

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024



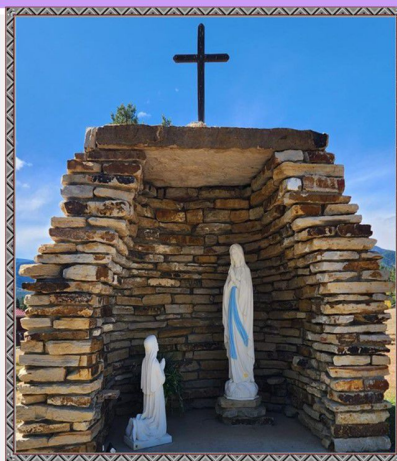
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**OUR LADY OF
LOURDES
MISSION
CHURCH**
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OUR MISSION AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER IS TO PROMOTE SPIRITUAL GROWTH, RELIGIOUS FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP WITHIN OUR PARISH. WE SHALL GIVE WITNESS TO CHRIST BY MINISTERING AND LIVING THE WORD OF GOD.

“O my God, almighty and merciful Father, creator of all things of the world: I firmly believe in you, my God and Lord, since you are my entire good. You, Lord, created me and you have given me body and soul and all that I have. And you, my God, have made me in your likeness. Thanks be to God!” - St. Francis Xavier

“I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the other.”

- Our Lady of Lourdes

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Schedules of Masses/Liturgy

Tuesday through Friday	4:30 pm Adoration Confession 5:00 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Mass
Saturday	4:00 pm Adoration Confession 4:30 pm Holy Rosary 5:00 pm Holy Mass
Sunday	10:00 am Holy Rosary 10:30 am Holy Mass

Office Hours

Monday	9:00 am - Noon
Tuesday - Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Religious Ed Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Peter John Abogado, SSS	Parish Admin.
Cathy Walkup	Secretary
Juan Casaus and Candy Madrill	Rel. Formation CRE
Ray Armenta	Maintenance
Parish Volunteers	Music Director

In case of an Emergency, call: Jim Vigil 719-369-7658

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 8:00 am
FIRST FRIDAY MASS 8:00 am followed by Adoration

CONFESSION

SUNDAY 7:30 am - 7:55 am

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Stations of the Cross - 6:15 p.m.
every Friday during Lent

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Stations of the Cross - 12 Noon
every Friday during Lent

I HAVE GLORIFIED IT
AND I WILL GLORIFY IT AGAIN

JOHN 12:28

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 16th - 5:00 pm

+MARTIN and +STEVE ALCALA and the deceased members of the ALCALA FAMILY by Frank & Mary Aragon
+ MARIA JOSIE MONTOYA by Her Sister

Sunday - March 17th

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - 8:00 am

For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - 10:30 am

JIM VIGIL (Successful Surgery) by David & Cathy Walkup
+FRANCES ROMERO by Richard & Rose Martine
+DAVE and +ELSIE ARELLANO by Their Children
+Fr. GENE HARDEN by the McCulley Family

Monday - March 18th - 8:00 am

+Rev. JOHN P. CULL, S.J.

Tuesday - March 19th - 5:30 pm

The Conversion of Pueblo County
+JACOB MEDINA by Conrad Valdez

Wednesday - March 20th - 5:30 pm

+Rev. MEINRAD RICHARD CHUNG, O.S.B.
The People of St. Francis Xavier

Thursday - March 21st - 5:30 pm

+MICHAEL T. BUTCHER SR. by Dorothy Butcher
+ADELAIDO and +MARY DURAN by Dorothy Butcher
+Rev. ANTHONY ADAMS, S.J.

Friday - March 22nd - 5:30 pm

+GILBERT A. LUCERO by Monica Lucero
+IRENE CISNEROS by Monica Lucero
+Rev. EUGENE HARDEN

St. Patrick's Day - March 17th

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord,
Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore.
Amen. - St. Patrick



BURRITO SALE FUNDRAISER WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank You to All who helped out with Our March 10th Fundraiser. We earned \$ 411.75 to help Our Church. Also a Big Thank You to all who came and purchased burritos. May God continue to Bless each and everyone of you!

