

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 01, 2020

Lent



Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12N & 6:00 P.M.

Holy Days: Vigil 4:00 PM; Feast - announced

Weekdays: 6:30 & 8:00AM Monday-Friday; Saturday 8:00 AM

School Mass: Friday 9:00 AM (or as announced)

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel: Open 24 hours daily.

Confessions: Monday to Saturday: 7:40-7:55AM; Saturday 8:30-9:00AM, 3:00-3:45PM & 5:00-5:30PM

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 01, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

The temptation of Jesus Mt 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. The Spirit led Jesus there so that He might be tested and strengthened ahead of greater temptations and trials that would come later in His journey.

Jesus was in the desert for 40 days without food. Left alone in the harsh and austere desert environment, Jesus wrestled with the devil's temptations to seek a comfortable life and avoid pain and hardship, humiliation and rejection, and suffering and death on the cross.

Jesus did not overcome the devil's temptations by His own effort. He overcame them by the grace and strength which his Father gave him. He especially found fortitude in the word of God. Transformed by God's word and by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was able to resist the devil, renounce His own will, and embrace the will of His Father, who asked Him to reverse the ancient curse of Adam and Eve.

Hopefully it is apparent to us that, if Satan was bold enough to tempt Jesus, he will not hesitate to tempt us and try to get us to disobey God and choose our own will. If Satan can't entice us to renounce our faith or sin mortally, he will try to get us to make choices that lead us, little by little, away from what God wants for us.

Like Jesus, we must rely on the grace and strength of God in warding off the attacks of Satan, especially the grace that comes to us through prayer, the Mass and the sacraments.

"Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to You."

THANK YOU, KNIGHTS

Thanks to Grand Knight, Randy Rose, and the KCs for "Dinner and Devotion," a terrific evening of teaching, food and fellowship. Thanks to all our parishioners who bought tickets and sold out the evening. Thanks also to the KCs for Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, and thanks to all who bought dinners to support the charity work of the KCs.



NOLA Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 7th, 2020, 8:00am - 2:30pm

St. Catherine Church, Metairie.

It's impossible to be holy today, right? In a world filled with fallen heroes, comfort, and compromise, Saints can seem like they belong in the past. Still, Jesus looks at us and calls us to holiness. Rediscover that you were made for more than what the world offers. Holiness is possible - and it's your mission. Visit: www.neworleanscatholic.com.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

*Safe Haven Weekend, Fish Frys
and Living Stations of the Cross*

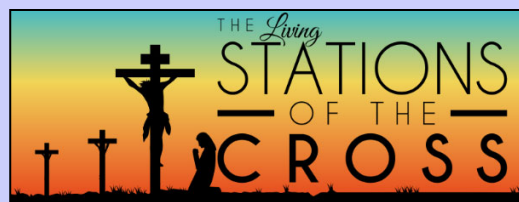
SAFE HAVEN WEEKEND

This weekend, February 29 — March 1, is the Archdiocesan "Safe Haven Weekend," a time to address the relentless assault by the pornography industry on the Internet and on websites accessible to children. Our Parish has purchased 100 books to help parents in this battle -- books produced by the Archdiocese and Covenant Eyes Company. The books will be available free of charge to parents with children after masses this weekend.

The average age of a child's exposure to pornography, shockingly, is 10. The Safe Haven book teaches parents how to protect children from pornography and how to help children process exposure to porn and not fall into addictive behavior. Please support the Church's anti-porn efforts (see cleanheartsonline.com) and pray for God's help to break this scourge of our time.



The Knights of Columbus will host two Fish Frys in the school cafeteria during Lent: 5:30 – 8:30 pm on Friday, March 6, and on Friday, March 20. Our Knights make premium catfish that is lip-smacking good, a killer gumbo, and delicious desserts. The cost for dinner is \$10; for children it's \$6; gumbo is \$6; cheese pizza is \$1 and drinks and desserts are cheap. Come enjoy a great meal and help support the charity work of the Knights.



