March 4, 2016. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule; please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

**Please Pray for the Sick:** George Pickard, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson, and for all the sick of our congregation.

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday February 7 :	<b>\$2523.10</b>
Collection for Catholic Press:	<b>\$ 186.00</b>
Collection counters February 14:	Frank Feuerborn and John Pepino
Collection counters February 21:	Jeff Kohn and Rex Mulholland

## 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.