

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

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

Sun, Mar 31 *Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)*
7:15am Low *Pro Populo*
9:00am Low Carver Family Special Intention by *Elliott Family*
11:30am High John Rasnick

Mon, Apr 1 *Feria of Lent*
12:00pm †Jean Sims by *Sims Family*

Tue, Apr 2 *Feria of Lent*
6:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by *Maureen Cunningham*
9:00am Karen Hoban by *Lucille Hoban*

Wed, Apr 3 *Feria of Lent*
12:00pm Conv. & Healing of Amanda G. Smith by *James W. Smith*

Thu, Apr 4 *Feria of Lent*
6:30am In thanksgiving for the Nativity of Our Lord
9:00am †Giuseppe Koo by *Koo Family*

Fri, Apr 5 *Feria of Lent (First Friday)*
12:00pm Mark Hoban by *Lucille Hoban*
7:00pm *Stations of the Cross*
7:30pm Confraternity for Priestly Fraternity by *Patty Anderson*

Sat, Apr 6 *Feria of Lent (First Saturday)*
7:00am John Rasnick
9:00am SFdS Volunteers

Sun, Apr 7 *Passion Sunday*
7:15am Low †Mitchell Carter
9:00am Low †Mary Bauer by *Adam & Matthew Markich*
11:30am High *Pro Populo*

Last Sunday's Collection: \$7,401.00

God reward you.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Atlanta

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), March 31, 2019

Congratulations to the young men and women of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday: Shane Longtin, Ricardo Villalta, Michael Chirillo, Lucas Kolodzy, Phillip Docherty, Hans Severson, Matthew Wright, Isabela Barkes, Lilia Aguirre, Brianna Torres, Jireh Hodges, and Ashley Oddo.

Thank you to all who graciously donated their time in preparation for Confirmation and at the reception. God reward you!

Thank you to all who helped the Knights of Columbus with our Lenten Soup fundraiser. Due to your generosity, we will be sending a check to the Pregnancy Aid Clinic for \$307.

Sunday, April 7th: The SFX missionaries going to the Dominican Republic this summer will be hosting a Lenten soup fundraiser after the 9am and 11:30am Masses to support their mission. Please bring any extra or unused rosaries for the missionaries to give to the poor there.

Coats & Belongings left in Social Hall: Please check the parish hall to claim any coats or other items you may have left behind, **any items remaining after April 14th will be donated**, thank you!

Contact Information for Fr. James Buckley: It was a blessing to have Fr. Buckley with us for our parish Lenten mission! For those wishing to send Fr. Buckley future correspondence his contact info is as follows: Mater Dei Parish, 2030 E. Hwy. 356, Irving, TX 75060

Laetare Sunday

(source: www.fisheaters.com)

The fourth Sunday of Lent is rather unique; like the third Sunday of Advent ("Gaudete Sunday"), the fourth Sunday of Lent is a break in an otherwise penitential season. The vestments for this day will be rose, as they are on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, and flowers may adorn the Altar. This day is called "Laetare Sunday" (also "Rose Sunday"), and takes its name from the opening words of the Mass, the Introit's "Laetare, Jerusalem".

Laetare Sunday is also known as "Mothering Sunday" because of the Epistle reading that speaks of how not the Jews, but those who come to Christ, regardless of their ancestry, are the inheritors of Abraham's promise (Galatians 4:22-31). The old practice of visiting the cathedral, or "mother church" of the diocese on this day is another reason for the name. In England, natural mothers are honored today, too, in a manner rather like the American "Mother's Day." Spring bulb flowers (daffodils, for ex.) are given to mothers, and simnel cake is made to celebrate the occasion (this cake has also become an Easter Cake of late, however). The word "simnel" comes from the Latin "simila" a high-grade flour.

The rose vestments on Laetare Sunday is a custom originating in the fact that, as a symbol of joy and hope in the middle of this somber Season, popes used to carry a golden rose in their right hand when returning from the celebration of Mass on this day (way back in 1051, Pope Leo IX called this custom an "ancient institution") Originally it was a natural rose, then a single golden rose of natural size, but since the fifteenth century it has consisted of a cluster or branch of roses wrought of pure gold in brilliant workmanship by famous artists. The popes bless at least one every year, and often confer it upon churches, shrines, cities, or distinguished persons as a token of esteem and paternal affection. The golden rose represents Christ in the shining splendor of His majesty, the "flower sprung from the root of Jesse," and it is blessed with these words:

O God! by Whose word and power all things have been created, by Whose will all things are directed, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, Who art the joy and gladness of all the faithful, that Thou wouldst deign in Thy fatherly love to bless and sanctify this rose, most delightful in odor and appearance, which we this day carry in sign of spiritual joy, in order that the people consecrated by Thee and delivered from the yoke of Babylonian slavery through the favor of Thine only-begotten Son, Who is the glory and exultation of the people of Israel and of that Jerusalem which is our Heavenly mother, may with sincere hearts show forth their joy. Wherefore, O Lord, on this day, when the Church exults in Thy name and manifests her joy by this sign, confer upon us through her true and perfect joy and accepting her devotion of today; do Thou remit sin, strengthen faith, increase piety, protect her in Thy mercy, drive away all things adverse to her and make her ways safe and prosperous, so that Thy Church, as the fruit of good works, may unite in giving forth the perfume of the ointment of that flower sprung from the root of Jesse and which is the mystical flower of the field and lily of the valleys, and remain happy without end in eternal glory together with all the saints.

After the rose is blessed, the Pope incenses musk and balsam and then places them inside the cup of the largest rose. Then the entire rose is incensed and sprinkled with holy water.

Ushers Needed: Ushers are needed for the 9am Mass. Please contact the parish office if you are able to assist in this important ministry.

Are you interested in receiving daily emails with devotional and liturgical information? We are exploring ways to deploy more online tools. If you would like to be on this email list, please email the parish secretary at secretarysdfs@gmail.com.

Juventutem Young Adults Group: Any adults from age 18 to 35 (both married and single) are welcome to join. The group will not be limited to parishioners of St. Francis de Sales. Please email Bryan Lester at: juventutematlanta@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Altar Boy Society: Guild of St. Stephen-Boys age 12 or under who have received First Communion are invited to join a new society of altar boys. The boys will meet with the priests monthly on 1st Saturdays after the 9am Mass. Meetings will include: a spiritual talk by one of the priests, extensive practice serving at both low and high Mass, recreation, and pizza for lunch. Contact Fr. Smith for more information: assistantfsdfs@gmail.com. **The next meeting is April 6th.**

Girls Summer Camp: Sponsored by the FSSP apostolate in Lincoln, NE, July 17th-26th 2019 open to girls ages 13-16. Please visit: <http://campmaterdei.weebly.com/> for details or contact Charity Marie: cmt7delores@yahoo.com (701) 580-1115

St. Francis de Sales-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 (*Stations during Lent*)

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

Religious Education (CCD): Sundays at 10:15am (Aug.-May)

Guild of St. Stephen: Altar boy society, meets 1st Saturdays, assistantfsdfs@gmail.com

Legion of Mary: Meet Tuesdays at 5:00pm

Knights of Columbus: Meets 2nd Monday of month: Rosary 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: Catholic explorers group: info@atlantafne.org

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

Inquirers Class: For non-Catholics who have questions about the Catholic religion, taught by the priests of the parish. Tuesdays at 6pm: secretarysdfs@gmail.com

Bookstore Hours: Sunday 10:00am-11:15am and 1:00pm-1:30pm