In Lent, Catholics pray the devotional prayer known as the "Stations of the Cross," which recalls the suffering of Jesus on the way to Calvary. Our Church will pray the Stations at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm on Fridays in Lent. On Friday, March 13, our CYO will perform the "Living Stations of the Cross" at 6 pm in church. CYO members will play the parts of Jesus, Mary, the disciples and other members of the Passion Drama as the stations are prayed. Mark your calendars and join us for this special remembrance of Jesus' love, suffering and death.

God Bless, Fr. Joe

COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH Saturday/Sunday, February 29/March 01

Collection for Maintenance Fund & Helping Hands Food Bank

Saturday, February 29

- St. Joseph Altar Cookie Workshop, 9AM, School Cafeteria

Sunday, March 01

- RCIA Session, 11-12:30 PM, Old Rectory
- PSR Classes, 4:15-5:45 PM, begin in School Cafeteria
- Confirmation Class begins at 6PM Mass with session 7-8:30PM

Monday, March 02

- Children's Choir Rehearsal from 3-4:15PM in Church

Tuesday, March 03

- Isaiah 43 Program, 6-8PM, St. Joseph Hall

Wednesday, March 04

- Children's Choir Rehearsal from 3-4:15PM in Church

Thursday, March 05

- Helping Hands Food Bank, 9-11 AM, Parish Center
- SFX early dismissal at 1:30PM
- Deacon Ed's Rosary at 6 PM in Church near Adoration Chapel
- Cub Scouts Meeting at 5:30PM, Parish Center, Mary's Room

Friday, March 06

- Stations of the Cross, 8:30AM & 6PM, in Church
- KC Fish Fry, 5:30-8:30PM, Cafeteria
- Talent Show, 5-8PM, St. Joseph Hall

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars

- Parish Lenten Mission, March 9-11, 7PM in Church
- Crawfish Fest, March 27, 5-9PM, School Yard
- Old Metairie Fest, April 4, 11AM - 9PM, School Yard

PARENTS ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY RESOURCE

In observance of Safe Haven Sunday, February 29-March 1, our parish purchased 100 books from Covenant Eyes entitled, "Connected: How Strong Family Relationships Lead To Internet-Safe Kids." These books are available this weekend to parents who wish to learn how better to protect their children from the dangers of Internet pornography.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Parish will have Stations of the Cross twice daily on Fridays in Lent: at 8:30AM and 6PM.

SFX LENTEN BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN

Our Lenten Bible Study on Matthew's Gospel, Chapters 26-28, has begun with four groups meeting on different days of the week. To register, call Claudia, DRE, at 834-0348.

SFX ADORATION CHAPEL

GIVE AN HOUR TO GOD FOR LENT

Please consider taking an hour with God this Lent as a committed or substitute adorer. Can't commit every week? Get a partner! Hours needed are: Tues. 1AM (once/mo), 2 AM (once/mo), 11PM; Wed. Midnight, 2 AM (once/mo); Friday 1AM (weekly), 2PM (weekly); Partners are needed for: Thursday 9AM; Saturday Midnight, 8AM, Noon; Sunday 8 AM. To sign up, fill out an adoration form (near chapel in church) or text/call Dottie Watson at 339-4298.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Lenten Mission

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March 9-11, 2020

"Called, Forgiven and Sent by God"



Fr. Kurt Young Fr. Colm Cahill Fr. Andrew Gutierrez

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***Monday, March 9, 7:00–8:00 PM, Talk "Called by God"**

Fr. Kurt Young, Dir of Human Formation, Notre Dame Seminary

***Tuesday, March 10, 7:00–8:30 PM, Talk "Forgiven by God"**

Fr. Colm Cahill, Vocations Dir, Archdiocese of New Orleans
(Talk then Sacrament of Reconciliation—Several Confessors)

***Wednesday, March 11–7:00–8:30 PM – Talk, "Sent by God"**

Fr. Andrew Gutierrez, Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish (Reception follows the Final Talk)

(Babysitting available; info, call St. Francis Parish Office at 834-0340)

Living Stations of the Cross

Our Parish is hosting the Living Stations on Friday, March 13, 2020, 6:00 pm, presented by the SFX CYO. We are in need of five more players for this event. Any young parishioner who would like to join us in this enactment of the living stations is welcome. If interested, contact Jennifer Heath at 388-4779.



