



**LET THE ONE  
AMONG YOU WHO  
IS WITHOUT SIN**  
BE THE FIRST TO THROW A STONE

**April 6/Abril 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Quinto 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**

**AQUEL DE  
USTEDES QUE NO  
TENGA PECADO**  
QUE LE TIRE LA PRIMERA PIEDRA

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**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, 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

**Monday, April 7**

Noon Buddy Brumit, Pedro Feliciano Bautista &  
Diane Simmons

**Tuesday, April 8**

Noon Glenn Sparks

**Wednesday, April 9**

8 a.m. Lara Grzenkowitz

7 p.m. Mike & Cathy Dowdy

**Thursday, April 10**

8 a.m. Dorcas-Ehlman Families & Candido del Mundo

**Friday, April 11**

8 a.m. Our Parish Family

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 12**

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

7:00 p.m. Kimberly Daub (int.)

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

**Sunday, April 13**

8:30 a.m. Warren & Blouin Families

11:00 a.m. Olga Sevilla, John & Mary Elizabeth McBride

6 p.m. Victor Manuel Lemus Sosa

**Entrance:**

Sat: These Alone are Enough, 405

Sun.: O God our help in ages past, 576

**Offertory**

What Wondrous Love is This, 422

**Communion**

Sat: Only this I Want, 484, The Jesus  
Song, 411

Sun.: The Lord is my Hope, 466 Only  
This I Want, 484

**Closing**

Sat: Lord, Who Throughout These  
Forty Days, 140

Sun: Lead Me Lord, 725

**Week of April 6, 2025**

**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

**Monday** Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday** Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday** Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday** Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent God's Justice**

The story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery is sometimes considered as a put-down of the scribes and Pharisees. While their motive for bringing the woman to Jesus was to test him, they were technically trying to uphold the law. But they were hoping to get Jesus to cause a scandal by refuting the law, or, if he upheld the law, the woman would be killed with Jesus' approval. Jesus had a better idea. He shows that God's justice is mercy and forgiveness. When he told them that the one without sin could be first to throw a stone, he knew that they all were sinners one way or another. And a sinner could not judge another sinner. He also knew that someone whose sins were forgiven would be willing to forgive the woman.

That's what St. Paul means in the second reading when he says he did not have "any righteousness of my own based on the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ" (Philippians 3:9). He says he has given up the idea of making himself righteous (right with God) by keeping the laws of his people. Now he depends on his faith in Christ and Christ's forgiveness, which was shown in his death and resurrection. He is even willing to follow Christ in suffering and eventually death, so that he too can share the Resurrection. Why did Paul come to this kind of faith? Because he had been forgiven for persecuting Christians. And he had persecuted them, not because he was evil, but because he thought he was keeping the law.

Jesus probably surprised the woman when he let her go. He was the only one who could have judged her, but he chose to forgive. Just as the woman was changed by the mercy of Christ, Paul too was affected by being forgiven by the One whom he was persecuting (Acts 9:4).

So is keeping the law a bad thing? No, but the important thing is why we keep the law. We can do it like the Pharisees—keeping the law as a status symbol: "I'm too good (or too important) to break the law." Or we can choose to follow Jesus' way of love. Then we still keep the laws and commandments, only because they are examples of how to love God and love each other. For we too have been forgiven by Jesus on the cross. As we approach Holy Week, let us remember how much Jesus has done for us.

Tom Schmidt

### **Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma La justicia de Dios**

La historia de Jesús y la mujer sorprendida en adulterio se considera a veces como una forma de menospreciar a los escribas y fariseos. Si bien su motivo para llevar a la mujer ante Jesús era ponerlo a prueba, técnicamente estaban tratando de mantener la ley. Pero esperaban que Jesús causara un escándalo refutando la ley o, si la defendía, asesinarían a la mujer con la aprobación de Jesús. Jesús tuvo una idea mejor. Demuestra que la justicia de Dios es misericordia y perdón. Cuando les dijo que el que no tenía pecado podría ser el primero en tirar una piedra, sabía que todos eran pecadores de una manera u otra, y un pecador no podía juzgar a otro pecador. También sabía que alguien que había recibido el perdón de sus pecados estaría dispuesto a perdonar a la mujer.

