

The Feast  
of the

# Annunciation

of the  
LORD



DO NOT BE AFRAID,

Mary,

for you have found  
favor with GOD.

Luke 1:30

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**March 23, 2025**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

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**Mon.** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Tues. - Thurs.**

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Fri.** 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Wednesday** 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

**Saturday** 4 - 4:45 p.m.

**Sunday** 7:45 - 8:15 a.m.

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## Third Sunday of Lent

### Overconfident?

As we get to the halfway point of Lent, we may be tempted to overconfidence: “The first three weeks weren’t so hard. I can go a few more weeks without the things I gave up. And I’ve only committed a few sins; maybe I’ll go to confession right before Easter.” If so, it might be a good idea to look at the second reading and the Gospel.

St. Paul says that anyone who is overconfident about their lack of sin “should take care not to fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12). He compares those people to the ones Moses brought through the desert. In fact, many were punished because they were tempted to follow false gods or to complain about the food and drink God provided them. Could the same thing happen to us?

One form of overconfidence rejecting what we learned as children. We may think, “I’m old enough to decide if I should go to church” or “I can take care of myself now; I don’t need God’s help.” If these sound familiar because you have thought that way yourself, Paul has a warning. His analogy of the Rock following the Hebrews in the desert refers to God’s constant presence to the people. In the same way, God is present to us today. But just as God was not pleased with those in the desert, God may not be pleased with us if we continue to ignore the Lord.

That brings us to the Gospel. In the parable of the fig tree, the owner is not pleased—the tree has not produced any fruit. Unlike the fig tree, God would be happy with any fruit we produce. We could be generous to the poor, we could fight for the unborn child’s right to life, or we could simply teach our children how to pray. Like the owner of the fig tree, God is patient, but we only have so much time. So when do you plan to bear fruit?

Tom Schmidt

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 22

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

7:00 p.m. Jekyll Deceased Parishioners  
(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

### Sunday, March 23

8:30 a.m. Vicedo Family, Rosa D’Arpino,  
David Castro

11:00 a.m. Our Diocesan Priests

6 p.m. Our Parish Family

### Monday, March 24

Noon Edward Sawicki

### Tuesday, March 25

Noon Carlos Pacheco (int.)

### Wednesday, March 26

8 a.m. Bruce Bowen

7 p.m. SFX Youth Group

### Thursday, March 27

8 a.m. Alice Perez

### Friday, March 28

8 a.m. Our Parish Family

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 29

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

7:00 p.m. Bill & Joe Coddington  
(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

### Sunday, March 30

8:30 a.m. Ognilla Family, Robert &  
Michael Johnson

11:00 a.m. Roger Moore

6 p.m. Gustavo Cortez

## Week of March 23, 2025

**Sunday Third Sunday of Lent** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
*Scrutiny Readings:* Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday** 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*Scrutiny Readings:* 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## Knights of Columbus State Charity Raffle

Up to 70 % of the proceeds from ticket sales will be used to benefit St. Francis Xavier School. The prizes are: 1st Place - \$5000, 2nd Place - \$2500, 3rd Place - \$1000. Tickets may be obtained through a member of the Knights. 1 ticket \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses and at the Fish Fry. Winners will be drawn on May 17th at the Georgia Knights of Columbus Convention. For more information, call Don Heinecke at 912-577-8722.



**The Knights of Columbus will be offering Fish Fry Dinners during Lent.**

The meals include fish, grits, hush puppies, slaw and iced tea. Cost **\$13.00** per person.

Grilled cheese sandwiches will also be available for \$2.00.

This is open to all our friends and families.

Tickets available at the door.

**The dates Friday, March 28, April 4 and 11**

**From 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.**

**SCAMMERS are CLEVER!**

**We WILL NOT send a text or email asking for FAVORS, MONEY or GIFT CARDS!**

**If you are unsure, call the Parish Office at 912-265-3249.**

## March 23, Third Sunday of Lent

Entrance: [I Heard the Voice of Jesus](#), 458

Offertory: [Turn to Me](#), 649

Communion: [Here I Am Lord](#), 393 [Save Your People](#), 134

Recessional: [Beyond the Days](#), 131

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once in a lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

—James Field

### Keep in touch with us via text!

Holiday Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone. TO SIGN UP, TEXT **SFX150** TO **84576**

SIGN UP ONLINE AT: [stfrancixaviercatholic2.flocknote.com](http://stfrancixaviercatholic2.flocknote.com)

Our **Youth Group** meets each Wednesday that school is in session and is open to all **rising 9th through 12th graders**. The youth rooms in the St. Joseph Family Center will be open at **3:30 pm** for homework or games, with an activity or sport beginning at **4:30 pm**, dinner is provided at **5:30 pm**, a spiritual lesson at **6:00 pm**, followed by Holy Mass at **7:00 pm**.

