

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, F.S.S.P.



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



St. Francis of Assisi Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 12—18, 2017

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 12, Second Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY, March 13, Feria of Lent

7 am Charles Koleczek+ (1st Anniversary)
 8am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, March 14, Feria of Lent

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

WEDNESDAY, March 15, Feria of Lent

7 am Jonathan Rowe+
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, March 16, Feria of Lent

7 am Jonathan Rowe+
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, March 17, Feria of Lent (Comm. of St. Patrick, Bishop & Confessor)

7:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
 5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, March 18, Feria of Lent (Comm. Of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor)

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, March 19, Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
 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>Highb Mass</i> 10:30 am

Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 4:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday (except Good Friday) 7:15 pm
 Good Friday 12:00 pm

Confessions in Lent are heard one half hour before the Saturday and Sunday masses, and the 7 am and 12:10 pm weekday masses, 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 (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 (April 1): Simple exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

Altar Guild

Next meeting March 21.

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, Newcomers and Visitors! Please join us after the 10:30 mass for our Coffee Social.

FSSP Seminary Burse Collection: Today 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!

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

Lenten Mission: A Lenten Mission will be preached at St. Francis by Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, from Monday through Friday of this week, beginning at 7:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, and after Stations of the Cross on Friday. All are heartily encouraged to attend, and to share in the great spiritual benefit of a Lenten mission!

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).

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.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers has for its primary aim and purpose the Christian education of children by mothers. The secondary object is to perform works of charity and mercy towards members. Any good, practicing Catholic woman, married or widowed, though she has no children, may be admitted as a member. Unmarried women may be associate members. Regular meetings are held where prayers are offered for one another and their children, discussions are held, and advice is given regarding the Christian rearing of children. Please contact Mrs. Eileen Quinto with questions at (402) 904-4275 or prairie5@neb.rr.com.

Catholics at the Capitol is a day for Catholics to learn more about the legislative priorities of the Bishops and the Nebraska Catholic Conference, and to show solidarity and pray for the great state of Nebraska. Bishop Hanefeldt will give opening remarks. Lt. Gov. Mike Foley and former State Senator Tony Fulton will be addressing the group about how to be more politically informed and active Catholic citizens. There will be the opportunity to meet with one's state legislator. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

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).

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday March 5	:	\$2596.75
Collection counters March 12:		Frank Feuerborn and John Pepino
Collection counters March 19:		Philip McNeely 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.