LENTE PENANCE SERVICES

<i>LET EVERY HEART PREPARE FOR EASTER.</i>	St. Joseph	March 20th	6:00 p.m.
	St. Francis Xavier	March 21st	4:00 p.m.
	St. Joseph	March 22nd	12 noon
	St. Michael	March 24th	3:00 p.m.

Readings and Feast Days for 03/17/24 through 03/23/24

17 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT violet

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 (35) or, for Year A, Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

18 Mon Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

19 Tue SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY white Solemnity 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

20 Wed Lenten Weekday violet Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

21 Thu Lenten Weekday violet Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

22 Fri Lenten Weekday violet Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

23 Sat Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop] Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: March 23rd and March 24th

Please gather at the back of the Church on this day. Regular Mass Times. **No Spanish Mass on this Saturday.**

Holy Thursday: March 28th

Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration after Mass from 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm; 9:00 - 10:00 pm

Good Friday: March 29th

12 Noon - Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy
7:00 pm - Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday: March 30th

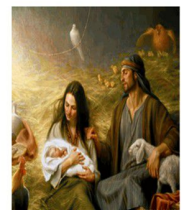
7:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: March 31st

10:30 am - Easter Mass

St. Joseph's Feast Day - March 19th

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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Our Giving to God - St. Francis Xavier March 10, 2024

Offertory Envelopes	\$	1,948.00
Offertory Loose		1,015.00
Children's Collection		4.00
Stations of the Cross		113.00
Donation		51.00
AMD		50.00
Building Fund		131.00
Burrito Sale		411.75
TOTAL	\$	3,723.75
2nd Collection/Catholic Relief Services	\$	460.00

The Weekly Offertory needed to support our church budget is approximately \$3,250.00. **Thank you for giving!**

2nd Collection on Good Friday/Holy Land - March 29th

All parishes around the world are taking a special collection on Good Friday to help Christians in the land where Jesus was born, lived, died, and was resurrected. Funds collected make up the main source of material support for Christian Life in the Holy Land.

OTHER PARISHES EVENTS IN PUEBLO

ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph Table March 17th 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Blessing with Bishop Berg 12:30 p.m.
March 18th 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

OUR PENANCE SERVICE

Our Penance Service will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 4:00 p.m.. All are welcome to attend in preparation for Easter.

WEEKLY OFFERING/ DONATION

Make your weekly offering or a donation to the church by scanning the QR Code located on the right of this box.



PARISH INFORMATION

Legion of Mary Meets every Thursday at 11:00 am in the classroom
Divine Mercy Meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm in the classroom
Finance Committee Meets every 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Parish Council Meets every 4th Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Hall Rental Call Richard Falsetto at 719-671-9635

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MINISTERS March 23rd and March 24th

<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>
Saturday 5:00 pm Pat Muniz	Maria Nunines Monica Lucero	Paul Montez
Sunday 10:30 am Juan Casaus	Pearl Casaus Maria Maes	Juan Casaus

Our Giving to God - Our Lady of Lourdes March 10 2024

Offertory	\$	363.00
Catholic Relief 2nd Collection:		\$105.00

Announcements

Stations of the Cross are held each Friday at 12:00 noon. Easter Sunrise Service will be held in our church at 7:00am with Grandview Baptist and Beulah Methodist churches. Breakfast will follow at the Community Center building. Julie is asking all of us to bring our favorite egg casserole. Easter Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 following the breakfast.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign Up Sheets for Our Festival is in the back of the church. If you are interested in volunteering to chair or work a Food Booth please stop by. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

DONATIONS FOR FESTIVAL

Monetary donations for Our Festival are being accepted. If you donate, please indicate that it is for this purpose. Thank You!

ONLINE MOBILE APP

Sign up for the online/mobile app by scanning the QR Code located on the right of this box.



No Religious Education Class on 3/24 or 3/31

This is Spring Break and also Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. **EXCEPTION** - Confirmation Students will still need to attend classes on these days.

Religious Education Classes Preschool - 12th Grade Sunday at 8:30 am; Registration is ongoing. There is NO COST for the classes. **Reminder:** Religious Education forms need to be fully filled out before children may attend classrooms.

