

4TH SUNDAY OF

LENT



March 30/Marzo 30 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation
Horario de
Confesiones**

Wednesday/Miércoles
6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves
7 - 8 p.m.

Saturday/ Sábados
4 - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday/Domingos
7:45 - 8:15 a.m.

Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs.

8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Oficina de Ministerio Hispano

Lunes- cerrado

Martes a Viernes:

12:30pm.-3pm.

Saturday: cerrado

Domingo: 9:30-11am

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4^º DOMINGO DE
CUARESMA

SUNDAY - Domingo

8:30 am (inglés), 11:00am. (inglés)
6:00 pm. (español)

MONDAY - Lunes

12:00 pm (inglés)

TUESDAY - Martes

12:00 pm (inglés)

WEDNESDAY - Miércoles

7:00 pm (inglés)

THURSDAY - Jueves

8:00 am (inglés), 7:00 pm Hora Santa

* adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

FRIDAY - Viernes 8:00 am (inglés)

Primer viernes de cada mes misa bilingüe a las 7:00 pm

SATURDAY - Sábado 5:00 pm (inglés)

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

Monday, March 31

Noon Lynda Sterrett

Tuesday, April 1

Noon Humberto Vasquez

Wednesday, April 2

8 a.m. Lara Grzenkowitz
7 p.m. Maria Elena Gutierrez

Thursday, April 3

8 a.m. Delfina Galindo Lopez
7 p.m. Penance Service

Friday, April 4

8 a.m. John Carlin
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5

5:00 p.m. Mike & Cathy Dowdy
7:00 p.m. Whitney Kline(int) & Allan Morgan
(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, April 6

8:30 a.m. Sylvia Studzinski (90) & Marion Sawicki
11:00 a.m. All Souls
6 p.m. Cirilo Ramirez

Fourth Sunday of Lent Hymns

Entrance: [We Remember](#), 477

Offertory: [Hosea](#), 654

Communion: [Taste and See](#), 337, [Loving and Forgiving](#), 653

Recessional - [Glory and Praise to Our God](#), 546

Week of March 30, 2025

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

Monday Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6, 8-9; Ps 51:12a, 14a; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Scrutiny Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Arm the Photon Torpedoes

Usually the first reading is picked to go with the Gospel. This week the connection appears to be a feast. The book of Joshua tells of the Israelites coming into the Promised Land, where they no longer needed to be fed with manna as in the desert. They had been wandering much longer than expected because of their unfaithfulness. But now they are forgiven, and so celebrate the Passover with food from the land. Then we hear the Gospel parable about another feast. This one is also a celebration of forgiveness, for the prodigal son has returned to his father, and the father's forgiveness shows us how willing God is to forgive us. That's where we end the parable, right?

Wrong. The parable continues with the older son's complaint about a feast for his brother. Did you notice the words of the father that "everything I have is yours" (Luke 15:31)? He's not just being sentimental because they are family. The younger brother had already taken *his* inheritance, so whatever was left will one day go to the older one. That son cannot forgive his brother and is angry at the father for welcoming the prodigal back. This is where we come in.

Most of us have no trouble asking God's forgiveness. But we may have trouble forgiving others. We are so used to thinking in terms of justice that we are not satisfied with forgiveness. When I have been hurt, I feel like hitting back. When you see an action movie, you don't want the bad guy to give up and say he's sorry—you expect him to be destroyed by the good guy, hopefully in a big fight or a spectacular explosion. (Superheroes, however, almost never kill the bad guy.)

So we have to ask ourselves whose idea of justice we live by. Is it the human expectation of an eye for an eye? Or is it God's justice, which is mercy and forgiveness? When someone cuts you off in traffic, do you feel like firing the photon torpedoes, or offering forgiveness? The Golden Rule could be "Forgive others as you would be forgiven." Jesus gave his life for the sins of the world. Do we have the right to ask for more

Tom Schmidt

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma - Arma los torpedos de fotones

El libro de Josué habla de la llegada de los israelitas a la Tierra Prometida, donde ya no necesitaban ser alimentados con maná como en el desierto. Habían estado vagando mucho más tiempo de lo esperado debido a su infidelidad. Pero ahora están perdonados, y por eso celebran la Pascua con alimentos de la tierra. Luego en el Evangelio escuchamos una parábola sobre otra fiesta. También es una celebración del perdón, porque el hijo pródigo ha vuelto a su padre, y el perdón del padre nos muestra qué tan dispuesto está Dios a perdonarnos a nosotros también, ¿verdad?

No. La parábola continúa con la queja del hijo mayor sobre una fiesta para su hermano. Ese hijo no puede perdonar a su hermano y está enojado con el padre por haberle dado la bienvenida al pródigo. Aquí es donde entramos nosotros. La mayoría de nosotros no tenemos problema pedirle perdón a Dios. Pero podemos tener problema perdonar a los demás. Estamos tan acostumbrados a pensar en términos de justicia que no estamos satisfechos con el perdón. Cuando me han hecho daño, siento ganas de devolver el golpe. Así que tenemos que preguntarnos de dónde viene la idea de justicia que vivimos. ¿Es la expectativa humana de ojo por ojo? ¿O es la justicia de Dios, que es misericordia y perdón? Cuando alguien te cierra el paso en el tráfico, ¿te dan ganas de disparar torpedos de fotones u ofrecer perdón? La regla de oro podría ser: "Perdona a los demás como te gustaría a ti ser perdonado". Jesús dio su vida por los pecados del mundo. ¿Tenemos derecho a pedir más?

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**.

Ministerio Juvenil, Grados 9 a 12. Nos Reunimos Todos Los Miercoles en los salones de la escuela de catecismo 3:30pm. A 7:30pm, los esperamos!

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.

Los caballeros de Colon estaran vendiendo un platillo de filete de pescado acompañado de Grits, coleslaw y hush puppies, incluye bebida. El costo sera de \$13/ por platillo. Los tickets se estaran vendiendose en la entrada del salon parroquial!

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Todos los Viernes de cuaresma tendremos viacrucis en la iglesia a las 8pm. y El 3 de abril tendremos el servicio de Reconciliacion desde las 7pm.

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.



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Please email 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.

Penance Service, April 3 at 7 p.m.

El 3 de abril tendremos el servicio de penitencia (confesión) a las 7pm.
Tendremos más de un sacerdote!

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

4 de abril, Primer viernes del mes tendremos al santísimo sacramento expuesto en la iglesia desde la 1pm. Hasta las 7pm., después tendremos las estaciones de la cruz en inglés y a las 8pm. En español!

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

Primera comunión, para nuestros estudiantes de la escuela dominical de catecismo y para los estudiantes de la escuela católica de san francisco Xavier, el sábado **11 de Mayo a las 10am**.

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**.

El Obispo Parkes nos estará acompañando para conferir el sacramento de confirmación a nuestros estuave preparatoria, en una misa especial el **miércoles 28 de marzo a las 6pm**.

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

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

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**.

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:
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