

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

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

Sun, Mar 18 **Passion Sunday**
7:15am Low Maria Therese Fredette by Vassil Family
9:00am Low †Emily Bond & †Ward Bond by Stuart & Christine Bond
11:30am High Pro Populo

Mon, Mar 19 **St. Joseph**
6:30am James Browning
7:30pm Anne Marie Womick by Fred & Karen Carver

Tue, Mar 20 **Tuesday of Passion Week**
6:30am Intentions of Jeannie
9:00am Billie P. Healy by Fred & Karen Carver

Wed, Mar 21 **Wednesday of Passion Week**
6:30am Intentions of Eileen
12:00pm †Mark D. Anderson by Thomas Anderson

Thu, Mar 22 **Thursday of Passion Week**
6:30am Camillo Vera
9:00am †Holy Souls by Lee Ann LaPlante

Fri, Mar 23 **Friday of Passion Week**
12:00pm †A. J.
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:30pm †David C. Armistead, Jr. by Lee Ann LaPlante

Sat, Mar 24 **Saturday of Passion Week**
7:00am †A. J.
9:00am Joanne Palaschak by Sims Family

Sun, Mar 25 **Palm Sunday**
No 7:15am Mass
9:00am High Pro Populo
11:30am Low †F.O.S.S. by Gwen Powderly

Last Sunday's Collection: \$5,347.37 *God reward you.*
FSSP Seminarian Burse: \$1,445.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$0.01

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Atlanta

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

Dedicated to the Traditional Latin Mass and Sacraments according to the 1962 Roman Missal of St. John XXIII

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Passion Sunday – March 18, 2018

Today – Lenten Soup & St. Patrick's Party: Pro-life will sell soups after the 9:00am & high Mass along with a St. Patrick's Party after the high Mass. Proceeds will go to the Pregnancy Aid Clinic in Forest Park, Ga.

St. Joseph's Altar FNE Fundraiser: Thank you to all who so generously supported these young ladies of the parish in their continued Catholic formation.

Thank you for all your Mass offerings, prayers, and generous gifts for Fr. DeGuzman's birthday. Please know that the priests, St. Francis de Sales, and the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter would not be here without your support.

Adult Education:

This week:

10:15am - Bible Timeline – The Maccabean Revolt

1:30pm - Epic! – The World at War

Next week:

No Classes - Classes Resume April 8

Mon, Mar 19 - Feast of St. Joseph: there will be a 7:30pm high Mass followed by a reception in the social hall. Please bring something to share.

Next Sunday – Palm Sunday: There will not be a 7:15am Mass. The solemn Mass (with blessing of palms, procession and singing of the Passion) will be at 9:00am. The 11:30am Mass will be a non-dialog low Mass.

The Creed

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

6. God Our Father (*cont'd*)

1. The greatness and majesty of God

(b) *God is almighty.* He has only to will a thing and it happens at once: “He spoke, and the heavens were made: he commanded, and they were created” (Ps. 148:5). If you took a trip or flight around the universe, you would consider your experience a unique and great privilege. But you would be merely at the beginning of the wonders of the universe. The earth is only one of the smaller planets. The earth is 7, 918 miles in diameter; Uranus, 31,000; Neptune, 33,000; Saturn, 72,000; Jupiter, 87,000. The earth is over 91 million miles distant from the sun. Neptune is 2,794,000 miles distant from the sun. There are stars outside of our planetary system which are a million times farther from us, and could not be reached in a million years. There are in the heavens 30,000 fixed stars that we know of, many of them larger than the sun, and around these move many other heavenly bodies. All of these God has created out of nothing. He could have created still other heavenly bodies greater than the present ones. He could have created billions of other men, better and holier than I. But from all eternity He thought of me. He created me - and what is more, made me share in His divine life, elevating me to the dignity of a son of God and heir of heavenly glory.

(c) *God is eternal.* He always was, He is, and He always will be. He never began to exist, because there never was a time when God did not exist. He was from all eternity, and He will be for all eternity. Countless ages are as nothing compared to eternity. Scientists speak of the “death of heat”: “heat itself flows downhill from hot to cold. As times goes on, we approach the day when the sun and stars will be cold, unchanging cinders, all at the same temperature . . . probably the death of heat is billions of years away.” But what is even this compared to eternity? How long would it take for a bird to remove the ocean if he carried away one drop every thousand years? The length of time required for such an operation defies calculation. Yet such an immense period of time falls immeasurably short of the eternity of God’s existence: “One day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” (2 Peter 3:8). Man had a beginning, but because he has a spiritual soul, he will live forever, he is immortal. What will be the nature of your eternal destiny?

To be continued ...

Next Sunday: Second Collection for Christians in the Holy Land.

Easter Flowers: Envelopes are in the entrance foyer for donations toward decorating the sanctuary for Easter. The 11:30am Mass on Easter Sunday will be offered for the donors’ intentions.

Easter Egg Hunt: Please deposit donations of plastic eggs and candy fillers in the collection box in the parish hall. The annual Easter Egg hunt will follow the 9:00am Mass on Easter Sunday.

Catholic Homeschool Hybrid Community: A new, forming community in the Sharpsburg/Newnan area is looking to hire part-time orthodox traditional catholic teachers/volunteers for all different grades and subjects (Religion, Science, Math, Literature, Logic, History). If interested, or know somebody that may be, please contact Valeria Solanet at 404-924-5902 or valezimm@gmail.com. Thank you!

Fast and Abstinence Regulations observed in Lent:

- Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Mar 30) 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 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.

St. Francis de Sales Parish - Information & Contacts

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

Baptism: Contact the parish at least six weeks before birth

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

Eucharistic Exposition: Friday after evening Mass

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

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

Legion of Mary: Meets Friday at 5:00pm

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

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

FNE: Female scouting group meets Saturday mornings: info@atlantafne.org

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

Bookstore Hours: Tuesday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-11:15am & 1pm-1:30pm