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Dear parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish,

As we enter the holy seasons of Lent and Easter, I invite you to prayerfully mark your calendars and join us for these important liturgical celebrations, opportunities for prayer, and parish gatherings. **We have confessions every Saturday from 5:00-5:30 PM.* As always, please refer to the bulletin for any weekly updates.

Lent (February)

Wed. Feb. 18: *Ash Wednesday Masses at 7:30 AM & 6:00 PM*

Thurs. Feb. 19: *Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper at 6:00 PM and Praise, Worship, & Adoration at 8:00 PM*

Sat/Sun. Feb. 21-22: *Anointing of the Sick after all Masses*

Sun. Feb. 22: *Rite of Election at St. Peter Cathedral at 3:00 PM*

Tues. Feb. 24: *Lenten Speaker Series: Fasting by Deacon Ron at 6:00 PM*

Thurs. Feb. 26: *Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper at 6:00 PM and Praise, Worship, & Adoration at 8:00 PM*

Sat. Feb. 28: *Altar Server Retreat at St. Peter Cathedral from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM*

Confessions after the 6:00 PM Vigil Mass

Lent (March)

Tues. Mar. 3: *Adoration from 5:00–8:00 PM, Confessions from 7:00–8:00 PM*

Thurs. Mar. 5: *Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper at 6:00 PM and Praise, Worship, & Adoration at 8:00 PM*

Fri. Mar. 6: *First Friday Adoration from 8:00 AM–6:00 PM*

Sat. Mar. 7: *22:32 Men's Conference (at St. Jude Parish) from 8:30 AM–1:00 PM*

Sun. Mar. 8: *Second Sunday Adoration after the 10:30 AM Mass until 2:00 PM*

Tues. Mar. 10: *Lenten Speaker Series: Lenten Meditations in Baroque Art by Ann Barrett at 6:00 PM*

Thurs. Mar. 12: *Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper at 6:00 PM and Praise & Worship Adoration at 8:00 PM*

Tues. Mar. 17 (Feast of St. Patrick, Patron of the Diocese of Erie): *Adoration from 5:00–8:00 PM, Night*

Prayer for Vocations at 7:45 PM. Confessions from 6:30–7:30 PM

Thurs. Mar. 19: *Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper at 6:00 PM and Praise & Worship Adoration at 8:00 PM*

Fri. Mar. 20: *Kid's Night Out in the Parish Center 5:30–9:00 PM*

Joseph of Nazareth Movie Night in the Gathering Space 6:00–7:45 PM

Sun. Mar. 22: *First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and their families) at 11:45 AM*

Tues. Mar. 24: *Lenten Speaker Series: Almsgiving by Catholic Charities, Inc. at 6:00 PM*

Wed. Mar. 25: *The Light Is On For You (Confessions) from 5:00–7:00 PM*

Thurs. Mar. 26: *Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper at 6:00 PM and Praise & Worship Adoration at 8:00 PM*

Resources available to help you on your Lenten Journey: *Jesus: The Way, The Truth & The Life Wednesday Study; Little Black Books, CRS Rice Bowls, MyParish App, Hallow, Magnificat, FORMED (Heart of Prayer)*

Holy Week

Sat/Sun. Mar. 28–29: *Palm Sunday Masses* at 6:00 PM (Vigil), 8:00 AM, and 10:30 AM. Palms will be distributed at all Masses. *Confessions* after all Masses

Mon. Mar. 30: *Chrism Mass* at St. Peter Cathedral at 1:00 PM

Tues. Mar. 31: *Adoration* from 5:00–8:00 PM

Holy Thursday – Apr. 2:

Daytime Prayer with Seminarian Reflection - 10:30 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM

Adoration after Mass until Midnight in the Parish Center

Good Friday – Apr. 3

Daytime Prayer with Seminarian Reflection at 10:30 AM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday – Apr. 4

Daytime Prayer with Seminarian Reflection with Easter Food Blessing at 10:30 AM

Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00 PM

Easter Sunday – Apr. 5

Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Confession Opportunities During Lent & Holy Week

Weekly Opportunity - Saturday: 5:00–5:30 PM (before the 6:00 PM Vigil Mass)

Lent – February

- **Saturday, February 28** - Confessions after the 6:00 PM Vigil Mass

Lent – March

- **Tuesday, March 3** - *Confessions* 7:00–8:00 PM (during Adoration)
- **Tuesday, March 17 (Feast of St. Patrick)** - *Confessions* 6:30–7:30 PM (during Adoration)
- **Wednesday, March 25** - *The Light Is On For You* (Confessions 5:00–7:00 PM)

Palm Sunday Weekend

- **Saturday–Sunday, March 28–29**

Confessions after all Masses

During these wonderful celebrations, please be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Fr. Ben Daghir

Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Parish