

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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Third Sunday of **LENT**

March 24, 2019



“Sir, leave the fig tree
for another year;
perhaps it will bear fruit.”



Luke 13:8-9



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In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a man who had planted a fig tree in his orchard. The fig tree was not bearing fruit, and the owner was ready to give up. The gardener is more patient. He will cultivate the soil around it and fertilize it. Then, if it still fails to bear fruit, it can be cut down. The parable tells of God's patient mercy. Like the gardener, the Lord wants us to be rooted in God's merciful love and live fruitful lives, responsive to the grace and goodness in which we stand. Like the fig tree, however, we sometimes fail to bear good fruit, remaining dormant, living for ourselves, grumbling when we face challenges rather than relying on the fertilizer of the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Moses was never the same after his encounter with God on Mount Horeb. We are called to be open to an encounter with God's love every day. Lent is a season when we more consciously turn away from sin and toward God, opening ourselves to conversion, change of mind and heart, in order to be touched and changed by the Lord's

patient mercy. Doing so, we can be sure we will never be the same again.

CULTIVATING HOLY GROUND

There are three traditional Lenten practices that help us to cultivate the ground of our lives in order to grow in holiness and bear good fruit: prayer, which deepens our relationship with God and strengthens our desire to live as followers of Jesus; fasting, through which we heighten our hunger for God and become more attentive to the hunger and needs of others; almsgiving: sacrificing time, money, or resources in order to share God's merciful love with the poor and vulnerable. As we continue to journey through Lent, cultivate the holy ground of your life through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, so that you may live fruitfully and well.

Today's Readings: 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

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Mass Intentions For The Week



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March 23 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Raymond Yocum† <i>(Yocum Family)</i>
March 24 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Ruth Ann Harrigan† <i>(Jim & Diana Barker)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Thanh Nguyen & Family <i>(Mr. & Mrs. Tham V. Nguyen)</i>
March 25 8:00 A.M.	MONDAY Joseph A. Patrello† <i>(Cathy & Roger Frame)</i>
March 26 8:00 A.M.	TUESDAY Living and deceased members of the Vilkoski Family <i>(Norman & Barbara Vilkoski)</i>
March 27 8:00 A.M.	Blessings for Granddaughter's Wedding <i>(Mr. & Mrs. Tham V. Nguyen)</i>
March 28 8:00 A.M.	THURSDAY For my grandparents <i>(Monica Oanh Do)</i>
MARCH 29 8:00 A.M.	FRIDAY Don Leonard† <i>(Sandina Leonard)</i>
MARCH 30 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Doris Pavilkey† <i>(Joe, her son)</i>
MARCH 31 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Craig Madden† <i>(Maria Minor & Family)</i>
10:00 A.M.	For the people

Communal Penance Service

Sunday, March 31st at 6:30 P.M.

St. Francis Xavier Church

Homilist: Father Gary Naegele

Confessors: Father That Son Nguyen,
Father John Ledford, & Father Arul Anthony

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

3/30 4:00 p.m. Danny Prado/ Mary Taskalines

3/31 8:00 a.m. Rose Hess/ John Hess

3/31 10:00 a.m. Chis Mc Donald/ L. Yoho

Altar Servers:

3/30 4:00 p.m. Whitelatch

3/31 8:00 a.m. Kent

3/31 10:00 a.m. Miller/ Swift

Gift Bearers:

3/30 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump

3/31 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt

3/31 10:00 a.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of March 18th

Jenny Ingram & Daunel Gump

Greeters:

3/30 4:00 p.m. Dave & Celeste Evans

3/31 8:00 a.m. Phil & Loretta Remke

3/31 10:00 a.m. Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Bingo March 29, 2019

Raffle: Diane Barker

Kitchen: Sue Church

COLLECTION: March 10, 2019

Envelopes - \$ 2,676.00

Loose Offering - \$801.00

Building Repair - \$915.00

Xavier Hall - \$20.00

Ash Wednesday (Church in Central and Eastern Europe) - \$372.00

Memorial Offerings - \$150.00

Pennies for God - \$40.45

Attendance - 281

March 31 Second Collection (Next weekend) will be for Catholic Relief Services: This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration network.

