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Mass Schedule / Horario de Misa

SUNDAY/DOMINGO

7:30 AM (English) - Historic Church
9:00 AM (Bilingual) - Xavier Center
10:30 AM (English) - Historic Church
12:00 PM (Español) - Centro Xavier

MON - THURS/LUNES - JUEVES

7:00 AM - Historic Church (English)

WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLES

6:30 PM - Iglesia Histórica (Español)

FRIDAY/VIERNES

12:00 PM - Historic Church (English)

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

4:00 PM (English) - Historic Church

Reconciliation / Confesión

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

After the 4:00 PM Mass

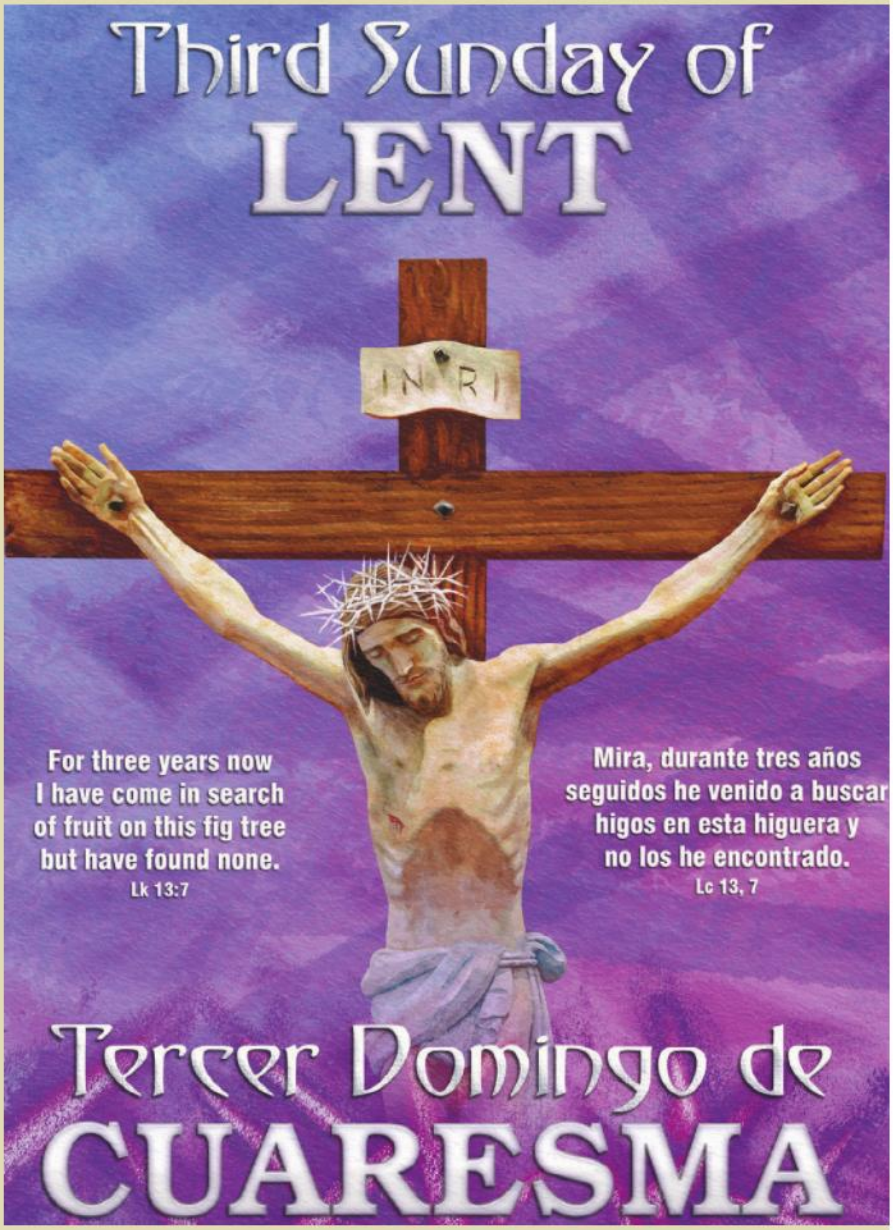
MON - THURS/LUNES - JUEVES

After 7:00 AM Masses
**or by appointment

Adoration / Adoración

FRIDAY/VIERNES

Following Noon Mass
until Vespers at 4:45 PM



March 23, 2025/23 de marzo de 2025

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Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Gettysburg, our bulletin sponsor of the week.

