



# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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## Dominica Septuagesima

*I Corinthians 9:24-27 and 10:1-5; Psalms 9:10-11, 19-20; Matthew 20, 1-16*

31 January A.D. 2021

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; I Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28*

### From the Pastor

***Our countdown to Lent has begun this Sunday. How are you preparing to observe the fasting, prayer and almsgiving of this season so as to experience conversion of life? Our faith is a constant call to conversion and Lent intensifies and aids us with particular graces needed for our salvation.***

### 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

“The **fundamental human right**, the **presupposition of every other right**, is the **right to life** itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right – it is the very opposite. It is “a deep wound in society”. - Benedict XVI

### 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.

- February/March Fuel Oil \$136\*
- 11.Jan.21 Maintenance Labor +\$506.03\*
- Offertory envelope boxes (“First Offerting”): PAID\*  
(\*Amount changed this week)

### Sanctuary Lamp in memory of your Loved One

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

On this **Announcement Sunday** we direct your attention to the message at Mass in support of the Appeal and the brochures in church which you are asked to take home with you for your consideration.

Next weekend: **Appeal Commitment Sunday at all Masses.**

### Feast of the Purification on Tuesday, Feb 2

Adoration at 6 pm, Mass at 7 pm

### Prayer to Saint Joseph

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.

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Deacon Butkiewicz to enroll children in weekly home lesson support at [jbutk@gmail.com](mailto:jbutk@gmail.com).

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

**Holy Sweepers for the weeks of January 24 and 31**

**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](mailto:braun.cait@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:1619surfer@gmail.com)

**UPCOMING:**

**2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Follow-Up Sunday:** February 14

**Second Collection for the Church in the Developing World:** February 17

**Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31 Jan</b>	<b>9:00 am*</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	Conversion - Special Int	<b>Dominica Septuagesima</b>
		<b>5:30 pm</b>	Intns Fr Cusick	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Feb</b>	9:00 am	†Teresa Paladino	S Ignatius of Antioch
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 Feb</b>	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration</i>	The Purification of the BVM/Candlemas
		7:00 pm	†Emma Maresch	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3 Feb</b>	9:00 am	<i>Adoration</i>	S Blaise
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4 Feb</b>	NP**	†Emma Maresch	S Andrew Corsini
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5 Feb</b>	7:00 pm	†Ruth Buck	S Agatha
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6 Feb</b>	9:00 am	Intns Ann Marie Dolcemore Hayden/S Dorothy/S Titus	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7 Feb</b>	<b>9:00 am*</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	Church and Priests	<b>Dominica Sexagesima</b>
		<b>5:30 pm</b>	Military members & families	

\* 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.