

All for the greater glory of God! ~St. Francis Xavier

Welcome to ST. FRANCIS XAVIER Catholic Parish

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"'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."





KNOWDNG YOUR FADTH...

"... They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith ... "~Acts 14:27



LECTIONARY READINGS & REFLECTIONS Monday, March 13th – Sunday, March 19th, 2017

MONDAY: Lenten Weekday Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38 "Loving Father, in the moments in which I feel measured by others, lead me to the never-ending wellspring of your mercy made present in the sacrifice of your Son."

Today's suggested penance: Do some extraordinary kindness to someone who would never expect it. (-Magnificat Lenten Companion, Lent 2017)

Lenten Weekday Is 1:10, 16-20 TUESDAY: Mt 23:1-12 "Merciful Father, help us to reform our prideful hearts, and grant us the grace of humility in service to one another." Today's suggested penance: Pray and offer some sacrifice for the pope.

WEDNESDAY: Lenten Weekday Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28 "Loving Father, give me the grace to complain and argue less, and, in the midst of life's struggles, the ability to be calm." Today's suggested penance: Serve someone today with love. anion. Lent 2017)

THURSDAY: Lenten Weekday Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31 "Father in heaven, open my eyes to see the richness of your mercy. Open my hands and heart to see the richness of your mercy. Open my hands and heart so that I can find such mercy in giving it liberally away."

Today's suggested penance: Do something charitable for the homeless.

FRIDAY: St. Patrick, Bishop: Day of Abstinence Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 "St. Patrick was an influential saint who, 1,500 years ago, brought Christianity to the little country of Ireland. He was born about 385 in the British Isles, was carried off while still very young during a raid on Roman Britain by the Irish and sold as a slave. At the end of six years he contrived to escape to Europe, became a monk and was ordained; he then returned to Ireland to preach the Gospel. During the thirty years that his missionary labors continued he covered the Island with churches and

monasteries; in 444 he founded the metropolitan see of Armagh. St. Patrick died in 461." (~Catholic Culture.com)

"St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time." St Patrick's Breastplate:



Christ be with me, Christ within me Christ behind me, Christ before me Christ beside me, Christ to win me Christ to comfort me and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me Christ in quiet, Christ in danger Christ in hearts of all that love me



Christ in mouth of friend or stranger. (~Catholic org)

"Heavenly Father, save me from my pride and illusions of self-sufficiency apart from you. Open my heart, that I may always remain in your Kingdom and invite others to partake of its fruit."

Today's suggested penance: Spend 10 minutes praying before the Blessed Sacrament. (-Magnificat Lenten Comp



St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, was banished from his see on three occasions. With St. Athanasius and others, he be longs to the great champions of faith in the fight against Arianism. Famous as a teacher and preacher, he has left a series of catechetical instructions that constitute a priceless heirloom from Christian antiquity. Of the twenty-four extant discourses, nineteen were directed to catechumens during Lent as a preparation for baptism, while five so-called mystagogical instructions were given during Easter time to make the mysteries of Christianity better known to those already baptized." (~Catholic Culture.com)

SATURDAY continued...

"Ever loving, ever merciful, ever faithful Father, embrace my ignorant and calculating heart and transform it into the heart of a beloved child." Today's suggested penance: Go to confession. (-Magnificat Lenten Companion, Lent 2017)

3rd Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY:



Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 "Jesus answered and said to her, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go call your husband and come back'" (Jn 4:13-16). (~ Catholic Culture com)

"Sunday worship fulfills the moral command of the Old Covenant, taking up its rhythm and spirit in the weekly celebration of the Creator and Redeemer of his people." (~Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2176)

"Loving Father, thank you for meeting me at the well. Merciful Father, I lay the empty water jar at your feet and ask that you fill it again and again with your life-giving water."

Today's suggested penance: Volunteer in a shelter, a soup kitchen, or a tutoring center. (~Magnificat Lenten Companion, Lent 2017)

Stations of the Cross 1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death 2nd Station: Jesus carries His cross 3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time 4th Station: Jesus meets his mother 5th Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross 6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus 7th Station: Jesus falls the second time 8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem 9th Station: Jesus falls a third time 10th Station: Jesus clothes are taken away 11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross 12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross 13th Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross 14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb



| Parish Collection Counters Schedule | 5-6-3 |
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| Sunday, March 12: Richie & Christina Hidalgo | REF |
| Sunday, March 19: Larry & MaryLou Harkins | MONEY |
| Sunday, March 26: Ross & Shelley Carter | COUNTERS |
| Questions? Contact Mary Alice Gallagher (575)374-8353. Ask another team to substitute if necessary. | |

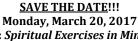
Church Cleaning Schedule

Mar 12-18: Lori, Lorenzo, Benjamin & Andres Montoya Mar. 19-25: Nikki Callis, Brittney and Danielle Arellano Mar. 26- Apr. 1: Lisa Blan, PeeWee, Lena Cruz, Vivian Baldonado & Mary Montoya



ATTENTION—Parish Secretary Position Open We are hiring a Parish Secretary with a basic background of bookkeeping & accounting. Must have some basic knowledge about the Catholic faith and have the joy and positive

personality in serving and helping people. Flexible time. To apply contact and submit application to Mrs. Rose De Herrera or Fr. Joel 505-697-1875 or 575-374-8900 as soon as possible.





Retreat: Spiritual Exercises in Ministering Please take some time from your busy schedules

to reflect and pray this Lent.

5:30-6:00 pm Fellowship Potluck;

6:15 pm Retreat Begins;

8:30 pm Liturgy of the Word;

8:45 pm Closing Prayer—CCD Bldg.

For all the: Lector's, Eucharistic Ministers, Men's Altar Ministry, Adult Confirmation/Sponsors (2016 Class), Homebound Ministry, Music Ministry

Coordinator: Mrs. Donna Kimble

Please call Donna to RSVP by 3/19/17!

....It will be a great night with the Lord!