LENTEN FISH FRY—March 6 and 20

Our KCs will have Fish Frys on two Fridays in Lent, March 6 and March 20, from 5:30-8:30 in the School Cafeteria. Dinners include fish, potatoes, salad and bread. An Adult Plate is \$10, a Child Plate is \$6, Seafood Gumbo is \$6, and Cheese Pizza is \$1 per slice. The Daughters will sell desserts. Enjoy a cook-free Friday in Lent and support the KCs.

WOMEN'S NEW LIFE CENTER "BORN TO RUN"

WNLC will host its annual "Born to Run" 5K race and fun run on Saturday, March 7. Proceeds support Pro-Life Services. For more information and to register, see <https://www.classy.org/event/born-to-run-new-orleans/e263651>.

OLD METAIRIE FEST—APRIL 4

St. Francis Xavier School will host the 20th annual "Old Metairie Fest" on Saturday, April 4, 11AM — 9 PM. The theme is "Old Metairie Fest - Where Y'AT," featuring the New Orleans band, Karma. If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor or a donor for the auction, contact sfxoldmetairiefest@gmail.com.

March 1, 2020

To: Clergy, Religious, and Laity in the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enter into this Lenten Season, God calls us to an honest, grace-filled assessment of our weakness and sins. The Church's call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving brings us to a conversion of heart and unites us to the love of Christ. I sincerely pray that your Lenten journey will be one that leads you to newness of life and blessings for you and your family.

With the technological advances in our culture and a growing awareness of the dangers that come with this, we as a Church are called to protect and promote unity and the need for strong relationships within the family. When a family is truly connected they are more aware of the ways in which their children and grandchildren are struggling, especially in regards to the effects of exposure to dangerous content online. This first Sunday of Lent, we in the Archdiocese of New Orleans invite all parents, parishes, schools, and all organizations to learn more about this common struggle and how we can protect and provide healing for our loved ones, especially our children.

Your parish has new resources to help you understand and confidently address this issue and act with God's love and mercy toward those in your homes and organizations.

May Lent be a blessing for you and your family and a renewed experience of God's mercy. Know that you will be remembered in my prayers, and please remember me in yours.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans



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- Forms may be turned in via email to SFXOldMetairieFest@gmail.com (Attn: Old Metairie Fest Sponsorship) or by hand to the SFX school office. St. Francis Xavier School, 215 Betz Place, Metairie, LA 70005).

St. Francis Xavier school is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Upon receipt of donation, tax ID will be provided.

Knights of Columbus offer Valentine's 'Dinner and Devotion'



St. Joseph Hall was packed on Valentine's Day Evening for "Dinner & Devotion," sponsored by the St. Francis KCs. Kevin and Casey Sprehe gave a presentation on differences in spousal temperaments that was honest, humorous and very helpful. Thanks to Grand Knight Randy Rose and the Knights for the great food, fellowship and teaching on marriage.

First graders study history of Mardi Gras, enjoy tour of Kern's Mardi Gras World



The First graders study the history of Mardi Gras and, among other things, they toured Mardi Gras World, encountering (from top left) Queen Kong, a Guardian Tree Spirit on an Orpheus float, and Drew Brees and son Bowen. They had a great time on the tour.

**CELEBRANTS/READERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
FOR FEBRUARY 29/MARCH 01**

Saturday, 02/29—4:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo

EM: CheeChee O'Conner, Mary Ann Phillips, Carol Pritchard
Peter Quirk, Suzanne Thomas

Reader: Carolyn Diaz

Sunday, 03/01—8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen

EM: Dcn. Robert Normand, Gail Siciliano, Jack Siciliano
Dick Watson, Natalie Watson

Reader: Betty Laizer

Sunday, 03/01—10:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Thien Nguyen

EM: Lex Allain, Kay Stiles, Chuck Taylor
Rita Taylor, Dianne Walet

Reader: Michelle Gonzales

Sunday, 03/01—12:00 Noon

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo

EM: Joan Reilly, Meghan Reilly, Ann Rhodenhiser
Doug Robicheaux, Norris Robicheaux