Eso es lo que quiere decir San Pablo en la segunda lectura cuando dice que no tenía "justificación que proviene de la ley, sino la que procede de la fe en Cristo Jesús" (Filipenses 3,9). Pablo dice que ha renunciado a la idea de hacerse justo (estar bien con Dios) guardando las leyes de su pueblo. Ahora depende de su fe en Cristo y del perdón de Cristo, que se mostró en su muerte y resurrección. Incluso está dispuesto a seguir a Cristo en el sufrimiento y, finalmente, en la muerte, para que él también pueda compartir la Resurrección. ¿Por qué Pablo llegó a esta clase de fe? Porque había sido perdonado por perseguir a los cristianos. Los había perseguido, no porque fuera malo, sino porque pensaba que estaba cumpliendo la ley.

Es probable que Jesús sorprendió a la mujer cuando la dejó ir. Era el único que podía haberla juzgado, pero eligió perdonar. Así como la mujer fue cambiada por la misericordia de Cristo, Pablo también fue afectado por ser perdonado por Aquel a quien perseguía (Hechos 9,4).

Entonces, ¿guardar la ley es algo malo? No, pero lo importante es la razón por lo cual la guardamos. Podemos hacerlo como los fariseos, guardando la ley como símbolo de estatus: "Soy demasiado bueno (o demasiado importante) para quebrantar la ley". O podemos elegir seguir el camino del amor de Jesús. En ese caso, seguiremos guardando las leyes y los mandamientos solo porque son ejemplos de cómo amar a Dios y amarnos unos a otros. Porque nosotros también hemos sido perdonados por Jesús en la cruz. Al acercarnos a la Semana Santa, recordemos cuánto ha hecho Jesús por nosotros.

Tom Schmidt

### **An Invitation to all- Lenten Taize' Service April 15th at 7pm at St. Francis Xavier Church**

What is Taize'? Taizé Prayer is a distinctive style of meditative prayer developed by an ecumenical community of monks in rural France. This quiet, moving reflective prayer hour combines elements of the Church's traditional Liturgy of the Hours with elements of contemplative meditation. A typical Taizé prayer service incorporates periods of silence with meditative readings from Scripture, prayers of intercession, and the frequent repetition of simple, contemporary chants repeated over and over. This creates a beautiful and meditative prayer hour suitable for Lent.

Invite a friend or neighbor and join us!

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 Fish Fry Dinners**

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. **Last Chance April 11 From 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.**

*Los caballeros de Colon estaran viendo 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.

## EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 8 p.m. Bilingual

8 a.m. Jekyll Island Morgan Center

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

6 p.m. In Spanish

The **music ministry** is still looking to hire a pianist or organist (even just occasionally to fill in).

We are also looking for a choir director.

Please let one of the cantors, Priests, Deacons, or Ann on the office know if you are interested or would like more information.

**First Holy Communion** for our PSR and St. Francis Xavier Catholic School students will be on Saturday, **May 10**, 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 **10 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 estudiantes 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](mailto:sfxccw@yahoo.com).

**St. Vincent de Paul** requests rice, chicken broth, black beans and canned fruit.

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**.





Winners received a certificate and a cash award of \$25.00

Kindergarten: Nicholas Harris

Grade 1 & 2: Sydney McCown

Grade 3 & 4: Emma Evans

Grade 5 & 6: MaKenna Clark

Grade 7 & 8: Sofia Sobala

Sofia Sobala also Placed 2nd in the State of Georgia for 7th and 8th grade. She was presented with a certificate and a check for \$50.00 from District Deputy Dennis Foster and Grand Knight Greg Marr. Her award-winning poster will go onto the National Competition at the Supreme Council of the Knight of Columbus. The Knights would like to offer congratulations to all the students who participated in the contest.



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[stfrancisxaviercatholic2.flocknote.com](http://stfrancisxaviercatholic2.flocknote.com)

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