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (C.C.D.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

Church Office Phone: 304-845-1593

Church Hall Phone: 304-845-9238

Xavier Hall Phone: 304-845-7080

Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

Parish Office Email:

sfxmoundville@comcast.net

Website:

sfxmoundville.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

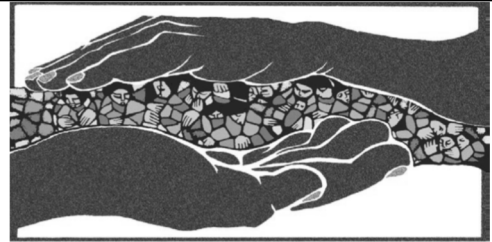
Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

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 The LORD secures justice
 and the rights of all the oppressed.
 — *Psalm 103:6*



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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
 FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Griffin James Brady, Joan Lemasters, Doreen Coffield, Joe Church, Maggie Yeater, Bobby Kleinedler, Chris Colby, Richard Timko;

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick, Rachel Kerekes;

Nursing Home: Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.

**Saint Francis Xavier & Knights of Columbus
Fish Fry**

Friday, March 22-11:00 to 5:00 in Xavier Hall
 This week try Haluski: Polish cabbage & noodles.
 Pair that with a Coleman's fish sandwich and you
 have the perfect Lenten meal. Don't forget to sam-
 ple some of the homemade desserts!
 For delivery call 304-845-7080

Please Note: The date for the youth service
 project cleaning the church was incorrectly stated
 last week. The correct date is **Sunday, March 24**
 from 11:30 to 12:30.

Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 12, will be
 at **7:30 P.M.** Several of our youth are planning a
 special gift for our parish - Please join them for a
 presentation of **The Living Stations of the Cross.**



Thank you to Jamie Boudreaux and
 Libby Magnone for decorating the St.
 Joseph Altar, and thanks also to
 Cathy Frame, Sandina Leonard and
 Don Gray for the baked goods. What
 a beautiful way to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast.

We are grateful to these parishioners for their
 contributions to our Organ Fund:

- ◇ Mike Davis
- ◇ Joanne Ray
- ◇ Jim & Betty Webster

Please remember this fund as an option for memorial
 gifts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar. 24** - Parish Youth clean church
- Mar. 29** - Fish Fry
- Mar. 29** - Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 31** - Penance Service: SFX @ 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 12** - Living Stations of The Cross 7:30 pm
- Apr. 13** - Deliver flowers to homebound 9 am
- Jun. 9-14** - Praying Pelicans Youth Mission

Holy Week Schedule

- Holy Thursday** April 18
 7:00 pm @ St. Francis Xavier
- Good Friday** April 19
 Noon - Ecumenical Service @ SFX
 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross led by the
 people
 7:00 pm Good Friday service @ St. Jude
- Holy Saturday** April 20
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
- Easter Sunday** April 21
 10:00 am Easter Mass

The Moundsville Area Ministerial Association will
 sponsor the **Procession of the Cross** as well as a
 Noon Ecumenical Service on Good Friday, April 19.
 The Procession of the Cross is in imitation of Jesus'
 journey to Mt. Calvary. It begins at 11:00 A.M. at
 Calvary United Methodist Church (1st and Cedar)
 and stops at six churches along the way; it includes
 hymns, scripture readings, and prayer. The
 procession ends at St. Francis Xavier Church with a
 noon ecumenical service. Everyone is invited to
 participate in this beautiful Moundsville tradition.

Consider attending a Wednesday Lenten Service.
 They begin at noon:

- 3/27 **Messiah Lutheran Church**
 5th Street, Moundsville
- 4/3 **Simpson United Methodist Church**
 800 Seventh Street, Moundsville
- 4/10 **Trinity Episcopal Church**
 1 Oak Ave., Moundsville
- 4/19 **Saint Francis Xavier Church**

DVD's of the film "**Moundsville**" are available in
 the church office for \$10 each.