

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, F.S.S.P.



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



St. Francis of Assisi Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5—11, 2017

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 5, First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Bill Bergfeld
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, March 6, Feria of Lent (Comm. of Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs)

7 am Allington Family
8am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, March 7, St. Thomas Aquinas, Confessor & Doctor (2nd Class for FSSP)

7 am Barbara Crosby
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, March 8, Ember Wednesday

7 am Sam Kirwan+
8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, March 9, Feria of Lent, (Comm. of St. Frances of Rome, Widow)

7 am Pauline Metzger+
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, March 10, Ember Friday

7:00 am Doris Rowe+
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, March 11, Ember Saturday

8:00 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

SUNDAY, March 12, Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild
10:30 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> 10:30 am

Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 4:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7:15 pm

Confessions in Lent are heard one half hour before each mass, and on Fridays, 7:30 pm until finished. 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 3, April 7) 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 4, April 1) Simple exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:30 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

One Saturday evening per month, plus a monthly service activity, each as announced.

Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

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 10:30 mass for our Coffee Social.

FSSP Seminary Burse Collection: Next Sunday, March 12, there will be a second collection, for the purpose of providing support to the Seminary of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Denton. Checks should be made payable to "FSSP," with "Seminary Burse" written in the memo line. Please give generously to the formation of your future priests!

Lenten Mission: A Lenten Mission will be preached at St. Francis by Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, over five evenings, from Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17. All are heartily encouraged to attend! Please plan to have the weekday evenings free that week, so as to partake of the great spiritual benefit of a Lenten mission!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, April 1, 2017. 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!

The Stations of the Cross will be made on the Fridays of Lent at 7:15 pm, but on Good Friday at noon.

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.

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.

Help Needed with the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil, which began on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and will run through April 9. 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. The hours of 12:00-2:00 pm need volunteers; please give some time to this spiritual work of mercy. God bless you!

Mass Requests: For the time being, anyone desiring to request a mass, please contact Fr. McCambridge.

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Elise Clarke, Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Jerry Vilda, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Patrick Hornback (brother of Mrs. Liz Feuerborn), Mr. Whitfield (father of Mrs. Nicolette Spicer), Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Fr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday February 26:	\$1906.00
Collection counters March 5:	Dan Fix and Rex Mulholland
Collection counters March 12:	Frank Feuerborn and John Pepino

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.