Sundays in the St. Anne Room  
**Adult Bible Study** meets between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Please come join us!

Our **Young Catholics** (18-35, single or married) meet each Friday night. Please contact the Church Office for more information.



**2025-26  
School Year**

# Admission

**NOW ACCEPTING  
NEW STUDENTS**



At St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, we are dedicated to fostering a Christ-centered learning environment where faith, academic excellence, and character development go hand in hand.

**Preschool  
3**

**8th  
grade**

**Apply Now**



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## Job Opportunities

**2025-2026 School Year**

**Guidance Counselor  
Teaching Positions  
Extended Day Program Aides  
Substitute Teachers**

- Employer paid benefits for full-time staff
- Employee short-term and long-term disability insurance
- Employee life and AD&D insurance
- Employer 401K contribution

- Voluntary Coverage
- Health and Dental Insurance (employee, spouse, family)

50% tuition discount for immediate family members.

Please email [amarr@sfxcs.org](mailto:amarr@sfxcs.org)  
No phone calls please.



**St. Francis Xavier Catholic School** invites you to participate as a Sponsor in the **Third Annual SFX 5K and Fun Run**. This event will commemorate the second

year of our new school located in historic Downtown Brunswick. The race will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 1129 Grant Street and continue into Hanover Square. The 5K will kick off at 7:30 A.M. through historic downtown Brunswick, with the Fun Run following. This full morning event is for the entire family with local food trucks, games, and awards to runners.

**First Friday, April 4th Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in the church from 1 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for silent prayer. Mass at 7 p.m. with Stations of the Cross afterwards.

The **Council of Catholic Women (CCW)** meets **April 8th** in the **Narthex**. If you are interested in joining, email [sfxccw@yahoo.com](mailto:sfxccw@yahoo.com).

St. Vincent de Paul requests grits, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, energy bars & jelly

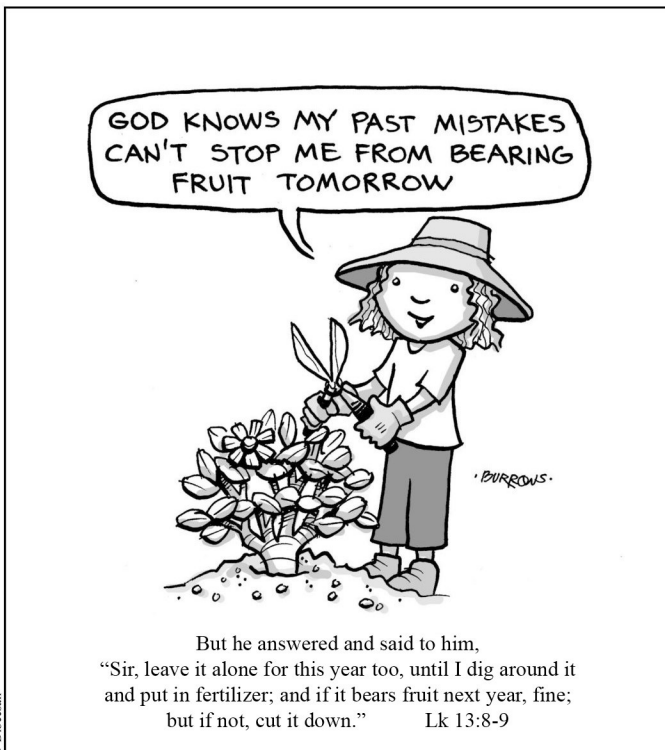
**First Holy Communion** for our PSR and St. Francis Xavier Catholic School students will be on Saturday, **May 11**, at **10:00 am**.

**Bishop Parkes** will join us to confer the Sacrament of **Confirmation** on our high school students at a special Mass on **Wednesday, May 28**, at **6:00 pm**.

Our **Young Adult Ministry** meets for fun, faith and fellowship on most Friday evenings. The Young Adult Ministry consists of **college students, FLETC students and young adults (single and married) between the ages of 18-35**.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



### 3rd Sunday of Lent

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Well Drink Living Water Spring  
Eternal Life Spirit Truth Savior

HERE I AM, LORD;  
I COME TO DO YOUR WILL.

