

The Week Ahead
Questions regarding the calendar? email
parish.calendar@sfxsj.org
Calendar is subject to change.

<u>Date / Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday 3-23 9:00-11:00AM 5:30-6:00PM 6:00-9:00PM 6:30-8:30PM 7:00-8:00PM	St. Theresa of Avila Contemplative Prayer Adult RCIA Spanish First Degree K of C SVDP	St. Francis Xavier Rm 1 The Arrupe Rm 3 St. Francis Xavier Rm 1 The Loyola Rm 2 Manresa Rm 8
Tuesday 3-24 12:30-2:00PM 5:30-6:00PM 6:30-8:30PM 6:30-8:30PM 7:00-8:00PM 8:00-9:00PM	Legion of Mary Contemplative Prayer Spanish Bible Study St. Theresa of Avila Lenten Praise & Worship Spanish Choir	Church (West Confessional) The Arrupe Rm 3 Manresa Rm 8 Padre Kino Rm 4 Church Church
Wednesday 3-25 5:30-6:00PM 6:30-8:00PM 6:30-9:30PM 6:30-8:00PM 6:30-8:30PM	Contemplative Prayer Legion of Mary Adult RCIA English Knights of Columbus Adult Education Class	The Arrupe Rm 3 Manresa Rm 8 St. Francis Xavier Rm 1 The Loyola Rm 2 Padre Kino Rm4 Library
Thursday 3-26 5:30-6:00PM 6:00-9:00PM 6:00-9:00PM 6:30-8:30PM 6:30-8:30PM	Contemplative Prayer Catechist Training Eng. Catechist Training Span. Choir Practice Understanding Catholicism	The Arrupe Rm 3 The Loyola Rm 2 St. Francis Xavier Rm 1 Church 4700 N. Central Ste 106
Friday 3-27 11:30-Noon 6:00-7:00PM	Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross Bilingual	Church Church
Saturday 3-28 8:00AM-1:00PM 3:00-5:00PM	MOMS Retreat Confessions	ISC Church
Sunday 3-29		



It is that time of year again as we ask for your physical help in assisting low income homeowners. We will be working on a mobile home in the Sunnyslope area on "Rebuilding Day" Sat. April 11, 2015. In return we get a t-shirt, sore muscles, maybe a blister or two. Also a deep sense of satisfaction from helping someone who really needs help. Please call Gerry @ 602-230-7073 if you can help, or have any questions. Thank you.

~BRAND NEW CDS FOR SALE~

It's CD time again! The St. Francis Xavier Music Department is releasing two brand new music compilations featuring our fabulous musicians!

Draw Me Nearer

Songs celebrating the Lent and Easter season.

Our Favorite Psalms

Some of the most beloved Psalms we sing at St. Francis.

They will be available on March 22nd in the Vestibule and in the Marian Shop.

We again appreciate your love and support as we use our talents to glorify Him!



Gratitude
A MOMS RETREAT

Join us as we reflect on living out our lives in gratitude and teaching the children we love to do the same!

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 - 9AM-12PM
IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Over 50 years ago I was beginning my life as a Jesuit in the “Novitiate” - the place where “Novices” lived, we did not call it “seminary”. The Jesuit formation program is divided into “levels”: two years in the Novitiate, two years studying Christian Philosophy, three years working “in the field”, such as teaching at a Jesuit high school or university, three years studying Theology in preparation ordination, then ordination.

This is a long way around to get to my point. When I was in the Novitiate in Los Gatos, CA, a Jesuit professor from the near-by school of Theology would come to us and give the “novices” a series of lectures on either the Old or New Testament. One of the Old Testament professors kept repeating these words taken from our first reading for today from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

I focus on these words of promise. They were given to the Israelites and they are just as applicable to us today, “I will be their God and they shall be my people”. As we move through the Lenten season, we are repeatedly asked to reflect on our lives and make sure we are “keeping the law that God has placed within our hearts”.

These words have echoed in my mind and heart for more than 50 years, “I will be your God and you will be mine.” So the call to Lenten reflection arises out of love not fear. God is with us! The Holy Spirit has been given to us in baptism and this is an enduring truth. Our life’s journey is full of twists and turns, unexpected blessings, seemingly insurmountable obstacles and crosses that are undeniably heavy.

