

Mass Schedule and Intentions

February 22 – March 1

Sat. 21 February – 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Gr)

4pm Palmira Pereira

Sunday 22 February – 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Gr)

8am Manuel Mariano

10am Michael J. Boswell

5pm Pro Populo

Monday 23 February – St. Polycarp (Rd)

9am Richard T. Saunders

Tuesday 24 February – Feria (Gr)

9am Alberto Amaral

Wednesday 25 February – Ash Wednesday (Vi)

9am Pauline Cardoza

5:30pm Ruth Leite

Friday 27 February –Feria (Vi)

9am

Saturday 28 February – 1st Sunday of Lent (Vi)

4pm Pro Populo

Sunday 1 March –1st Sunday of Lent (Vi)

8am John Cunha

10am Mary Sellers

5pm Jeanne Robidoux

Financial Report

Income:

Parish Collection \$4,765.15

Shrine and Candles..... \$150.25

Baptism \$50.00

Other (masses)..... \$80.00

Total \$5,045.40

February Budget..... \$22,000.00

February Actual..... \$15,573.78

Major Expenses:

Avg. Weekly Staff Salaries \$1,706.50

Avg. Weekly Staff BC/BS \$570.41

Avg. Weekly Pension..... \$197.73

Monthly Property Insurance..... \$1,444.64

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember to pray for the sick of our parish especially: **Lionel Marot and Todd Talbot**;

Please also remember our parishioners who are serving abroad in the military especially **Bryon Kuehne**.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Each week the sanctuary candle over the tabernacle can be burning in memory of a loved one. If you are interested in this type of memorial, please contact the parish office. The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of **Michael Moraux**.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

ALTAR SERVERS AND SACRISTANS – I have included in this bulletin a flyer which explains our move to having only boys serve Holy Mass. Our girls will continue to serve at the altar but in the capacity of sacristans. I think that the letter will reasonably explain this move which is part of our focus on vocations to the priesthood.

SO PROUD – I was informed this week that a parent had removed their child from our school the main reason being that it was too Catholic. Congratulations to Mr. Pelletier and his faculty for keeping a high Catholic ethos in our school.

SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE – Since my arrival here a consistent complaint from many of you has been the inadequacy of our sound system. This is the second most heard complaint after the elevator. I have brought the experts in and they have proposed an upgrade to the existing system, it would involve doing away with the one ceiling speaker and replacing it with speakers on each of the columns so that the sound can be brought to each area of the church simultaneously. I consulted the Pastoral Council and they unanimously agreed that we should go down this path. In the next weeks the company which I have consulted will come and install a demonstration for us so that we can see the advantages and then decide if that is what we want. The bad news is that it will cost about \$8,000; the good news is that I have already received donations totaling \$2,000 toward the cost.


ADORERS – Please consider becoming one of our official adorers. I know that many of you come to adoration at different times and because of your schedules cannot commit to a specific hour. But there are some who would be able to do so and we need these so-called 'leg adorers' so that we can maintain our adoration schedule. Please contact the office and we will put you in touch with our adoration coordinator.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Wednesday 25th February starts the beginning of Lent. There are two masses on Ash Wednesday **9:00am and 5:30pm**. Please join us to start our Lenten observances.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS – During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 6:30pm. We will end with Benediction. Please consider attending these wonderful devotions as one of your Lenten spiritual practices. **Starts Friday, 27 February.**

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 **Religious Education** helps to build a strong foundation

Confirmation 2, level 9 retreat Saturday, February 28, 8:30-3pm at Cathedral Camp, Camp House. Lunch is provided. All level 9 students are required to attend.

