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**SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2019**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

## WELCOME TO St Xavier

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00 pm

**Sunday** 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am (choir)

12:00 pm 5:00 pm

**Mon - Fri** 6:00 am 11:30 am **Sat** 7:00 am

**Confessions** Mon-Fri 12:00n to 1:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

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## MASS INTENTIONS Mar 18 - 23

Mon	6:00	+	Carolyn Hayward (Birth)
11	11:30	+	Joe Gerwe
Tues	6:00	+	Les McGraw (1 <sup>st</sup> Annv.)
12	11:30	+	Debbie Schulenberg (Annv.)
Wed	6:00	+	Charles and Bess Schulenberg
13	11:30	+	Mildred Anderson
Thurs	6:00	+	Patricia Burns (Birth.)
14	11:30	+	Gerry Merkes (Birth.)
Fri	6:00	+	Joe Gerwe
15	11:30	+	Charles Ginocchio
Sat	7:00	+	Dean A. "Scooter" White
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## MUSIC

### Opening:

How Good, Lord, to Be Here! #877

### Responsorial Psalm 27:

The Lord Is My Light #1021

### Presentation:

We Are Marching in Light of God #594

### Eucharistic Acclamations:

Roman Missal Chants #179, 180-B, 183, 185

**Communion:** Now We Remain #785

**Closing:** You Are the Voice #609



*This is my chosen Son. Listen to him.*

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## Master, It Is Good That We Are Here

The second Sunday of Lent always presents to us the Gospel story of Jesus' Transfiguration. To be *transfigured* is to be changed and so reveal one's glory.

This is certainly understandable when we speak of Jesus. Ascending a mountain top, the symbol of being closer to God, Jesus and his chosen Apostles enter in a unique and quite intimate relationship. How awesome it must have been to witness Jesus in all his glory standing alongside Moses and Elijah. These two Biblical figures represent the Hebrew Law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah) that shaped the nation, custom, and beliefs of the Jewish people. They were revered icons of faith, and now we see Jesus standing between them. More than that, a voice comes from the cloud saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him."

Just consider this powerful mountaintop scene in your imagination: the ancient Fathers of faith, God the Father, Jesus the Son of God "all in one place," so to speak. One cannot help but think that the Apostles who were present that day, while not transfigured, were certainly transformed. Imagine, being in the presence of so great an event!

What would any person of faith give to witness such an affirmation of their faith? How we would all love to be at a place to hear the Word of God, to have the teachings of the great prophets revealed to us. How great to be in the presence of Jesus!

Oh...wait ... we are! It's called the Mass! Every time we approach this holy place, this place set aside for worship, we encounter Christ. At every Mass the Word of God is made present in the proclamation of the Holy Scriptures. That's not just fancy religious talk; that is the defined teaching of the Catholic Church in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. And of course, we know that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, in the reception of His Most Holy Body and Blood. The Eucharistic prayers all immerse us into the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We celebrate the victory he won for us through that resurrection.

Yes, we take it all for granted. This miracle in which Jesus chooses each of us to participate, like he did for just Peter, James, and John, is a gift given to us each week (each day). During this holy season of Lent, perhaps we could make an effort to let the Mass truly transform us, so that we too can say, "Master, it is good that we are here!"

– Deacon Tim Crooker, Pastoral Associate

## ✦ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✦

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish: David and Carol Grosser, Steve Wolter, Joe Feiertag, Angie Fennell, Randy Paul, Tom Huenefeld, Cynthia Hogan, Carmelia Schlueter, Joe Eley, John Williams, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Campbell, George Long, Kevin Noble, Helen Sievers, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Joe Waters, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Susan Lovett, Jerry Wallman, Margie Plummer, Roberta Gamel, Jo Schwartz, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Marti Leonhard, Sandy Fieler, Karen Shaw, Joyce Braun, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, Susan Schmidt, Doug Lange, Glenda Bauer, Denny Delaney, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Josefa Navales, Gina Martin, Patti Bengel, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Mary Jo Duljje, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, John O'Connell, Jo Jo and family, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, and Fr. Bob Thul, SJ.

Please remember these we commend to the Lord:

**Fr. Joe Casey, SJ**, Associate Pastor of St. Xavier Church 2007-2015 and friend to many; and

**Ralph Luebbe**, longtime parishioner and volunteer here at St. Xavier,

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

*And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for March 10	\$ 8,710
Online donations	3,496
<b>Week of March 10</b>	<b>\$ 12,206</b>

### Presiders for this weekend: March 17

4:00	PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
7:00	AM	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00	AM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
10:30	AM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
12:00	PM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
5:00	PM	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ

### Presiders for next weekend: March 24

4:00	PM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
7:00	AM	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00	AM	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
10:30	AM	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
12:00	PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
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**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Please fill out the April - June availability sheet located in the sacristy or go online at <http://scheduling.stxchurch.org>

→ **Deadline: March 24**

**Bicentennial Speaker Series II**Presenter: **Fr. David V. Meconi S.J.**

Next Sunday March 17 @ 6:30pm we present Fr. Meconi who speaks after the 5 pm Mass on the topic: "Surrender and Resistance in Ignatian Spirituality." Refreshments will be provided. Free and open to all.