We have to daily make our Act of Faith in the Trinity so as to traverse our journey. We have to exercise our Faith to remind us that God is with us ALWAYS, even when his presence seems very quiet and distant.

God does not lie! “I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they will my people.”

With this promise in mind, we prepare to go to Jerusalem Jesus - the joy of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Passion and crucifixion and the resurrection.

Jesus trusted in his Father’s love. Jesus gave his all for us. We are called to trust absolutely in God’s promise to us: “*I will be your God and you will be mine.*” Thank You, Lord.

Blessings,

Fr. Dan Sullivan, S.J.

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos,

Hace más de 50 años estaba empezando mi vida como jesuita en el “Noviciado” - el lugar donde los “Novicios” vivían, nosotros no le llamábamos “seminario”. El programa de formación jesuita está dividido en “niveles”: dos años en el Noviciado, dos años estudiando Filosofía Cristiana, tres años trabajando “en el campo de enseñanza” como maestros en una Preparatoria Jesuita o universidad, tres años estudiando Teología en preparación para la ordenación y finalmente la ordenación.

Esta es una larga jornada para llegar a mi punto. Cuando estaba en el Noviciado en Los Gatos, CA, un profesor jesuita de una escuela de Teología cercana venía a nosotros, los novicios, a impartir una serie de conferencias sobre el Antiguo o Nuevo Testamento. Uno de los profesores del Antiguo Testamento repetías estas palabras tomadas de nuestra primera lectura de hoy del Libro del Profeta Jeremías:

Ésta será la alianza nueva que voy a hacer con la casa de Israel: Voy a poner mi ley en lo más profundo de su mente y voy a grabarla en sus corazones. Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo.

Me enfocaré en estas palabras de la promesa. Se les dio a los Israelitas y son tan aplicables para nosotros hoy en día, “Yo seré su Dios y ellos mi pueblo”. A medida que avanza la temporada de Cuaresma, se nos pide repetidamente que reflexionemos en nuestras vidas y nos aseguremos que estamos “respetando la ley que Dios ha grabado en nuestros corazones”.

Estas palabras han hecho eco en mi mente y en mi corazón por más de 50 años, “yo seré su Dios y ustedes serán míos”. Así que el llamado cuaresmal a la reflexión surge del amor y no del temor. ¡Dios está con nosotros! El Espíritu Santo se nos ha dado en el bautizo y esta es una verdad perdurable. La jornada de nuestra vida está llena de giros y vueltas, bendiciones inesperadas, obstáculos inesperadamente insuperables y cruces que son innegablemente pesadas.

Tenemos que hacer a diario nuestro Acto de Fe en la Trinidad con el fin de recorrer nuestro camino. Tenemos que ejercitar nuestra fe para recordarnos que Dios está SIEMPRE con nosotros, incluso cuando su presencia parece muy tranquila y distante.

¡Dios no miente! “Voy a poner mi ley en lo más profundo de su mente y voy a grabarla en sus corazones; Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo.”

Con esta promesa en mente, nos preparamos para ir a Jerusalén de Jesús - la alegría del Domingo de Ramos, la Última Cena, la Pasión y Crucifixión y la resurrección.

Jesús confió en el amor de su Padre. Jesús dio todo por nosotros. Tenemos un llamado a confiar absolutamente en la promesa de Dios para nosotros: Yo seré su Dios y ustedes serán míos.” Gracias, Señor.

Bendiciones,

Padre, Dan Sullivan, S.J.



Realizing *the* Master's Plan

St. Francis Xavier Parish & School
EXPANDING THE JESUIT PRESENCE IN ARIZONA

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

You can be a part of creating the new Chapel!

I am pleased to share with you a visual overview of the Chapel that will be located on the southeast side of the parish complex. Seating 40, the new Chapel will provide the perfect setting for smaller group gatherings, weddings, baptisms, and life celebrations. As I have previously shared, the Chapel is available for a naming opportunity as a \$750,000 sponsorship.

