

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

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Sun, Feb 11 **Quinquagesima Sunday**
7:15am Low Celebrant's Intention
9:00am Low *Pro Populo*
11:30am High Brian & Lisa Hagerty by *Mary & Maggie Hagerty*

Mon, Feb 12 **Seven Holy Servite Founders**
No 6:30am Mass
12:00pm Healing & Conv. of Family by *Margarita Santiago-Rivera*

Tue, Feb 13 **Feria**
6:30am Fred & Karen Carver Wedding Anniversary by *Fred Carver*
9:00am Healing & Conv. of Family by *Margarita Santiago-Rivera*

Wed, Feb 14 **Ash Wednesday**
6:30am †Romaine Chrisman by *Troy Phillips*
12:00pm †Holy Souls, especially members of F.O.S.S. by *Nora Rose*
7:30pm Special Intention by *Allan & Lynda Hoheisel*

Thu, Feb 15 **Thursday after Ash Wednesday**
6:30am Mrs. Sebene Mikael by *Ms. Tsegereda Haile-Selassie*
9:00am Conversion of Cunningham Family by *Maureen Cunningham*

Fri, Feb 16 **Friday after Ash Wednesday**
12:00pm Conversion of Beverly Allen by *Phil & Jesse Carkhuff*
7:00pm *Stations of the Cross*
7:30pm Suzanne (Denise) Yurgel by *Lorraine Arlotta*

Sat, Feb 17 **Saturday after Ash Wednesday**
7:00am †Holy Souls, especially members of F.O.S.S. by *Nora Rose*
9:00am SFdS Volunteers

Sun, Feb 18 **First Sunday of Lent**
7:15am Low *Pro Populo*
9:00am Low †Patrick Horwath by *Jeff Horwath*
11:30am High John Rasnick

Last Sunday's Collection: \$5,688.45 God reward you.

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Quinquagesima Sunday – February 11, 2018

Today - Adult Education:

This week:

10:15am Bible Timeline – The Divided Kingdom Part 1

1:30pm Epic! – Protesters and Defenders Part 2

Next week:

10:15am Bible Timeline – The Divided Kingdom Part 2

1:30pm Epic! – The Catholic Reformation Part 1

Wednesday, Feb 14: Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. The 7:30pm evening Mass will be a sung Mass.

Next Sunday: Second collection for Black and Indian Missions.

Please make your checks payable to St. Francis de Sales for this collection.

All Knights of Columbus Members: the monthly meeting has been moved from Mon, Feb 12 to Mon, Feb 19. Please make note of this change.

Parish Lenten Mission, Feb 25 – Mar 1: Fr. Jeffery Jambon of the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist will be preaching a Lenten Mission at our parish Sunday through Thursday. More information to come.

Congratulations to *Elias Joannes Sebaste*, son of Michael & Danielle Tejada, who was baptized and received into the Church yesterday.



The Creed

by Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas, Ph.D; S.T.D.

4. God's Message – Faith (*cont'd*)

3. *Faith*: Faith may be considered as a *virtue* or as an *act*. As a virtue faith is a disposition, infused with sanctifying grace into the soul at baptism, inclining the soul to believe firmly. As an act, faith is an assent of the mind, under the command of the will, to revealed truths because of the authority of God who can neither be deceived nor deceive. An act of faith is wholly the work of the Holy Ghost in the soul whose grace precedes, accompanies and strengthens it. Faith is the beginning, basis, and root of all salvation. For man does not will and desire what he does not know. He cannot tend toward God, hope in Him and love Him, unless he first accepts God's existence. He cannot tend toward heaven unless through faith he admits to be a reality. "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6).

The object of our faith is the "glad tidings of our salvation." At the end of His earthly sojourn our Lord said, "Go ye into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved" (Mk. 16:15-16).

The Blessings of Faith are obviously many:

a) *Faith perfects and increases our knowledge*. What the telescope is to the unaided eye, faith is to reason. Unaided reason gives us only an imperfect knowledge of God's existence and nature. Faith opens up a new world to us: It tells us about the Trinity, Incarnation, redemption, grace and the Beatific Vision.

b) *Faith strengthens us in the daily trials and tribulations of life*. It discloses to us the reward in store for those who bear patiently the momentary sufferings here below, and teaches us that each tribulation borne willingly merits a further degree of heavenly glory.

c) *Faith is the basis of our return to God after a fall*. When we have sinned mortally, when we have expelled the Blessed Trinity and sanctifying grace from the soul, there still remains a tiny light in the dark night of the soul - faith. Because we still believe in God, in heaven and hell, we can repent.

To be continued ...

Fast and Abstinence Regulations observed in Lent:

- Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday (Feb 14), Good Friday (Mar 30) and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older. This is by Law and not custom.
- Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 60 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence should not consider themselves bound by these norms.
- During the season of Lent we are all called to embrace penances and to perform works of charity that reflect our desire for conversion.

Lenten Alms Giving: During Lent we are exhorted to works of fasting, alms-giving, and prayer. An excellent object for your generosity would be the Pregnancy Aid Clinic in Hapeville, GA, run in complete conformity with Catholic teaching: <http://www.pregnancyaidclinic.org/>

Fr DeGuzman returns on Tuesday, Feb 13.