In Preparation for Next Sunday

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Brothers and sisters: you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light... Ephesians 5:8

Hermanos y hermanas: antes eran tinieblas, pero ahora son luz en el Señor. Vivan como hijos de la luz... Efesios 5:8

Mass Intentions/Intenciones para la Misa

Sunday/Domingo March 23
7:30 am (HC): ✝ Bob Karsteter
9:00 am (CX/XC Bilingüe/Bilingual): ✝ Luis Cejudo and Modesta Rico
10:30 am (HC): ✝ Jeanne Benson
12:00 pm (CX Español): Todos los feligreses de SFX
5:00 pm (GC)

Monday/Lunes March 24
7:00 am (HC): ✝ Edward Ruggles

Tuesday/Martes March 25 Annunciation of the Lord
7:00 am (HC): Special Intention of Olivia Green

Wednesday/Miércoles March 26
7:00 am (HC): ✝ Frank Harding
6:30 pm (XC Español): Special Intention of Sharon Steinour

Thursday/Jueves March 27
7:00 am (HC): ✝ John Woods

Friday/Viernes March 28
8:30 am (SFX School): Special Intention of Sharon Steinour
12:00 pm (HC): ✝ George Gelles

Saturday/Sábado March 29
4:00 pm (HC): ✝ Edward Ruggles

Baptism/Bautismo

Please contact the Parish Office or register on the "Baptism" page of our website to begin the baptismal preparation process.

Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial o regístrese en la página "Bautismo" de nuestro sitio web para comenzar el proceso de preparación bautismal.

Matrimony/Matrimonio

For couples interested in marriage, please contact the office one year in advance or visit our website.

Favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia. Para matrimonio, favor de llamar a la oficina con un año de anticipación.

Becoming Catholic/Ser Católico

The Christian Initiation of Adults (CIA) prepares adults to join the Catholic Church who are not yet baptized, were baptized in another denomination, and those baptized as Catholics but did not yet receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Contact Becca at bdickerson@sfxcs-pa.org.

ICA prepara para unirse a la Iglesia Católica a adultos que aún no están bautizados, que fueron bautizados en otra denominación, así como a aquellos bautizados como católicos pero que aún no recibieron la Primera Eucaristía y/o la Confirmación. Comuníquese con Becca Dickerson en bdickerson@sfxcs-pa.org.

Pastor's Notes | Notas del pastor

by Father/Padre Kelley

Dear Families and Friends of St. Francis Xavier Parish,

"The people grumbled against Moses, saying, 'Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?'" (Ex 17:3)

I recently heard a powerful quote that said, "People will not change until staying the same becomes more painful than changing." You can read that again.

Even after God (through Moses) freed them from the Egyptians, the Hebrews were still slaves in their hearts: slaves to the Egyptian gods, slaves to the pagan ways of Egypt, slaves to the pleasures that kept them pacified, and slaves in the way they thought of themselves. They couldn't be the free people of God if they were still bringing their slavery within them.

When Moses came down from Mt. Sinai with the divine law for the new life of the Israelites, the plan could have been that they would go straight into Israel. But instead, the people hardened their hearts, and made a false god, like the gods of Egypt. And so, God had to take more time to get Egypt out of them. What could have been 40 days became the 40 years of the Exodus. Over and over the people would say, "All that you have said we will do." And how quickly did adversity change that into, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?" and "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

What did God and Moses do to incur such criticism? They asked people to change. To leave Egypt, not just physically, but spiritually. And the people had made it clear to God that they weren't going to change until God allowed their stubbornness to make them so miserable that they had to accept that they needed to change. Ask any recovering addict, and they'll tell you the same thing. It was more painful to stay as they were than to embrace what it took to change. So, if some habit or attachment in your life is making you miserable, is there a message there? Is it a divine invitation to consider surrendering something that's making you miserable, and finally embrace God's will for your freedom, redemption, and peace for your life? That's something to consider this Lent, as we detach from things that are not God's will for us, to attach ourselves more strongly to His plan for us to flourish.

God bless you and your families,
Fr. Kelley

Estimadas familias y amigos de la parroquia de San Francisco Javier:

"El pueblo…fue a protestar contra Moisés, diciéndole: '¿Nos hiciste salir de Egipto, para morir de sed…?'" (Éxodo 17:3).

Recientemente escuché una cita conmovedora que decía: "La gente no cambiará hasta que permanecer igual se vuelva más doloroso que cambiar". Pueden leerla de nuevo.

Incluso después de que Dios (a través de Moisés) los liberara de los Egipcios, los Hebreos seguían siendo esclavos en sus corazones: esclavos de los dioses Egipcios, esclavos de las costumbres paganas de Egipto, esclavos de los placeres que los mantenían en paz y esclavos de su propia imagen. No podrían ser el pueblo libre de Dios si aún llevaban dentro su esclavitud.

