



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Dominica IV Quadragesima

Gal. 4: 22-31; Ps 121:1, 7; John 6: 1-15

22 March A.D. 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/032220.cfm>

From the Pastor

Our spiritual lives and the priority of salvation continue no matter what is happening in the world, whether pandemic disease or other disturbances. Sensible precautions to stay healthy amid the spread of a novel virus are something we should be practicing on a continuing basis. Perhaps we can gain a better sense of the precious good of our health in this crisis that has upended many lives and families financially and psychologically.

But we need not find our Faith disturbed. Perfect love of God casts out fear. Serenity in the midst of tribulation is a sign of the Lord's power at work in our lives through the gift of Faith by which we love Him and others.

During this period increased time at home presents an opportunity to spend more effort on our spiritual good. Prayer is always first, but spiritual reading, Scripture, and other good books can strengthen and increase our Faith.

We can also devote time to teaching our children the Faith. There is no lack of materials to support home schooling on line.

God bless and keep you and your families,

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

(NB: Totals will be adjusted after next offertory count.)

- 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.

Miracles a Sign for Our Faith in God

From the Holy Gospel according to John

John 6:1-15

In that time, Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw the miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And so on.

Homily by St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo.

24th Tract on John

The miracles which our Lord Jesus Christ did were the very works of God, and they enlighten the mind of man by means of things which are seen, that he may know more of God. God is Himself of such a Substance as eye cannot see, and the miracles, by the which He ruleth the whole world continually, and satisfieth the need of everything that He hath made, are by use become so common, that scarce any will vouchsafe to see that there are wonderful and amazing works of God in every grain of seed of grass. According to His mercy He kept some works to be done in their due season, but out of the common course and order of nature, that men might see them and be astonished, not because they are greater, but because they are rarer than those which they lightly esteem, since they see them day by day.

Men's Group Forming

Contact Justin Rison at 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.

“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

Sunday	22 Mar	NP *	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fourth Sunday in Lent
			†Harold Gardiner	Dominica IV Quadragesima
Monday	23 Mar	NP	Poor Souls in Purgatory	Lenten Feria
Tuesday	24 Mar	NP	Intns Kathryn Aldrich	S Gabriel, Archangel
Wednesday	25 Mar	6:00 pm	Adoration	
		NP	†Harold Gardiner	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday	26 Mar	NP	†Souls of deceased in pandemic	Lenten Feria
Friday	27 Mar	NP	Intns Michael Olteanu	S John Damascene
		7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	28 Mar	NP	Intns Stephen Krautler	S John Capistran
Sunday	29 Mar	NP	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fifth Sunday in Lent
				Dominica V Quadragesima

**** 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

Director of Liturgy/Secretary: Mr. Stephen Krautle
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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.