Reader: Gary Knoepfler

Sunday, 03/01—6:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo

EM: Cynthia Graham, Michael Graham, Jennifer Heath
Raymond Masset, Dcn. V. M. Wheeler

Reader: Patricia Molina



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the sanctuary lamp will burn **In Memory of Judge Patrick Schott**. If you would like to schedule a week, call at 834-0340. The cost is \$10. Call the Parish Office for open dates in 2020.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

There will be no flowers on the altar during Lent. The next open dates are May 31, June 21 & 28, July 5, Aug. 9, 23 & 30. The cost is \$90 per weekend. Call the Parish Office to schedule.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Ann Marie B. White, Kaylin, Barbara Johnson, L.P.T., Patti, Maria, Beverly Brickman, Arghiro Kleamenakis, Toni Edwards, Anna Smith, Sherron Smith, Michael Harrison, Rose Marie Pontiff, Sr. Janet Dohr, Amanda Beal, Michelle Guidry, Donna Pizanie, Janie Smith, Lance & Christian Peytavin, Connor Vorhoff, Stephen A Losee, Alma Weilbaecher, C.D., Rita Sheftall, Sheila Sheets {Call 834-0340 for Prayer List.}

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

This week the Vocation Chalice will be at the home of **Cherie and Randy Rose**. Please join her in praying for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and permanent diaconate. Call 834-0340 to have the chalice in your home for a week.

ADORATION CHAPEL ADORERS NEEDED

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 29, 2020—4:00 PM

Jack Culotta, Carlos Gutierrez, Jay Carisella
Judge Patrick Schott, Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mary Ross Berridge, Oliver S Delery, Jr., Margie Villere
Mary Marilyn Pfister Allard, Sean Patrick Griffin
Ricky Pellegrin, Susan Shepherd Ridgeway
Debra Messina Graff, Dudley Galatas
Kelly Harper Miller, Winx and Jim McCarthy*

Sunday, March 01, 2020—8:00 AM

Edward Laizer

Sunday, March 01, 2020—10:00 AM

Estelle Laizer, Stephen J. Laizer, III., Stephen J. Laizer, Jr.
Thelma Laizer, Gregory Brunet, A. E. Briede, III.
Adrienne Miller, Robert Harper, Jr., Judge Patrick Schott
Carlos Gutierrez, Mary Ross Berridge, Virgie Brennan
Holy Souls in Purgatory, Jay Carisella, Bonnie Murray
Kathy Kingsmill Olsen, Nana Fraser, Oliver S. Delery, Jr.
Imelda & Thornton Kuntz, Mr. Jessie Hall, Geraldine Kern
Susan Shepherd Ridgeway, Dudley Galatas
Lolita Wegmann, Kathleen Shirer*, Rylee Griffin*

Sunday, March 01, 2020—12:00 Noon

Lester and Therese Steckler

Sunday, March 01, 2020—6:00PM

Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Monday, March 02, 2020

6:30 AM—Kathleen Shirer* *Denotes Living
8:00 AM—Dudley Galatas

Tuesday, March 03, 2020

6:30 AM—Robert William Meyer
8:00 AM—Dudley Galatas

Wednesday, March 04, 2020

6:30 AM—Mrs. Lucas
8:00 AM—Patrick O'Riordan, Jr.

Thursday, March 05, 2020

6:30 AM—Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier
8:00 AM—Sean Patrick Griffin

Friday, March 06, 2020

6:30 AM—Reid Chadwick
8:00 AM—Dudley Galatas

Saturday, March 07, 2020

8:00 AM—Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

READINGS FOR MARCH 01 thru 07

Sun: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19;
Mt 4:1-11
Mon: v 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tues: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

MONTHLY PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

March 1—Rev. Thomas M. McCann
March 2—Rev. Augustine Foley, O.S.B.
March 3—Rev. Kenneth Allen
March 4—Rev. Charles J. Caluda
March 5—Rev. Suvakin Arulandu
March 6—Rev. Raphael Barousse, O.S.B.
March 7—Rev. Luong Uong, C.Ss.R.

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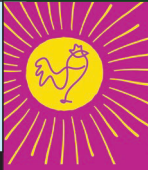
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