Parishioners will be pleased to see the Chapel has been designed to showcase some of St. Francis Xavier's most treasured items of historical significance. The following areas are available for sponsorship:

- The altar, with the original tabernacle from the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Convent, will be the Chapel centerpiece. *SPONSORED*
- Three stained-glass panels, dating back to the 1930s, featuring the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, were originally set in square frames. The three pieces have been completely restored and updated with the addition of stained-glass arch panels to more dramatically diffuse the light. The stained glass will be backlit, allowing the beauty of the pieces to truly shine from their placement 15 feet above the altar. *\$70,000 sponsorship per panel*

- The Narthex will welcome parishioners to the Chapel and feature an artwork niche to accommodate the custom piece designed for the space. *\$60,000 sponsorship*
- The Crucifix, designed specifically for the Chapel, is being handmade in Italy by the same family who created the Crucifix above the altar in the Church. *SPONSORED*
- Six chandeliers, reminiscent of earlier times and designs, will provide diffused lighting throughout the Chapel. *\$42,000 sponsorship*
- Of special note, a second-level parlor overlooks the Chapel providing a private family space during services and doubles as an additional meeting room. *\$100,000 sponsorship*

This is a monumental time for St. Francis Xavier as we witness our new Parish Hall and Education & Community Outreach Center rise from the ground. Never has the time been more critical for your participation and support.

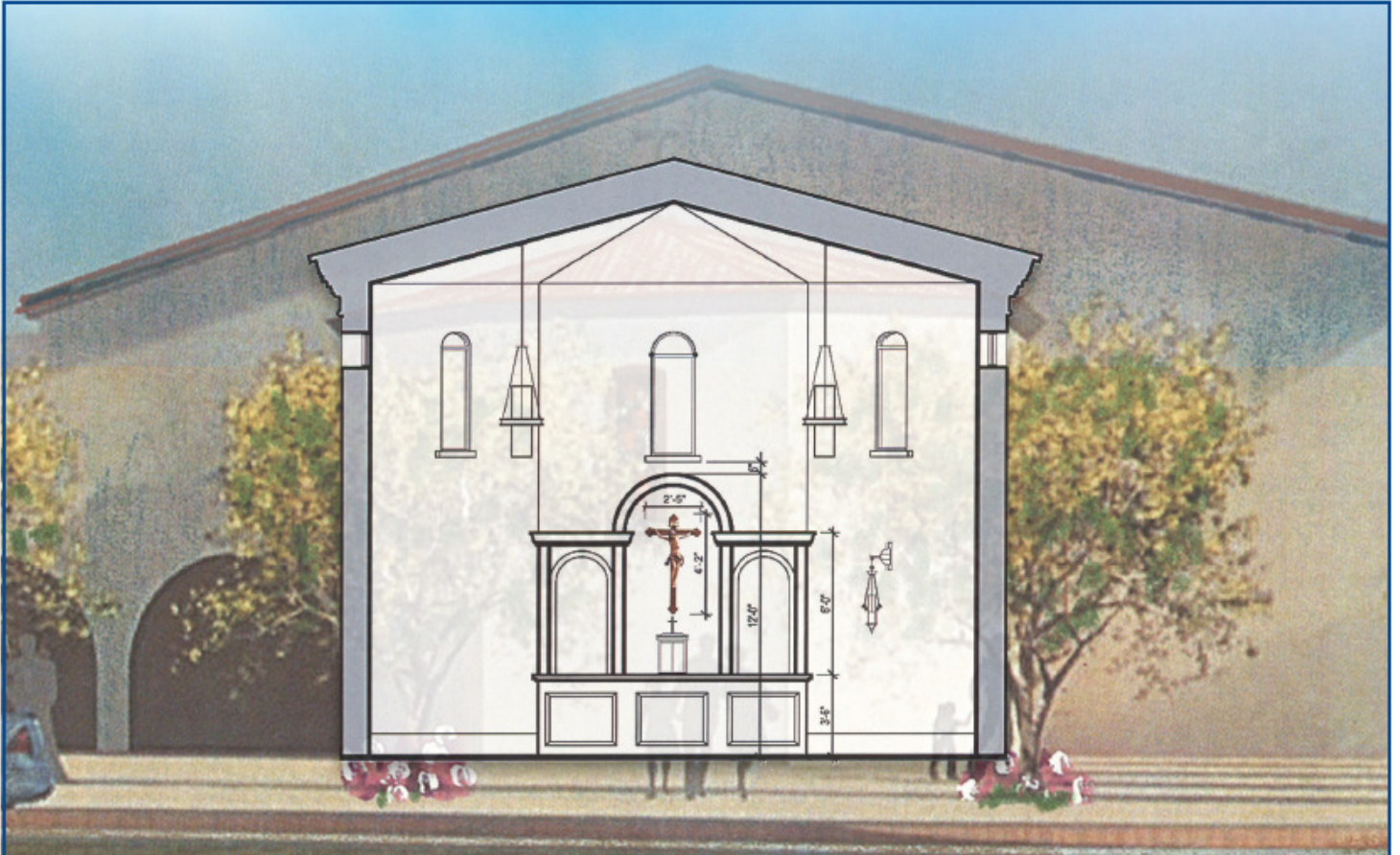
The Time is **Now...** I am asking **every** Parishioner and School family to join TEAM 100 with a donation to *Realize the Master's Plan*.