Help needed with rides to medical appointments on weekdays from the Roswell area. Will pay \$12/hour. If interested, please contact Lisa Marks at (404) 754-3793.

St Gerard's Ministry: monthly noon Mass will be postponed until next Wednesday, Feb 21, due to Ash Wednesday this week.

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Sun, Feb 4 *Sexagesima Sunday*
7:15am Low *Pro Populo*
9:00am Low Larry & Jeanne Burnham by *Chris & Stuart Bond*
11:30am High Peggy Besner by *Lloyd & Elizabeth Bird*

Mon, Feb 5 *St. Agatha*
6:30am †Teresa Portzer
12:00pm Conv. of Hardened Hearts at Final Hour by *Loan Le*

Tue, Feb 6 *St. Titus*
No 6:30am Mass
9:00am †Florence S. Remski

Wed, Feb 7 *St. Romuald*
No 6:30am Mass
12:00pm †Fr. Edward Woytoicz by Sr. Stephen

Thu, Feb 8 *St. John of Matha*
No 6:30am Mass
9:00am †Deceased of Andrew Larson family

Fri, Feb 9 *St. Cyril of Alexandria*
No 12:00pm Mass
7:00pm †E. K.
Exposition follows Mass

Sat, Feb 10 *St. Scholastica*
No 7:00am Mass
9:00am †K. M.

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Sexagesima Sunday – February 4, 2018

Today - Blessing of Throats will take place at the communion rail after each Mass.

Today – FSSP Seminary Burse: to support the seminarians of the Fraternity. It would help greatly if your checks are made payable to “FSSP” rather than to the parish. Many thanks for your generosity.

Today - Adult Education: in Adult Ed. classroom in the basement.

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2. *Tradition*: Our Lord wrote nothing. Very few of the apostles wrote. Christ commanded the apostles to preach, not to write. “Going therefore, *teach* ye all nations” (Matt. 28:19); “*Preach* the gospel to every creature” (Mk. 16:15). The early Christians were commanded to hear the Church, not to read the still nonexistent or at most incomplete New Testament Scriptures: “He that heareth you, heareth me” (Lk. 10:16). Hence there existed from the beginning a body of truths, entrusted by God to the Church, dealing with faith and morals. They were distinct from the word of God as found in the Bible, but together with it they formed the object of our faith. These truths were preserved, interpreted and transmitted to others by the popes and bishops of the Church. It is to these truths that we now apply the term “tradition.” St. Paul refers to it when he writes, “Therefore, brethren, stand fast: and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word or by our epistle” (2 Thess. 2:14).

Tradition supplements the Bible. The books of the New Testament were “occasional” writings, that is, they were occasioned by a special problem in the early Church and directed to a particular congregation. They were words of explanation, counsel, encouragement and consolation, or suggestions in regard to local difficulties or arrangements. They were not detailed treatises and systematic expositions of Christian theology; rather, they were subordinate to the ordinary teaching. St. John tells us that “there are also many other things which Jesus did, which, if they were written every one, the world itself, I think, would not be able to contain the books that should be written” (Jn. 21:25). Hence the Bible does not contain all the truths taught by our Lord and the apostles.

Fathers of the Church: These are eminent Church writers who in their writings are witnesses and mouthpieces of the general belief and teaching of the Church. If the fathers of the Church unanimously teach that a certain doctrine - handed down by the supreme pontiffs and bishops - goes back to our Lord or to the time of the Apostles, such a doctrine is considered as divinely revealed and as the object of our faith. To qualify as a Church father the writer must (a) have lived in the early ages of the Church; (b) led a saintly life; (c) proposed the Church's teaching without error; (d) received the approval of the Church.

The four great *Fathers of the West* are St. Ambrose (340-397), St. Jerome (340-420), St. Augustine (354-430), St. Gregory the Great (540-604). The four great *Fathers of the East* are St. Athanasius (293-373), St. Gregory Nazianzen (329-389), St. Basil the Great (330-379), and St. John Chrysostom (345-407).

The title of *Doctor of the Church* is granted by the Holy See to writers of great sanctity and learning, noted for their brilliant exposition and skillful defense of Christian doctrine, whose writings have strengthened the faith of the faithful and thus have proved of great value to the entire Church. Prominent among the doctors of the Church are St. Bonaventure (1221-1274), St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), St. John of the Cross (1542-1622).

Now, how do the truths contained in Scripture and Tradition, and infallibly preserved and interpreted for us by the Church, enter into our own lives? By faith. It is by faith that man assimilates these truths, incorporates them into his life, and shapes his destiny in accordance with them.

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Summer Girls' Camp: sponsored by the FSSP apostolate in Rapid City, SD, to take place from Jul 19 - 29, 2018 in the Black Hills, open to girls ages 13-16. Fr. Terrence Gordon, FSSP is the chaplain. Cost: \$325.00 For more details visit: <https://campmaterdei.weebly.com/contact.html> or contact Charity Marie: cmt7dolores@yahoo.com (701) 580-1115

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