

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are now beginning the Third Week of Lent. In my homily for last weekend, I focused my reflections on the Old Testament reading from the Book of Exodus which narrates the story of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his only son to show his unconditional love for God. Granted, there is no question that the mystery and the unknowability of God are wrapped in this story. Abraham was faithful to God; God was faithful to Abraham in telling him to not kill his son but a sacrificial lamb instead. The lesson we draw from this story is that Abraham proved to be an “obedient listener” to God’s Word and Spirit.

As we attempt to apply this story to our lives during Lent, we reflect on God’s unconditional love as he sacrificed his only Son, Jesus, for us. We are loved without merit. We are forgiven our sins. We journey toward eternal life. Like Abraham we are called to be “obedient listeners.”

What do we listen for? In the din of all sorts of competing voices that assail us, what do we listen to or for to hear God’s voice so that I may follow it? We can always rely on the basics: Scripture, Tradition, The Magisterium of the Church and our own human experience. This Sunday in the Gospel of Mark we read the Commandments. This is one place where we can go for reflection on how I can be a better “obedient listener” to God and act of what I hear.

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:

I, the LORD am your God...you shall not have other gods besides me.

You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain.

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”

As an “obedient listener”, how do I hear God’s Word today and live out of that experience guided by the Holy Spirit?

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Dan Sullivan, S.J.

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos,

Ahora estamos empezando la Tercera Semana de Cuaresma. En la homilía de la semana pasada, enfoqué mis reflexiones en la lectura del Antiguo Testamento del Libro del Éxodo que narra la historia de Dios pidiéndole a Abraham que sacrifique su único hijo para demostrar su amor incondicional por Dios. Por supuesto, no hay duda que el misterio y el desconocimiento de Dios están envueltos en esta historia. Abraham fue fiel a Dios; Dios fue fiel a Abraham al decirle que no matara a su hijo sino que sacrificara a un cordero en su lugar. La lección que aprendemos de esta historia es que Abraham demostró ser un “oyente obediente” a la palabra y Espíritu de Dios.

Al intentar aplicar esta historia en nuestras vidas durante la Cuaresma, reflexionamos en el amor incondicional de Dios al sacrificar a su único Hijo, Jesús, por nosotros. Somos amados sin mérito. Somos perdonados por nuestros pecados. Caminamos hacia la vida eterna. Como Abraham tenemos un llamado a ser “oyentes obedientes”.

¿Qué es lo que queremos escuchar? En el fragor de todo tipo de voces que nos atacan, ¿Qué es lo que queremos o buscamos escuchar en la voz de Dios para que pueda seguirla? Siempre podemos confiar en lo básico: las Escrituras, la Tradición, el Magisterio de la Iglesia y nuestra propia experiencia humana. Este domingo en el Evangelio de Marcos leemos los Mandamientos. Este es un lugar en donde podemos ir a reflexionar en cómo puedo ser un mejor “oyente obediente” de Dios y actuar sobre lo que oigo.

En aquellos días, Dios entregó esto mandamientos:

Yo soy el Señor, tu Dios...no habrá para ti otros Dioses delante de mí.

No tomarás en falso el nombre del Señor tu Dios.

Guardarás el día del sábado para santificarlo.

Honrarás a tu padre y a tu madre.

No matarás.

No cometerás adulterio.

No robarás.

No darás testimonio falso contra tu prójimo.

No codiciarás la casa de tu prójimo.

No codiciarás la mujer de tu prójimo, ni su siervo, ni su sierva, ni su buey, ni su asno, ni nada que sea de tu prójimo.

Como un “oyente obediente”, ¿cómo escucho hoy la palabra de Dios y vivo esa experiencia guiada por el Espíritu Santo?

Bendiciones de Cuaresma,

Padre, Dan Sullivan, S.J.



*Realizing
the Master's Plan*

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

We are on our way...thanks to you with \$1.7 million raised!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Just a year ago, we shared the exciting opportunity to *Realize the Master's Plan* at St. Francis Xavier Parish and School. Thank you to all who responded to my requests and joined TEAM 100 in 2014.

Because of so many of you, we are on track to match the Anderson Family Foundation \$5 million matching grant and complete the final phase of the capital campaign that will build the facilities to serve the multidimensional programming St. Francis Xavier provides to our parishioners and community at large. Just a year ago, The Anderson Family Foundation announced its \$5 million challenge grant. Since that time, \$1.7 million has been raised toward our goal of \$6.6 million capital campaign goal. We have \$4.9 million left to raise!

Realizing the Master's Plan at St. Francis Xavier Parish and School will ensure a continuum of Jesuit education from children at our school, to adults in our parish, to outreach in our community. The Parish expansion will enhance the lives of our parishioners and neighbors through programmatic and educational opportunities at our Education & Community Outreach Center. Parish Hall will provide parishioners onsite accommodations to host wedding receptions, family funeral gatherings, life celebrations and much needed community meeting space. We have created an educational setting unmatched, where our pre-school through 8th grade students are thriving.

