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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

Jesus frees us from spiritual blindness and sin

Do you recognize the light of God's truth and power in your life? God wants to remove every obstacle that might hinder us from recognizing the light of his truth and wisdom for our lives. Saul, the first king of Israel, failed to recognize God's light and power to save him from his enemies. God replaced Saul with David, the youngest of Jesse's eight sons (1 Samuel 16). God saw something in David which Jesse and his other sons did not recognize - a man after God's own heart who delighted in doing what was pleasing to the Lord (1 Samuel 13:14). David was a man of courage and vision who defeated his enemies and united his people. His strength and success came not from himself but from God who anointed him with the power and wisdom of his own Spirit.

What can keep us from the light of God's truth, wisdom, and strength for our lives? Sin blinds us and causes us to stumble and fall - unable to rise on our own or to walk in the freedom of God's love and truth. Sin clouds the mind in moral confusion, and it grows in darkness and resists the light of God's truth. Only God's light can uncover the darkness of sin and free us to walk in the path of holiness and peace with God.

The light of the world

When the disciples saw a man who had been blind from birth, they asked Jesus what kind of sin had caused this blindness. The Jews had understood that many infirmities were the result of human folly and sin. While sin can lead to physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities, not all sickness is the direct result of sin. Sickness can befall us for a variety of reasons. Jesus answered that God had allowed this infirmity for a greater purpose which God wanted to demonstrate as a sign of his presence and power. Jesus then made a claim which only God could rightfully make. Jesus stated unequivocally, I am the light of the world (John 9:5). In so many words Jesus was saying that he is the one true source of power and light which sustains life and overcomes the darkness of sin, confusion, and spiritual blindness. Jesus' mighty works - his miraculous signs - confirmed the truth of his message and claim to divine authority and equality with his Father in heaven. One of his greatest signs was the healing of a man who had been blind from birth.

Stewardship

1 Corinthians 4:7

For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Pray for our religious leaders

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

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

In Loving Memory of Bret Taylor, req. by the Family

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

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

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

Today's Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:16, 6-7, 10-13a

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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	March 23, 2020	John 4:43-54
Tuesday	March 24, 2020	John 5:1-16
Wednesday	March 25, 2020,	Luke 1:26-38
Thursday	March 26, 2020	John 5:31-47
Friday	March 27, 2020	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	March 28, 2020	John 7:40-53

Important Notices

- *Sunday March 22, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. Fr. Xavier will perform, Mass and it will be streamed on St. Francis Facebook page.*
- *All Masses continued to be cancelled until further notice.*
- *Please continue to forward your offering to the church. We depend on this to pay our bills. We want to make sure that our church remains healthy even though we are not here physically.*
- *The church office will have limited hours during this crisis.*
- *Remember Mass is also on EWTN. Keep up with your prayers and reading*

SPECIAL NOTICES

Lenten Activities

Stations of the Cross Devotions



St. Francis Xavier doors will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for private prayers and stations. No formal gatherings.

Circle club drawing delayed until March 29, 2020, please get your cards in.



- *Wash your hands frequently*
- *Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing*
- *Stay home if you are sick*
- *Don't congregate in large groups of 10+*
- *Respect our seniors*