Thank you in advance,

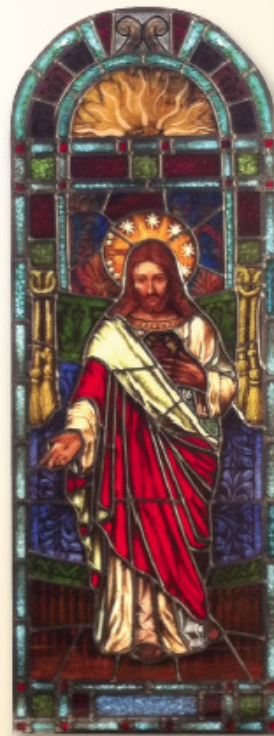
Rev. Daniel J. Sullivan, S.J.
Pastor



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Chapel Stained Glass



Mass Intentions for the Week

March 23	6:15 AM	Fr. Muller	Mrs. Vespa †
	Noon	Fr. Sullivan	V.M. Thomas †
March 24	6:15 AM	Fr. Sauer	Eric Salvatierra †
	Noon	Fr. Togni	Pete & Barbara Ardans †
March 25	6:15 AM	Fr. Sullivan	Mrs. Bryan †
	Noon	Fr. Sauer	Mary & Barney Dimford †
March 26	6:15 AM	Fr. Rivera	Shirlino Villanueva †
	Noon	Fr. Togni	Julie Mudrick (Int)
March 27	6:15AM	Fr. Sauer	Mrs. Jane Bowler †
	Noon	Fr. Rivera	Connie Kelly Barsanti †
March 28	8:00 AM	Fr. Sullivan	Entire Parish
	5:30 PM	Fr. Sauer	Entire Parish
March 29	7:00 AM	Fr. Muller	Entire Parish
	9:00 AM	Fr. Sullivan	Entire Parish
	11:00 AM	Fr. Rivera	Entire Parish
	1:00 PM	Fr. Togni	Entire Parish
	5:00 PM	Fr. Sauer	Entire Parish

The Marian Shop

Catholic Gifts and Books for All Occasions

Shop our large selection of
First Communion * Confirmation * Baptism
Wedding * Bibles * Rosaries
Crucifixes * Jewelry * Lotions * Coffee * Olive Oil
Greeting Cards and Gift Bags
New Merchandise coming in daily
We welcome special orders

50% Off
On Selected Rosaries
During March

Volunteers needed for Sunday

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 5th SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next Sunday members of St Vincent De Paul will be at all the church exits collecting cash donations for the poor of this Parish. This collection provides the means to support the needy of our Parish. Please be generous to this important effort. Our members attempt to follow the guidance of Jesus by visiting and assisting the poor requesting help. We serve between 40 and 60 families per week throughout the year, and we depend upon the heartfelt generosity of you --- our fellow parishioners. Your donations make this effort possible!!!

Let us work together to reach the helpless and hurting whom God loves as much as He loves you. Thank you and God bless you.

WE PRAY FOR... ORAMOS

Trevor Collins (Int) Ednamarie Haggerty (Int)
Teddy Florez (Int) Raul Diaz (Int)
Asa Jordan (Int) Cecilia Saavedra (Int)
Irene Figueroa (Int) Pat MacInnis (Int)
Heidi Hall Cave (Int) Bernie Dinglasan (Int)
Emil Madanat (Int) Gracie Challoner (Int)
Fr. Alonso DeBlas O.F.M. †

All Military Personnel & All First Responders

Readings for the week of March 22, 2015

Sunday **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday **Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;
Ps 23; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday **The Annunciation of the Lord**
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39