

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, continuing in making a good Lent, and especially that last week's Lenten mission was spiritually profitable. In the Gospel for today's mass, Our Lord tells us: "Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation." Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., observes, "...in these words Our Lord tells us that union is the secret of victory—union with Him above all, for without Him we can do nothing, but also in union with our neighbor. If we would work for the triumph of good, let us collaborate—one heart and one soul—with our superiors and fellow religious. We can often labor with much more efficacy in achieving good if we give up our own personal ideas and act in perfect harmony with others. It may even become necessary sometimes to renounce opinions, plans, and ways which are better in themselves. Let us not be deceived; unity is always to be preferred. Division never leads to victory." (*Divine Intimacy*, pp. 330-331.) (As is surely clear, the unity preferred means unity in a good cause, and not in an evil one.)

What Fr. Gabriel writes of superiors and fellow religious also applies in the life of the laity, especially within the family. Which of us cannot recall times when less insistence upon his own will, and more willingness to renounce it, would have yielded happier results? We recognize that in sports, individual athletes must put their personal interests second to those of the team, for the sake of victory. It is equally true, and infinitely more important, that this spirit of sacrifice must exist among the members of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, whose prize for victory is the never-fading crown of glory (cf. 1 Pt. 5:4). With these things in mind, let us renew our efforts to foster unity within our families, among the members of St. Francis Church, and within the Church universal, in the confident hope of receiving that crown. 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 19—25, 2017

Rev. Fr. Jared McCambridge, FSSP Rector
Rev. Fr. Evaristus Eshiwu, FSSP Assistant Rector

1145 E South St.

Lincoln, NE 68502

Office: (402) 477-5145

Rectory: (402) 328-0308

www.fssp.org ✕ www.StFrancisLincoln.org

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 19, Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, March 20, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred)

7 am Sam Kirwan+
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, March 21, Feria of Lent

7 am Departed family & friends of the McNeelys
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, March 22, Feria of Lent

7 am Doris Rowe+
8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, March 23, Feria of Lent

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

FRIDAY, March 24, Feria of Lent (Comm. Of St. Gabriel the Archangel)

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

SATURDAY, March 25, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Jonathan Rowe+

SUNDAY, March 26, Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

8:30 am Jonathan Rowe+
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 (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, 7:30 pm

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.

Donations for Last Week's Parish Mission: Fr. McCambridge regrets not having shown more foresight, and having offered the opportunity for donations during the Lenten mission. Those wishing to make an offering for the benefits of Fr. Buckley's priestly services may do so in what is normally the Poor Box, temporarily designated for the purpose of mission donations. We have already given Father a stipend, and paid the \$442.00 cost of his travel. Any total of contributions over the sum of the stipend and travel costs will be remitted to Father Buckley, to augment his stipend. Envelopes for the purpose are made available. Checks should be payable to St. Francis Church. May God reward you!

Masses for St. Joseph's Day (transferred to Monday, March 20): Masses at 7 am and 5:15 pm; no 8 am mass.

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

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, April 7, 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!

Second Collection: There will be a second collection taken next Sunday, March 26. This is a combined collection which includes: Catholic Relief Services, Home Missions, Black & Indian Missions, Catholic University of America, Catholic Communications Campaign, and Retirement Fund for Religious.

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.

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).

Catholics at the Capitol Day, this Friday, March 24, 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 schedule and 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), Fr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday March 12 :	\$1953.01
Collection counters March 19:	Philip McNeely and John Quinto
Collection counters March 26:	Dan Fix and Troy Butcher

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.