

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, making a good Lenten preparation. The Gospel of today's mass presents us with Christ's Transfiguration upon Mount Tabor, attended in His glory by Moses and Elijah. According to the Scriptures, "in the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word may stand" (Matt 18:16). On Mount Tabor, our Lord stands before the witnesses of Moses, representing the Law, and Elijah, representing the Prophets. From this, we understand that the Gospel of Christ is attested to by the Law and the Prophets—that He is the fulfillment of them both. In this case, it is not just any word which stands, but the Word incarnate who stands. In so doing, He privileges and strengthens three of His Apostles, Ss. Peter, John, and James, the same three who will soon witness Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, stripped of any sign of glory. This is for our instruction and encouragement, as well. In taking up our crosses and following Christ, we will suffer. But we will do so with the confident hope of seeing Christ someday face to face in glory, as did those three Apostles on Mount Tabor. 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21—27, 2016

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, February 21, Second Sunday of Lent

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

### MONDAY, February 22, Chair of St. Peter

7 am Cheryl Johnson  
8 am (no confessions beforehand) Celebrant's Intention

### TUESDAY, February 23, Feria of Lent

7 am Pepino Family  
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### WEDNESDAY, February 24, Feria of Lent

7 am Fr. P.J. McCambridge, FSSP  
8 am (no confessions beforehand) Celebrant's Intention

### THURSDAY, February 25, St. Matthias, Apostle

7 am Millie Heinbaugh+  
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### FRIDAY, February 26, Feria of Lent

7 am Leroy Seiker+  
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

### SATURDAY, February 27, Feria of Lent

8 am Godchildren of Frank & Liz Feuerborn

### SUNDAY February 28, Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Maria Paula Fix  
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 (except as noted above), **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.

#### Lenten Exposition (cont'd)

**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 14:	<b>\$3795.80</b>
Collection counters February 21:	Jeff Kohn and Rex Mulholland
Collection counters February 28:	Troy Butcher and John Quinto

## 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.