



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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S. Francisci Salesii, Episcopi, Confessoris, Ecclesiae Doctoris

2 Timothy 4, 1-8; Matthew 5, 13-19

24 January A.D. 2021

Parish Patronal Feast of S Francis de Sales, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor of the Church

Ephesians 3, 8-12; Psalm 37; John 15, 9-17

From the Pastor

Hospitality is very important to our Christian and parish life. One of the ways in which we show this welcoming and friendship is at our hall fellowship meal. Everyone is always welcome to join us and, although not required, welcome also to bring contributions of food. When doing so, we ask that you please sign the new list in the hall on the table by the kitchen door with a description of your food contribution and name so we can better ensure it's enjoyed by our guests.



Thanksgiving After Mass

The Mass is the greatest reality on earth and, when it is over, the most appropriate thing to do is to thank God for it. The way we thank God is by speaking to him in prayer. Thus the thanksgiving prayer after Mass.

The text of the prayer is not dictated by the Church: it is in your own words. The length is also not prescribed: you speak to the Lord in your own way, which will be different for everyone, to thank Him for this greatest gift, greater than which cannot be imagined. Pause in church after Mass and have a heart to heart talk with the Lord in the silence of your soul.

Wisdom of the Popes

“Not to oppose error is to approve it; and not to defend truth is to suppress it; and indeed to neglect to confound evil men, when we can do it, is no less a sin than to encourage them.” - Pope Saint Felix III

Stewardship

To designate a gift that stays within the parish 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 on the memo line. Thank you.

- Feb/Mar Fuel Oil \$491*
- 11.I.21 Maint Labor \$170*
- Offertory envelope boxes (“First Offering”): \$166.35*

(*Amount changed this week)

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Elizabeth Marcus

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

USCCB President's Statement on the Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., as 46th President of the United States of America

“...I must point out that our new President has pledged to pursue certain policies that would advance moral evils and threaten human life and dignity, most seriously in the areas of abortion, contraception, marriage, and gender. Of deep concern is the liberty of the Church and the freedom of believers to live according to their consciences.

“...For the nation’s bishops, the continued injustice of abortion remains the ‘preeminent priority.’ Preeminent does not mean ‘only.’ We have deep concerns about many threats to human life and dignity in our society. But as Pope Francis teaches, we cannot stay silent when nearly a million unborn lives are being cast aside in our country year after year through abortion.

“...Abortion is a direct attack on life that also wounds the woman and undermines the family. It is not only a private matter, it raises troubling and fundamental questions of fraternity, solidarity, and inclusion in the human community. It is also a matter of social justice. We cannot ignore the reality that abortion rates are much higher among the poor and minorities, and that the procedure is regularly used to eliminate children who would be born with disabilities. Rather than impose further expansions of abortion and contraception, as he has promised, I am hopeful that the new President and his administration will work with the Church and others of good will...” Full text: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/usccb-presidents-statement-inauguration-joseph-r-biden-jr-46th-president-united-states>

2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

NEXT WEEKEND: “Announcement Sunday” at all Masses on Sunday, January 31st.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

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**Christmas Offertory
2020**

\$8440.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Irving Chappellear, Dorothy Hume, Robin Magnelli, Ray Stublarec, Miles and Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn, Carolyn Parson, Ruth Anne Carr.

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 are scheduled by our faith formation director Aaron Percich. Email him to start formation: aaron.percich@comcast.net. Pick up a copy of the weekly Wanderer Newspaper available in church and see the "B" section for a basic adult catechetical resource.

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 asked to contact Aaron Percich to enroll children in weekly home lesson support at aaron.percich@comcast.net.

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

Holy Sweepers for the weeks of January 31 and February 7

Stephen Krautle

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.

We are currently in need of some additional Holy Sweepers. Please prayerfully consider joining in this service to our parish community.

Service on the Altar

Training for all current and prospective members of the Society of Saints Aloysius and Alphonsus (SSAA) altar boy society will be held on the first Saturday of each month after the 9:00 am Mass.

All interested boys and men are invited to please contact Jamieson Scarlata at 1619surfer@gmail.com

UPCOMING:

Commitment Sunday: February 7 & **Follow-Up Sunday:** February 14
Second Collection for the Church in the Developing World: February 17

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	24 Jan	9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11:00 am	†Steven Steigleder	Dominica III post Epiphaniam
		5:30 pm	†Nancy Perkins	
Monday	25 Jan	9:00 am	For the Church & Priests	The Conversion of S Paul
Tuesday	26 Jan	**	Military members & families	S Polycarp
Wednesday	27 Jan	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration</i>	
		7:00 pm	Reparation Hearts IHS & BVM	S John Chrysostom
Thursday	28 Jan	9:00 am	†Elizabeth Marcus	S Peter Nolasco
Friday	29 Jan	9:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	S Francis de Sales
Saturday	30 Jan	9:00 am	For our Nation	S Martina
Sunday	31 Jan	9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11:00 am	Conversion—special int	Dominica IV post Epiphaniam
		5:30 pm	Intns Fr Cusick	

* Mass in English ** Father away; no public Mass

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

Bookkeeper: Mr. Dennis Haspert

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Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Sunday: 9:00am*, Traditional Latin 11:00am, 5:30pm

Weekday TLM Masses: See schedule in bulletin

Saturday: 9:00am (Vigil by appt)

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

Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses

*Mass in English

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.