**THE JONAH PROJECT - confession**

The prophet Jonah went reluctantly to the city of Nineveh and preached repentance for sins. The people renounced their evil ways and a disaster was avoided. The season of Lent invites us to repent and change our lives. Please join us on **Thursday March 14 at 7** in the church for an hour of reflection, prayer and time for confession. For more details contact Paula Trimble at 513-706-1025 or [pmgtrimble@yahoo.com](mailto:pmgtrimble@yahoo.com)

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**

Save the date Tuesday, **March 19, 5:00-9:00 p.m.** in every church of the Archdiocese. Rediscover the peace of Christ found uniquely through Reconciliation. Visit [www.EncounterPeace.org](http://www.EncounterPeace.org) for more information. No matter how long it has been since your last Confession, please join us . . . the light is on for you!

**Divine Mercy Sunday** April 28, 12:00 noon Mass for Divine Mercy followed by a luncheon and speaker at 1:00 PM. Guest presenter, Monsignor Frank Lane will talk on "God's Divine Mercy: The Story of Our Lives." A Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 3:00-4:00 PM with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance. The day concludes with 5:00 PM Mass.

**ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS****Sunday March 31 - Lenten Concert.**

Staying for the concert after Mass? Grab some pizza downstairs before you take your seat! All young adults 21-35 welcome.

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our book group will next meet on Tuesday, **April 16**, at 3 pm in the parish center. We will discuss our newest book "The Boston Girl" by Anita Diamant. This historical novel is about family ties, values and friendship told through the eyes of a young Jewish woman growing up in Boston in the early twentieth century. If you would like to borrow a copy of the book, See Diane in the office. Come and join us!

**TENDER MERCIES - Sunday, March 31**

If you can donate a food item this month, please call the office. Thank you for all your generosity.

**Cincinnati Refined**

Our parish is being profiled in a very popular new website [www.cincinnati-refined.com](http://www.cincinnati-refined.com)

**Lent at St Xavier** See our Lenten programs brochure at the parish website: [www.stxchurch.org](http://www.stxchurch.org)

**Message from the Pastor:****St. Vincent de Paul Appeal**

One of the major charities we support here at St Xavier is the ministry of St Vincent de Paul. We pair with the Cathedral in this downtown conference. I can tell you from personal experience that this Conference has great need for financial and personal help. This ministry takes us into the homes of needy families who live in 45202 and 45203. We always need volunteers and certainly your monetary support.

So, I have decided to restore the tradition of the quarterly appeal for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. **Starting March 31<sup>st</sup>** (and continuing every time we have a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month) we will have a special announcement of this after-Mass collection. Members of the St V de P conference will stand at the doors asking for your help. We will also put out envelopes and information cards. The months in 2019 which have 5 Sundays are March, June, Sept and Dec. Go to <https://www.svdpcincinnati.org/>

**LENTEN CONCERT II**

March 31. Starting at 6:15pm in church and featuring the choir of All Saints Church, this amazing harmony of male and female voices resonate with praise and worship to our God. Make the Bicentennial Concert a part of your Lent prayer experience this year!

**Letter from Archbishop Schnurr**

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr has sent a letter to the whole Archdiocese regarding the meeting in Rome. The purpose was to address the great evil of clerical sexual abuse of minors, with particular focus on bishops. You can find a link to his letter on the front page of our web site: [www.stxchurch.org](http://www.stxchurch.org)

**ADULT AND NOT CONFIRMED?**

Are you a baptized Catholic who attends St. Xavier Church but have not received the Sacrament of **Confirmation**? You may have the opportunity to be confirmed at the Easter Vigil on April 20 here at the parish. Call the parish office for Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ at 513-721-4045 or [mgamber@stxchurch.org](mailto:mgamber@stxchurch.org)

**Theology of the Body**

Freedom to Love is presented Wednesdays in Lent from 7-9 pm in the parish center.

**200 Years ❖ 200 Facts**

- ❖ In 1911, the parish had a rental "Plan for the Pews" and had 209 pews for "rent" in church.
- ❖ Cost per quarter of renting a pew was \$1 to \$2.25
- ❖ In October 1912 the St X parish school enrollment totaled 1,000 students with a staff of 7 Jesuit brothers, 4 lay women and 12 sisters of Notre Dame.
- ❖ In the 1912-13 school year, the St X parochial school opened a kindergarten for kids under 7.



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