Our goal, our collective New Year's Resolution at St. Francis Xavier Parish and School is to have every parishioner, every school family join TEAM 100 in 2015 and *Realize the Master's Plan*. The time is now!

God Bless,

Fr. Daniel J. Sullivan, S.J.
Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



PRE-MISSION CONCERT
MARCH 9TH – 6:30-7:00 PM
FEATURING SFX STUDENTS:

Miss Charlotte Lockett
Miss Bryn Murphy
Miss Jessica Jacoby
&
SINGERS FROM ST. FRANCIS:

Nikka del Rosario
Jayson Isiderio
Mrs. Amy Burns

Please come and support your fellow students! It will be an awesome night and beautiful



Please join the MOMS ministry for our monthly session Thursday, March 5 from 6:30-8:30 in the Ignatian Spirituality Center back room.

Our focus this month is "Easter with our families". Save the date of Saturday March 28th 9-12 for our mini-retreat on "Gratitude". All women are welcome!!

To learn more about MOMS or to receive our daily prayer text messages, email us at: sfxmoms@gmail.com or find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/sfxmoms

Technical Artistry
 ~ Music & Spoken Word ~
 'Sipping on Grace'
 Monday, March 9th
 7:00PM Concert
 A Lenten Event focused
 On the gifts of Grace



St. Francis Xavier
 4715 North Central
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SFX 2015

S A F A R I

TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Fun Fest Safari
 Saturday, March 21, 2015
 9AM to 3PM

Please join us for a day of FUN!

BURGER & HOT DOG BAR
 GAMES ◊ FOOD ◊ BOUNCERS
 BAKE SALE ◊ BOOK SALE
 NACHOS ◊ COTTON CANDY
 GIFT BOUTIQUE ◊ ROCK WALL
 SALSA CHALLENGE ◊ RAFFLE
 AND MUCH MORE!

Questions please contact
 Stacey Kilb at 602-524-5440

Today, March 8, 2015 Cradle Sunday at St. Francis Xavier Church in support of **Life Choices Women's Clinics Needs:**

- Diapers sizes 3 & 4
- Baby wipes
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Gently used maternity and baby clothing
- Household items for the thrift store

For more info visit: <https://www.lcwcaz.org/donate/>
 OR call the clinic directly at 602-305-5100
 Questions? Want to help with Cradle Sunday?
SylviaLWhite@gmail.com

Your are invited to the

CHRISM MASS

THE MASS OF OILS


AND

PRIESTLY COMMITMENT

MONDAY EVENING
March 30, 2015
7:00 P.M.

SS. SIMON & JUDE CATHEDRAL

All Priests will renew their Priestly Commitment



Mass Intentions for the Week

March 9	6:15 AM	Fr. Muller	Valenzuela Family (Int)
	Noon	Fr. Sauer	Kathy Julien †
March 10	6:15 AM	Fr. Sauer	Linda Kay Snead-Toney †
	Noon	Fr. Togni	Bobby Michelena, Jr. †
March 11	6:15 AM	Fr. Sullivan	Brian Zanzucchi †
	Noon	Fr. Rivera	Kathy Julien †
March 12	6:15 AM	Fr. Rivera	Yvonne Villalanti †
	Noon	Fr. Togni	Kathy Julien †
March 13	6:15AM	Fr. Sauer	Del Murphy †
	Noon	Fr. Rivera	Fr. Maurice Brill †
March 14	8:00 AM	Fr. Togni	Entire Parish
	5:30 PM	Fr. Rivera	Entire Parish
March 15	7:00 AM	Fr. Rivera	Entire Parish
	9:00 AM	Fr. Sullivan	Entire Parish
	11:00 AM	Fr. Sullivan	Entire Parish
	1:00 PM	Fr. Togni	Entire Parish
	5:00 PM	Fr. Muller	Entire Parish

The Marian Shop

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Confirmation
Baptism
One stop shopping
Greeting cards * gift bags * Scapulars
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Holy water fonts * DVD'S * PICTURES
AND MUCH MORE

SPECIAL ORDERS OUR SPECIALTY

SU TIENDA DE REGALOS CATÓLICA

- Primera Comunion
- Confirmación
- Bautismo

Tarjetas de felicitación * bolsas de regalo * escapularios
Luces de la noche * Tarjetas de Santos * monedas de bolsillo

Biblias en Español * Botellas para agua bendita *
Y MUCHO MÁS

PEDIDOS ESPECIALES ES NUESTRA ESPECIALIDAD

Understanding Catholicism

For those who are interested in studying the Bible, the sessions will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 4700 N. Central, Suite 106. That's in the shopping center across Central from the church and behind Hula's restaurant.

The classes are free and are open to anyone who wants to know more about their Catholic religion, or to others who want to know about what Catholics believe.

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)
Russel Thomas Orr † Elise Weinard (Int)

*All Military Personnel & All First
Responders*

Readings for the week of March 8, 2015

Sunday Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Monday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10;
Jn 3:14-21