Cuando Moisés bajó del Monte Sinaí con la ley divina para la nueva vida de los israelitas, el plan podría haber sido que fueran directamente a Israel. Pero en cambio, el pueblo endureció su corazón y creó un dios falso, como los dioses de Egipto. Así que Dios tuvo que tomarse más tiempo para sacarlos de Egipto. Lo que pudieron haber sido 40 días se convirtieron en los 40 años del Éxodo. Una y otra vez, el pueblo decía: "Haremos todo lo que has dicho". Y con qué rapidez la adversidad transformó eso en: "¿Por qué nos hiciste salir de Egipto?" y "¿Está el SEÑOR entre nosotros o no?".

¿Qué hicieron Dios y Moisés para recibir tantas críticas? Pidieron al pueblo que cambiará. Que saliera de Egipto, no solo físicamente, sino espiritualmente. Y el pueblo le había dejado claro a Dios que no iba a cambiar hasta que Dios permitiera que su terquedad los hiciera tan miserables que tuvieron que aceptar que necesitaban cambiar. Pregúntale a cualquier adicto en recuperación y te dirá lo mismo. Fue más doloroso quedarse como estaba que aceptar lo que costó cambiar. Entonces, si algún hábito o apego en tu vida te hace miserable, ¿hay algún mensaje ahí? ¿Es una invitación divina a considerar renunciar a algo que te hace sentir miserable y finalmente aceptar la voluntad de Dios para tu libertad, redención y paz en tu vida? Es algo que debemos considerar en esta Cuaresma, al desprendernos de lo que no es la voluntad de Dios para nosotros y aferrarnos más a su plan para que prosperemos.

Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias,
Padre Kelley

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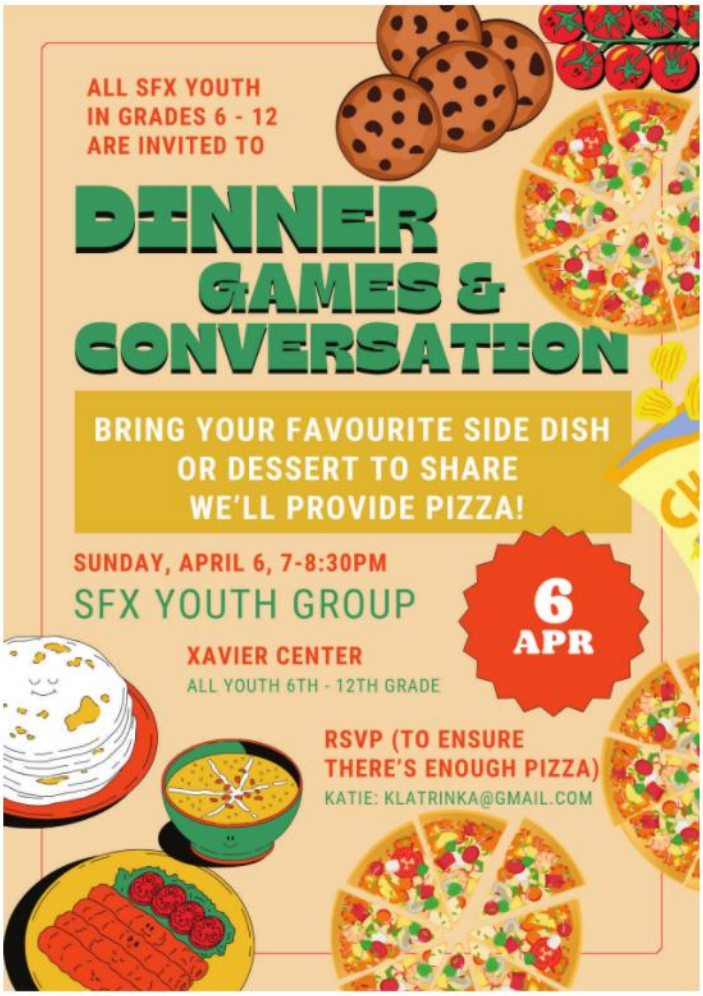

2025 Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday, Mar. 7 – April 7
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2025 Pescado frito de Cuaresma

Viernes, 7 de marzo - 7 de abril
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Centro Xavier
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Nominations for Parish Council

The parish pastoral council is seeking nominations for three seats up for election. Nominations are open from the parish at large. Nominations may be submitted to the parish office. To be eligible to serve on the Council, a parishioner must:

- Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2041-2043);
- Be a registered parishioner of the parish;
- Have attained at least their 18th birthday;
- Possess a willingness to grow in an understanding of Church by taking advantage of opportunities for continuing education in Church doctrine and documents;
- Be able to work with others in a spirit of openness and trust;
- Understand that membership on Council is one of service to the People of God;
- Uphold the teachings of the Church and norms established by the Diocese for Parish Pastoral Councils.

