

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

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

Sun, Feb 18 **First Sunday of Lent**
7:15am Low *Pro Populo*
9:00am Low †Patrick Horwath by *Jeff Horwath*
11:30am High John Rasnick

Mon, Feb 19 **Feria**
6:30am †Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm Ernest Ormandy Special Intention by *Barbara Haloda*

Tue, Feb 20 **Feria**
6:30am †Souls in Purgatory
9:00am Conv. Mark A. Anderson by *Thomas Anderson*

Wed, Feb 21 **Ember Wednesday of Lent**
6:30am †Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm St. Gerard Ministry

Thu, Feb 22 **Chair of St. Peter**
6:30am †Deceased of John Schneider family
9:00am †Holy Souls by *Valerie Calloway*

Fri, Feb 23 **Ember Friday of Lent**
12:00pm †Fr. August Rhode
7:00pm *Stations of the Cross*
7:30pm Alita's difficult pregnancy

Sat, Feb 24 **St. Matthias**
7:00am Int. Fr. Tony Stamznitte
9:00am Jane Ray by *Thomas Anderson*

Sun, Feb 25 **Second Sunday of Lent**
7:15am Low *Pro Populo*
9:00am Low Conv. of Family Members by *Owen & Caroline Elliott*
11:30am High Celebrant's Intention

Last Sunday's Collection: \$7,895.25 God reward you.
FSSP Seminary Burse: \$825.00

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Atlanta

Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP)

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Rev. Mr. Doug Anderson (AoA)

First Sunday of Lent – February 18, 2018

Today- Second Collection: for the Black and Indian Missions.
Please make checks payable to St. Francis de Sales for this collection.

Today - Adult Education:

This week:

10:15am Bible Timeline – The Divided Kingdom Part 2

1:30pm Epic! – The Catholic Reformation Part 1

Next week:

10:15am Bible Timeline – The Exile

1:30pm Epic! – The Catholic Reformation Part 2

Wed, Feb 21 – St Gerard's Ministry: the next mom's & children's Mass is Wed at 12pm. Please bring your small children as we help them practice being in Mass. Confessions begin at 11:30am (we can watch your little ones). Bring your own snack/lunch for a small social afterwards.

Thu, Feb 22 - Chair of St Peter: All members of the FSSP Confraternity may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (Confession, Holy Communion on the day, prayers for the Holy Father) plus recitation of the Confraternity prayer.

Parish Lenten Mission Feb 25 – Mar 1: Fr. Jeffery Jambon of the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist will be preaching at our parish beginning Feb 25 at all Sunday Masses. Schedule for Mon through Thur: Confessions 6:00p – 6:50pm, Mass 7:00pm, Lenten talk follows Mass. Please make every effort to attend!



[The Creed](#)

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

5. The Preservation of our Faith

The weakening and final loss of faith may be due to one of several causes:

1. *Ignorance*: There are those who say they cannot “accept” a certain teaching of the Church or that they are “beginning to doubt” a particular Catholic doctrine. Either they have a distorted idea of the truth in question or are simply ignorant. St. Pius X sounded a warning in regard to the evil effects of religious ignorance. “The cause of all evils which afflict the world,” he said, “is ignorance of divine truths.” His successor, the late Pius XII, was no less emphatic in lamenting the religious ignorance of our day. “The world is suffering from very sad evils,” he said, “but few are as ominous as religious ignorance in all its forms. Radical remedies are urgently needed, but few of them are as urgent as the diffusion of the catechism.” “What the mind does not know, the heart does not desire,” says a truthful old proverb. How can a person make an act of faith in, and fashion his life by, truths of which he is ignorant? How can he lead a good moral life when he does not know the Church’s teachings on the laws of God? What is to prevent him from becoming a complete secularist? Says St. Paul, “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? Or how shall they believe him of whom they have not heard? (Rm. 10:14)

2. *Doubt*: Man does not live on doubt and error. He fashions his life according to convictions which are based on truth. It is said that a rather large number of Catholic high school graduates lose their faith at secular colleges and universities. The first step in the disintegration of their faith is doubt - often inspired by the instructor. At a certain state university a Catholic textbook was used in the course on philosophy and ethics. The professor demolished one by one the Catholic theses and principles contained in it. To this he added about a hundred pages of “scientific” objections against the Catholic religion. Intellectual confusion and doubt were the inevitable result.

The naive student who listens to such a self-constituted authority in the field of religion (of which he is quite ignorant) reasons as follows: “This man is a great scholar. He is an authority on his subject. He is loaded down with degrees. He is permitted to occupy a chair in one of the foremost institutions of the state. Certainly he must know the truth. In fact, did he not say that he will make ‘intellectual and enlightened men’ and ‘scientific thinkers’ of us? That we must abandon the antediluvian ideas of our poor deluded parents and pastors?

Woe to the student who dares to disagree with the “savant” in the chair: he is often treated with ridicule and sarcasm, and his honest queries are brushed aside with curt and cutting retorts. The right of free speech and free thought was made for the professor but not for the students. So instead of counseling with priest, instead of seeking information in Catholic libraries, the student gradually surrenders to his doubts and finally loses his faith altogether. *To be continued ...*

Fast and Abstinence Regulations observed in Lent:

- Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 60 years of age.
- Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday (Mar 30) and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 yrs and older.
- Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Lenten Alms Giving: During Lent we are exhorted to works of fasting, alms-giving, and prayer. An excellent object for your generosity would be the Pregnancy Aid Clinic in Hapeville GA, run in complete conformity with Catholic teaching: <http://www.pregnancyaidclinic.org/>

Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held tomorrow evening.

Congratulations go out to *Peyton Bush* who was formally invested as a Columbian Squire last Sunday. Should your son aged 10-18 yrs be interested in becoming a Squire, please see any Squire for information.

Help needed with rides to medical appointments on weekdays from the Roswell area. Will pay \$12/hour. If interested, please contact Lisa Marks at (404) 754-3793.

Men's Silent Retreat at Our Lady of Clear Creek Monastery, OK, from Fri, Aug 31 – Mon, Sep 3 (Labor Day). There are spaces for 11 retreatants. Reservations need to be confirmed by March 15th. A \$150 donation is suggested by the Monastery to cover the stay for each person. To register contact Serge Sautre, 404-895-0015, drserge@bellsouth.net

St. Francis de Sales Parish - Information & Contacts

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