

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Confessions heard before all Masses. Sundays 6:45, 8:15 & 10:30am

Sun, Feb 4 *Sexagesima Sunday*
7:15am Low *Pro Populo*
9:00am Low Larry & Jeanne Burnham by Chris & Stuart Bond
11:30am High Peggy Besner by Lloyd & Elizabeth Bird

Mon, Feb 5 *St. Agatha*
6:30am †Teresa Portzer
12:00pm Conv. of Hardened Hearts at Final Hour by Loan Le

Tue, Feb 6 *St. Titus*
No 6:30am Mass
9:00am †Florence S. Remski

Wed, Feb 7 *St. Romuald*
No 6:30am Mass
12:00pm †Fr. Edward Woytoicz by Sr. Stephen

Thu, Feb 8 *St. John of Matha*
No 6:30am Mass
9:00am †Deceased of Andrew Larson family

Fri, Feb 9 *St. Cyril of Alexandria*
No 12:00pm Mass
7:00pm †E. K.
Exposition follows Mass

Sat, Feb 10 *St. Scholastica*
No 7:00am Mass
9:00am †K. M.

Sun, Feb 11 *Quinquagesima Sunday*
7:15am Low Celebrant's Intention
9:00am Low *Pro Populo*
11:30am High Brian & Lisa Hagerty by Mary & Maggie Hagerty

Last Sunday's Collection: \$5,344.00 God reward you.

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Sexagesima Sunday – February 4, 2018

Today - Blessing of Throats will take place at the communion rail after each Mass.

Today – FSSP Seminary Burse: to support the seminarians of the Fraternity. It would help greatly if your checks are made payable to “FSSP” rather than to the parish. Many thanks for your generosity.

Today - Adult Education: in Adult Ed. classroom in the basement.

This week:

10:15am Bible Timeline – Review and Discussion

1:30pm Epic! – Protesters and Defenders Part 1

Next week:

10:15am Bible Timeline – The Divided Kingdom Part 1

1:30pm Epic! – Protesters and Defenders Part 2

Fr DeGuzman will be away on vacation from Feb 6 – Feb 12, inclusive.

While away he will offer the following Mass intentions: *Healing and Conversion of Family* by Margarita Santiago-Rivera; †*Holy Souls, especially members of F.O.S.S.* by Nora Rose; *David Marple Special Intention* by Barbara Haloda; *Luke Crisler Special Intention* by Barbara Haloda; *John Saenz* by Inés Lavelle; *Peggy Besner* by Lloyd & Elizabeth Bird; *Tom Brock*

Congratulations to *May Annette*, daughter of Phil & Jesse Carkhuff, who was baptized and received into the Church yesterday.



The Creed

by Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas, Ph.D; S.T.D.

4. God's Message – Faith (*cont'd*)

2. *Tradition*: Our Lord wrote nothing. Very few of the apostles wrote. Christ commanded the apostles to preach, not to write. “Going therefore, *teach* ye all nations” (Matt. 28:19); “*Preach* the gospel to every creature” (Mk. 16:15). The early Christians were commanded to hear the Church, not to read the still nonexistent or at most incomplete New Testament Scriptures: “He that heareth you, heareth me” (Lk. 10:16). Hence there existed from the beginning a body of truths, entrusted by God to the Church, dealing with faith and morals. They were distinct from the word of God as found in the Bible, but together with it they formed the object of our faith. These truths were preserved, interpreted and transmitted to others by the popes and bishops of the Church. It is to these truths that we now apply the term “tradition.” St. Paul refers to it when he writes, “Therefore, brethren, stand fast: and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word or by our epistle” (2 Thess. 2:14).

Tradition supplements the Bible. The books of the New Testament were “occasional” writings, that is, they were occasioned by a special problem in the early Church and directed to a particular congregation. They were words of explanation, counsel, encouragement and consolation, or suggestions in regard to local difficulties or arrangements. They were not detailed treatises and systematic expositions of Christian theology; rather, they were subordinate to the ordinary teaching. St. John tells us that “there are also many other things which Jesus did, which, if they were written every one, the world itself, I think, would not be able to contain the books that should be written” (Jn. 21:25). Hence the Bible does not contain all the truths taught by our Lord and the apostles.

Fathers of the Church: These are eminent Church writers who in their writings are witnesses and mouthpieces of the general belief and teaching of the Church. If the fathers of the Church unanimously teach that a certain doctrine - handed down by the supreme pontiffs and bishops - goes back to our Lord or to the time of the Apostles, such a doctrine is considered as divinely revealed and as the object of our faith. To qualify as a Church father the writer must (a) have lived in the early ages of the Church; (b) led a saintly life; (c) proposed the Church's teaching without error; (d) received the approval of the Church.

The four great *Fathers of the West* are St. Ambrose (340-397), St. Jerome (340-420), St. Augustine (354-430), St. Gregory the Great (540-604). The four great *Fathers of the East* are St. Athanasius (293-373), St. Gregory Nazianzen (329-389), St. Basil the Great (330-379), and St. John Chrysostom (345-407).

The title of *Doctor of the Church* is granted by the Holy See to writers of great sanctity and learning, noted for their brilliant exposition and skillful defense of Christian doctrine, whose writings have strengthened the faith of the faithful and thus have proved of great value to the entire Church. Prominent among the doctors of the Church are St. Bonaventure (1221-1274), St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), St. John of the Cross (1542-1622).

Now, how do the truths contained in Scripture and Tradition, and infallibly preserved and interpreted for us by the Church, enter into our own lives? By faith. It is by faith that man assimilates these truths, incorporates them into his life, and shapes his destiny in accordance with them.

To be continued ...

2017 Contribution Statements: were mailed out earlier this week. Please notify the parish office if you have not received yours.

Change of Address, Email, or Phone Number? Please notify the parish office of any changes or updates. Email: officesfds@gmail.com

Parish Lenten Mission, Feb 25 – Mar 1: Fr. Jeffery Jambon of the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist will be preaching a Lenten Mission at our parish Sunday through Thursday. More information to come.

Summer Girls' Camp: sponsored by the FSSP apostolate in Rapid City, SD, to take place from Jul 19 - 29, 2018 in the Black Hills, open to girls ages 13-16. Fr. Terrence Gordon, FSSP is the chaplain. Cost: \$325.00 For more details visit: <https://campmaterdei.weebly.com/contact.html> or contact Charity Marie: cmt7dolores@yahoo.com (701) 580-1115

St. Francis de Sales Parish

Confessions: 15 mins before weekday Masses: Sundays 6:45, 8:15 & 10:30am

Baptism: Contact the parish at least six weeks before birth

Marriage: Contact the parish at least six months before the wedding

Legion of Mary: meets Fridays at 5:00pm

Rosary: before 9:00am and 11:30am Sunday Masses

Knights of Columbus: meet 2nd Mon of month: Rosary 6:30pm, dinner, meeting starts 7:30pm: <https://sites.google.com/view/kofc14625/home>

Eucharistic Exposition: Friday after evening Mass

Religious Education (CCD): Sundays at 10:15 (*Sept-May*)

Columbian Squires: Circle meets on 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:15pm

St. Gerard: for desirous, new, and expectant moms: stgerardministry@gmail.com

FNE: Female scouting group meets Sat am: tsosj.fne.girlsgroup15@gmail.com