

The Pastorate Community of
Historic St. Francis Xavier, St. Ann and St. Wenceslaus
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Masses

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday: 10:00 AM
Friday: 8:00 AM

Masses

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekdays

Thursday: 7:00 PM

Masses

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays

Tuesday: 8:00 AM

Other Scheduled Events

Reconciliation

Confessions are before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism is conferred on the Fourth Sunday at 2:00 PM.
Notify the rectory at least 1 month in advance

Marriages

Notify the rectory at least 6 months in advance

Funerals

Please notify the rectory before making arrangements with funeral homes

Meditation

Watch and be ready - the day of the Lord's coming draws near

Why did Jesus compare "the coming of the Son of Man" with the "days of Noah" (Matthew 24:37)? Scripture describes both events as a day of judgment and the separation of the just from the unjust. It is a time when the Lord of heaven and earth gathers to himself those who are his own. Separation is an inevitable consequence of the fundamental choices people have made - whether for God or against God. The fundamental choices we make can either lead us towards God and his will for us or they can lead us in a direction that is opposed to God or contrary to his wisdom and plan for our lives and well-being.

The days of Noah

The Book of Genesis describes why God chose to separate Noah and his family who were faithful to God from those who had utterly rejected God and corrupted the earth with violence and evil:

"The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5), "with corruption and violence spreading everywhere" (Genesis 6:11-12).

Why did so many perish when the day of judgment came? They were caught completely unaware and unprepared for the disaster that swept them away. The Lord Jesus warned his disciples and he issues the same warning to us today - be alert and be prepared to meet the Lord today and every day - and when he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

The ark of refuge

Just as God provided a safe haven and place of refuge for Noah and his family in the ark which spared them from destruction (Genesis 7), the Lord provides for us today a place of refuge in the ark of his people - the body of Christ - who listen to his word and obey his voice. God made a covenant of peace with Noah and his descendants (Genesis 9:8-17). Noah's ark was a prophetic sign and beacon of hope which prefigured the new covenant of everlasting peace which the Lord Jesus would accomplish through his atoning death on the cross, resurrection, and outpouring of the Holy Spirit on his disciples.

Jesus came to fulfill all the promises of God, including the covenant of peace which God made with Noah. Jesus' first coming was a rescue mission to set us free from sin and condemnation and to give us new life in his Holy Spirit.

Stewardship

Luke 16:1-12

Now He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and this manager was reported to him as squandering his possessions. "And he called him and said to him, "What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager." "The manager said I am not to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? strong

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Happy Repose of the Soul of my grandmother Dorothy Allen and aunts Delores and Juanita Allen on their Birthday, req. by the Allen Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. God's grace and mercy on my daughter Jessica's 37th Birthday, req. by Mom

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. (at St. Wenceslaus)

Happy 66th Birthday to my beloved brother Donald Lewis, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey and Family

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. (at St. Francis Xavier)

Traveling mercies for all SFX members traveling this Thanksgiving Holiday Season, req. by Dottie Mello

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (at St. Ann's)

For the repose of my daughter Jo Ann Marie Johnson, may she rest in peace, req. by Mom & Dad

Friday 8:00 a.m. (at St. Francis Xavier)

Happy repose of the souls of Lewis and Bernice Kearney, req. by Dottie Mello

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

SPECIAL NOTICES

Scriptures for Daily Meditation



“And the Scripture gives us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled” Rom. 15:4

Day	Date	Gospel
Monday	December 2, 2019	Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday	December 3, 2019	Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday	December 4, 2019,	Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday	December 5, 2019	Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday	December 6, 2019	Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday	December 7, 2019	Matthew 9:35-10, 1, 5a,6-8

Congratulations to our November Circle Club Winners

- President: #23 – Dottie Mello – 500.00***
- V. President: #63 - Gracie Ferguson - \$100.00***
- Secretary: #30 – James Dorsey - \$100.00***
- Treasurer: #21 – Barbara A. Brooks - \$100.00***
- 1st Bonus: #102 – Cleveland Cosom - \$50.00***
- 2nd Bonus: #35 – Maria Cozart - \$25.00***
- 3rd Bonus: #75 – Evette Wylie - \$25.00***

Reminder

Oliver Food Drop is scheduled for December 10, 2019 at 1400 East Federal Street from 9a.m. until 12 noon. Please bring photo ID and a cart to carry your blessings. Thank you – St. Vincent de Paul Outreach.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

Mother Lange Corner November 24, 2019

*Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales
(1977-1981)*

Bernadine Gonzales was born on May 14, 1921 in New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended Catholic elementary and high school. Then went on to Xavier University where she majored in Music. She initially taught grade school before entering the Oblate Sisters of Providence during the closing years of World War II. She taught Latin and music at St. Frances Academy while also serving as Choir Director. In addition to her B.A. from Xavier, Sister also earned a Master's in Music from Catholic University of America. She was a master at fundraising for anti - poverty programs and was frequently sought after to serve on a host of policy making boards.