Seeking a Director of Music

After 18 years, Mary Smith (music director) and Cindie Kane (adult choir director) are both stepping down from their positions. We are grateful for their invaluable contributions over the years. We are combining the positions into a Director of Music position, and are seeking candidates. Here is the opening: https://www.hbgdiocese.org/job/director-of-music/. Please share with anyone who may be qualified for the position.

Plan to Attend Soup & Scripture on Mondays During Lent

We welcome you to join us every Monday at 5:30 p.m. for Soup and Scripture. Enjoy a bowl of delicious soup and fellowship, followed at 6:00 p.m. by an engaging talk about Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist.

🔅 Families welcome! A special children's program will run during the talks.

It continues through Monday, April 7. Come nourish your body and soul—we'd love to see you there!

To view our whole list of events, check out our parish calendar at stfxcc.org/parish-calendar

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Amazon Wish List for the School

Looking for ways to help our students and school, but not sure how? The school has an Amazon Wish List where you can purchase some much needed items that will directly benefit our school. Check out some of our items by clicking the link below. We thank you for supporting our school!

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Community & Diocesan Notes/Notas Comunitarias y Diocesanas

Catechetical Corner ~~by Becca Dickerson, Director of Evangelization

What are scrutinies and why are the readings different than I read this morning before Mass? The Scrutinies are three special rites celebrated during Lent for those in the Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly called RCIA) who are preparing for baptism at Easter. They take place on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent and are meant to strengthen and purify the hearts of the elect (those preparing for baptism). Each scrutiny includes prayers, scripture readings, and a special blessing, asking God to help the elect overcome sin and grow in faith. The Gospel readings for these Sundays focus on powerful encounters with Jesus:

- 1st Scrutiny (3rd Sunday of Lent): The Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4) – Jesus offers living water.
- 2nd Scrutiny (4th Sunday of Lent): The Man Born Blind (John 9) – Jesus brings spiritual sight.
- 3rd Scrutiny (5th Sunday of Lent): The Raising of Lazarus (John 11) – Jesus gives new life.

For our parish, the scrutinies are a reminder of our own need for ongoing conversion. They are a beautiful way for the entire community to pray for and support those preparing to join the Church at Easter!

PCCW Meeting on April 12

The PCCW's next meeting is Sat., April 12, 9:00 a.m., at the Gateway Family Diner, 70 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg. All women of the parish are welcome to join our meetings and activities. For more information, please email Maritza Torres at Maritza.m.torres3@gmail.com.

MARCH 23 - MARCH 29

Sunday 23
- RICA (Esp) — 10:30 AM, Xavier Center
- PREP Classes — 10:30 AM, Xavier Center

Monday 24
- Soup and Scripture (includes activities for children) — 5:30 PM, Xavier Center
- Ensayo de Grupo de Música: Jesús En Ti Confió — 6:00 PM, Parish Office Fireplace Room

Tuesday 25
- St. Monica's Prayer Group — 1:00 PM, Parish Office Chapel
- Knights of Columbus — 6:00 PM, Parish Office

Wednesday 26
- PREP — 6:30 PM, Xavier Center
- Grupo de Oracion: Jesus En Ti Confio — 7:30 PM, Historic Church

Thursday 27
- WOW Bible Study — 9:00 AM, Parish Office Fireplace Room
- Coro San Francisco — 6:30 PM, Parish Office
- Christian Initiation of Adults (CIA) (Eng) — 7:00 PM, Xavier Center

Friday 28
- Lenten Fish Fry — 5:00 PM, Xavier Center
- Grupo de Intercesión — 6:00 PM, Parish Office Chapel
- Grupo de Juan 23 — 6:30 PM, Xavier Center
- Grupo de Jóvenes — 6:30 PM, Xavier Center
- Stations of the Cross — 7:00 PM, Historic Church

Saturday 29

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive

Thank you for supporting the Knights Baby Bottle Drive for TenderCare Pregnancy Center. Please return donations before or after Mass this weekend. Questions? Contact Dave Kendra - 908-455-4294 or George Eller - 717-353-0017.

St. Vincent de Paul Indoor Yard Sale

St. Vincent's Indoor Yard Sale takes place on Saturday, March 29, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at the Parish's Msgr. Gotwalt Auditorium, 65 South Street, Hanover. There will be over 45 tables of goodies, including a bake sale and raffle table. Kitchen open for breakfast and lunch.

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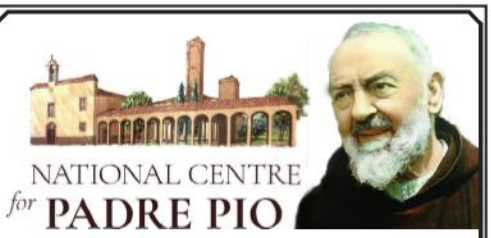

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