2024 Sunday Missals - \$3.00 each

The Sunday Missals are being sold in the back of the Church after Mass and in the Parish Office during office hours. Please stop by and pick one up.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MINISTERS March 24th

<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Kathy Serena	Tyree Morrison Sharon Neumayr	Regina Fortune Tara Stosek
	Altar Servers	
Steve McClaughlin Dylan Ortiz	Rich Concialdi Ken Montoya	

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Eucharistic Catechesis: Proclaiming the Gospel (part 3)

Last weekend bulletin, is all about the greetings before the Proclamation of the Gospel and the people's response without doing hand gestures, that is, there is no need of pointing to the priest when you respond "and with your spirit. And we also learned the meaning of the making the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips and heart.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) 134 (second half)

... The Priest incenses the book, if incense is being used (cf. Nos. 276-277). Then he proclaims the Gospel and at the end pronounces the acclamation *The Gospel of the Lord*, to which all reply, *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*. The Priest kisses the book, saying quietly the formula *Per evangelica dicta* (Through the words of the Gospel).

Incensing the book - The incensing of the Book of the Gospels during the Liturgy of the Word has a symbolic meaning. Incense is often used in liturgical celebrations as a sign of honor, reverence and prayer rising to God. So, when the priest incenses the Book of the Gospels, it is a gesture indicating that the Gospel is holy and contains the Word of God. It underscores the sacredness of the Gospel message and the importance of listening attentively to the proclamation of the Gospel. The ascending incense represents the community's prayers and intentions rising to heaven as they prepare to hear the living Word of Christ in the Gospel. It highlights the special significance of the Gospel in the Liturgy of the Word.

"The Gospel of the Lord" - This declaration affirms that the words just spoken are the Gospel of the Lord. The people's response "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ" recognizes Christ present and speaking in the Gospel.

"Per evangelica dicta"

Kissing the book - This gesture shows love, reverence and intimacy with the Gospel message and the silent prayer of the priest after he proclaims the Gospel, *Per evangelica dicta*.

When the priest kisses the Book of the Gospels following the proclamation and says quietly "Per evangelica dicta." Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away," this prayer reflects the Church's faith in the power and efficacy of the Gospel texts.

As Pope Benedict XVI explained, there is a profound unity between word and action in the liturgy - what God says, he also does. The words of Scripture proclaimed in the liturgy are alive, thus, active and performative - they accomplish what they signify.

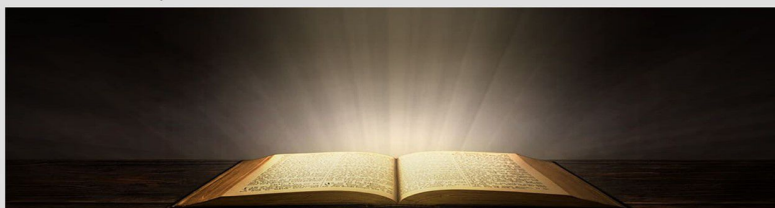
The Gospel reading contains the living words of Jesus himself. The Church believes that when these words are proclaimed in the context of the liturgy, they are truly the voice of Christ that can convert hearts and bring about the forgiveness of sins.

For the priest, familiarity with the Gospels could dull their impact. This prayer reminds him of the transformative power of these sacred texts. Just as Christ's words had the authority to forgive sins and empower the Apostles to do so in His name, the Gospel proclamation in the liturgy can wipe away sins today.

The priest whispers this prayer to God as he gently kisses the Gospel book that expresses his deep affection for the person of Christ truly present and speaking in the proclamation. This reverent kiss links the altar, kissed earlier in the Mass, to the word of God, reminding the priest that these sacramental acts have the power to purify and sanctify the hearts of the faithful. This is particularly significant right before the homily, as it calls to the priest's mind that this simple ritual itself carries power.

In whispering this prayer, the priest begs for mercy on behalf of all present, uniting himself with the congregation through the power of the living word of God. This can overcome any temptation to preach at people rather than worshiping together. The Gospel enlightens both priest and people, sanctifying the entire assembly.

So, all in all, the rite reflects the community's love, belief, and wholehearted communion with the living word of God in the Gospel.



*Saint Francis Corner:
Fr. Peter John Abogado, SSS*