As the fourteenth Superior General, Sister Marie Infanta is remembered for her care of the infirmed sisters and presenting the revised Oblate Constitution to Roman authorities. She was a committed educator and loved the early childhood grades. Sister was Director of Head Start Programs in Washington, DC; Miami, Florida and Philadelphia, Pa. She accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent for Federal Programs and Early Childhood Development in the Archdiocese of Miami. Her life was spent in loving service to the Oblate Sisters of Providence and the young people in her care

Special Notices

Religious Education 2019 Faith

Formation Calendar

Sunday 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

December

8th **8:45 AM SPECIAL TIME**

Class/ Homecoming

15th Class

22nd Class

24th Christmas Eve 3:00

29th NO CLASS

Please consider attending 10:00 A.M. mass on Thanksgiving Day.

We encourage all families to attend our annual, revival which will be held Thursday December 5th through Saturday, December 7th 6:30 P.M. each evening. Youth Night will be on Friday December 6th.

Sunday December 8th, we will celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent and homecoming.

Religious Education classes will be held at 8:45 A.M followed by mass at 10:00 A.M.

PK thru grade 5 please report to the school building. Grades 6 thru Confirmation class will report to the undercroft. The students will be serving during our Homecoming reception.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Any information that you can provide that can help us in better understanding your child and their needs is greatly appreciated. Feel free to come and visit our classrooms at any time. We love to have visitors. Thank you for your cooperation.

Children's Envelopes --- *Envelopes have been distributed to all Sunday School children. Start your child on a lifetime path of stewardship practice by using their envelopes weekly.*

Sacramental Preparation

The policy of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is that children undergo two years of faith formation to prepare for the sacraments. This means: Year 1 (the year immediately before the year of reception); and year 2 (the year of reception). The usual year to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is Second Grade. This means that our children begin preparation during the First Grade. The usual year to receive Confirmation is the Ninth Grade. This means that our youth begins preparation during the Eight Grade. If your child(ren) satisfied their requirements in Religious Education classes as a first or eight graders last year then they should be on track to receive the respective sacraments next year 2020.

If your children were not able to receive these sacraments during the usual years, it is not too late. We will help you and your children to prepare and receive the sacraments.

R.C.I.A (Initiation of Adults)

Are you becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed? Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or have questions about it. R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process for preparing adults for full communion within the Catholic Church, and for instructing adults returning to their faith or who simply want to learn more. R.C.I.A is open to anyone interested exploring Catholicism. We meet weekly in the undercroft October through May. Contact the parish office if you or someone you know may be interested.

Sodality's Annual Christmas Shopping Trip

Sodality of Blessed Virgin of Mary of SFX, annual Shopping Trip to Tangier Outlets and Rockvale, Saturday, December 14, 2019. Tickets are now on sale \$55.00 each can be purchased from any Sodality member or Martha Lewis Dorsey (410)668-1258.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

PASTORATE REVIVAL

A Revival for the Pastorate Community of Historic Francis Xavier Church, St. Ann, and St. Wenceslaus Churches will be held **December 5th and 7th; 6:30 p.m. each evening** inviting All Believers to "Stand Up and Deliver! Show Up and Shout!" with Revivalist Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji, SSJ. Venue is St. Francis Xavier Church 1501 E. Oliver Street, Baltimore, MD.

NEW LOOK FOR BULLETIN

Beginning this Advent Season, the front cover of the bulletin will have a new look. As we unite as a Pastorate, our three Parishes will share one uniformed front cover as it will reflect the portraits and information of all three churches.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

All sick and shut- in SFX Parishioners

Please inform the parish office if you are aware of parishioners that are ill or in need of assistance.

For Your Information

Please Note:

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, or if you know of someone who is, Please Contact the Parish office, 410-727-3103. Please also remember to contact the office to advise us when to remove your name from the Sick and/or Shut-in Listing.

Mass Intentions

The normal donation for a Mass Request is \$5.00 and must be paid at the time of request. We will no longer take Mass requests over the telephone. Mass requests envelopes are located on the table in the rear of the church.

Address changed?

Please notify the office if you have moved for address changes.

Proper Church Etiquette

No cell phones or other electronic devices should be left on while in Church, especially during Mass. Also, please do not chew gum, eat or drink at anytime while you are in Church, especially when receiving Holy Communion our mouths should be free from all food items. Parents please do not bring potato chips or other foods to give your children during Mass. Food is being found in the Pews. Please give them snacks before Mass. If you cannot hear the Lector or other Ministers from the Altar, please raise your hand and do not yell out in Church, this is very disrespectful. We ask your full cooperation in adhering to these rules of etiquette.

Parish Membership/Census Update:

The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support your Parish. Parishioners are requested to register at the church office, Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or complete the following form:

Name _____

Street _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes
- Change of telephone number/address
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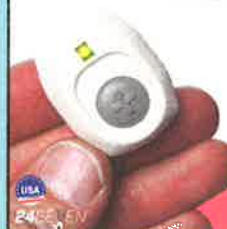
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