



# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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**Dominica III Quadragesima**

*Eph. 5: 1-9 ; Ps 9:20, 4; Luke 11: 14-28*

15 March A.D. 2020

**Third Sunday in Lent**

*BDW page 413; Latin-English Mass prayers: blue hymnal p. 13*

## From the Pastor

“Lent” means Spring, and it should be just that, a rejuvenation of our spiritual and moral life in Christ. One of the ways we can be renewed, besides the Lent practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, is to deepen our understanding of Church teaching, so under attack in our day.

We believe all of the teachings of the Church, handed down through the Magisterium, because it is Christ Who teaches thus through the Church and He can neither deceive nor be deceived. Believing, and living what we believe, by assenting with intellect and will to all that the Church teaches, is necessary for loving Christ and looking with confidence to salvation in Him.

Matters of marriage, as sacred and only between one man and one woman, and the marital act as a blessing only for those who are married, fall under the teaching authority of the Church, founded by Christ to speak to us in our own day. Please pray for all who struggle to obey Christ our Divine Teacher and Savior.

## A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire to possess Thee within my soul. Since I am unable now to receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as being already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee; never permit me to be separated from Thee.

### A SHORTER ACT

I believe that Thou, O Jesus, art in the Most Holy Sacrament! I love Thee and desire Thee! Come into my heart. I embrace Thee; oh, never leave me!

## Stewardship

Offertory envelopes: \$474 (“First Offering”  
envelope intended to defray this expense.)  
\$7K down payment church/hall oil tanks: \$3,390

To designate a gift please place your check or cash in a plain envelope labeled with your offertory number or your name, the amount enclosed, and which expense you are designating. If using a check, please also include your offertory number and the designated expense in the memo line. Thank you.

## The Lord Casts Out the Devil

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke

*Luke 11:14-28*

At that time, Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb: and when he had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke: and the multitudes were in admiration at it. And so on.

Homily by the Venerable Bede, Priest at Jarrow.

*Bk. iv, 48 on Luke xi*

We read in Matthew **xii. 22** that the devil, by which this poor creature was possessed, was not only dumb, but also blind; and that, when he was healed by the Lord, he saw as well as spake. Three miracles, therefore, were performed on this one man; the blind saw, the dumb spake, and the possessed was delivered. This mighty work was then indeed wrought carnally, but it is still wrought spiritually in the conversion of believers, when the devil is cast out of them, so that their eyes see the light of faith, and the lips, that before were dumb, are opened that their mouth may show forth the praise of God. But some of them said: He casteth out devils through Beelzebub, the chief of the devils. These some were not of the multitude, but liars among the Pharisees and Scribes, as we are told by the other Evangelist.

## Men’s Group Forming

Contact Justin Rison at [justin.rison@outlook.com](mailto:justin.rison@outlook.com) to indicate your interest and availability for participation in a men’s group to meet at least monthly for faith, discussion, and fraternity here in Benedict. You can also reach Justin at (240) 216-0404.

## 2020 Jubilarian Mass

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass, held Sunday, June 28, 2020, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more information or to register for the Mass, please contact the parish office. The deadline to register is Friday, May 15.

## Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Your Loved One

A \$25 contribution dedicates the lamp each week to the memory or intentions of a family member or loved one. Contributions will help to defray the cost of altar and votive candles.

## THIS WEEKEND: Second Collection for the Church in the Developing World

“Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church” is now on Facebook. “Like” us today!

## Regular Monthly Bill and Offertory Comparison

### Numbers Coming Soon

Assessments  
Health Care  
Property ins/Cath Standard  
Fuel oil  
Wifi Hotspot  
Internet/Phones  
Electric streetlight  
Elect/AC Hall  
Elect/AC Church  
Elect/AC Rectory  
Security System  
Payroll  
Payroll Taxes  
Retirement ADW Matching  
Pension/Life Ins  
Priest Food  
Pastor Retreat  
ADW Priest Convocation  
Misc. Parish/Rectory Exp  
Bank Fees  
Water Bill  
**Expense Total**  
**Offertory Total**  
*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound:** Betsy Behne, Irving Chappellear, Dorothy Hume, Linda Javor-ski, Ray Stublarec, Miles & Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com to arrange for him to visit any homebound, ill or hospitalized parishioners or family members.

### Rite of Christian Initiation - Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for adults seeking to enter the Church at Easter or to be confirmed next Spring will be offered at the rectory on Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45 and from 7:30-8:45 pm.

Classes are also offered in partnership with Sacred Heart Parish in LaPlata every Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm.

### Children's Faith Formation

Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence through the Church in our lives. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are welcome to enroll children for classes at the hall on Sundays at 10 am. Email Donna at markboat55@yahoo.com.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before enrolling children.

### Holy Sweepers for the Weeks of March 15 and 22

#### Futrell Family

**- We are seeking additional families to join the Holy Sweepers -**

Holy Sweepers are the families and individuals who graciously keep our church clean and tidy. They clean once a week, for a two week period, on a rotating basis. The more Holy Sweepers in the rotation, the more time between each assignment.

If you would like to be a Holy Sweeper, please email Caitlin Sanders at braun.cait@gmail.com. Thank you for prayerfully considering this service to our parish.

### UPCOMING:

April 10: Second Collection for Holy Land Collection

### Mass Intentions and Schedule this Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15 Mar</b>	<b>NP *</b>	<i>Pro populo</i> †Martin P Joyce Sr	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Dominica III Quadragesima</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16 Mar</b>	<b>NP</b>	Poor Souls in Purgatory	Lenten Feria
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17 Mar</b>	<b>NP</b>	†Harold Gardiner	S Patrick
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18 Mar</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Adoration	
		<b>NP</b>	†Richard Estes	S Cyril of Jerusalem
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19 Mar</b>	<b>NP</b>	†Mary Braun	S Joseph
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20 Mar</b>	<b>NP</b>	Intns Jon, Sophie & Thomas	Lenten Feria
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21 Mar</b>	<b>NP</b>	†Richard Estes	S Benedict
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22 Mar</b>	<b>NP</b>	<i>Pro populo</i> †Harold Gardiner	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Dominica IV Quadragesima</b>

\*\* Mass in English

\*No public Mass until further notice- per indication of Archbishop Gregory

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com, stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

### Staff

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### Mass and Sacrament Schedule

**Sunday...** 9:00am \*\* Traditional Latin 11:00am

**Weekday Masses in Latin:** See schedule in bulletin.

**Saturday...** 9:00am and Vigil of Sunday 5:30pm\*\*

**Holy Day Masses:** 8:00am, 6:00pm\*\* and, 7:00pm

**Confessions** offered prior to all weekend Masses

**Baptisms and Marriages:** By appointment 6 months in advance.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to braun.cait@gmail.com or call the rectory 301-274-3416. **New Parishioners: Welcome!** Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church, and return it to Father or drop it in the collection basket.