Level 3 family mass 10am Sunday, March 1. **First Eucharist Parent Meeting** is Sunday, March 1, 6pm in the church for all parents of children receiving for the first time this spring. **Confirmation 1 Level 8 Retreat** Saturday, March 14, 11-5pm at SFX School gym, we will conclude with Mass. **Confirmation will be held Thursday, March 19, at 7p.m. at St. Francis Xavier.** Rehearsal is Wednesday, March 18, 7pm in Church. All candidates and sponsors should attend. A parent is required to substitute if sponsor cannot be there. **We are still** collecting items for our troops. List of items is found outside Rel. Ed. Office.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL – Lent begins this Wednesday, February 25, and the student body will begin this Lenten season by attending Mass and received ashes. Students will be involved in the Rice Bowl Project during this Lenten season. Some openings remain in most classes for next school year. Contact the school if you or anyone you know is interested.

CATHOLICISM 101

DOES THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD DIVIDE CHRIST? – The breaking of the bread does not divide Christ. He is present whole and entire in each of the Eucharistic species and in each of their parts.

Coming next week: How long does the presence of Christ last in the Eucharist?

20-Week Club

Week 11 Club 30

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| \$25.00 | #177 | Charles Moniz |
| \$20.00 | #336 | Gladys Ann Varieur |
| \$15.00 | #110 | Louise Hebert |
| \$10.00 | #352 | Diane Malaguti |

DIVINE MERCY PRESENTATION AT ST. LAWRENCE – The Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will present the message of Divine Mercy as given by our Lord to St. Faustina at 3pm on Sunday, March 1, at St. Lawrence Church. All are invited to meet the Sisters and hear their special one-hour talk followed by veneration of the first class relic of St. Faustina.

THE ANCHOR – SUBSCRIPTION TIME AGAIN – Renewal notices have been sent for the Diocesan Newspaper, *The Anchor*. Each parish is assessed a number of households for subscriptions. Our assessment is 400 families at \$5,600 per year. We collected \$1,248 from subscribers last year and the parish paid the difference of \$4,352 to meet the assessed quota. Please return your *Anchor* envelope in the weekly collection basket before April 1.

CALENDAR

Sunday

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| Rel. Ed. 1-6 | 8:40-9:40am | Parish Ctr. |
| Rel. Ed. 2,4,5,7 | 11:15-12:15pm | Parish Ctr. |
| Confirmation 1&2 | 3:45-6pm | Parish Ctr. |

Monday

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| Rel. Ed. 1-7 | 4:15-5:30pm | Parish Ctr. |
| Benediction | 6:30pm | Church |

Wednesday

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| MAK Group | 9:30-10:30am | Hospitality |
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Thursday

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| Adult Choir | 7-9pm | Church |
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Friday

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| Stations of the Cross | 6:30pm | Church |
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Please visit our web site SFXACUSHNET.ORG for a complete printable and viewable church/school calendar of events.

LENT – begins this Wednesday.

The Law of Fast

All adults (18 and older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year. On days of fast, those bound by the law are limited to a single full meal. This meal is meatless. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal. There are two prescribed days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Law of Abstinence:

Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed. This includes Good Friday and Ash Wednesday.

Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 9a.m. and 5:30 p.m. with ashes distributed during mass.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

**MONDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
BENEDICTION MON 6:30PM & SAT 2:45PM**

LENTEN RICE BOWLS – Please take a Rice Bowl as you leave Mass on Ash Wednesday. All Rice Bowls should be returned on Holy Thursday.

PARISH NURSES – The Wednesday blood pressures WILL NOT be available until the first Wednesday in March (March 4). There will be blood pressures after masses.

CERTIFICATES

Food certificates are available before the Saturday 4:00pm Mass and after the 8:00am Sunday Mass and before and after the Sunday 10:00am Mass; also from the parish office during the week. Please support your parish by purchasing your groceries in this way.

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ADDRESS CHANGES

ARE YOU REGISTERED? - To be registered means you are receiving mailings from the parish office. This does not necessarily mean you receive budget envelopes. If you have been attending our church and would like to register, please stop by the parish office. You will need copies of sacraments received for ALL members of your immediate family.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10:00-11:00am
Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm
Mondays 5:30-6:30pm

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN - publication is Monday 12 noon. If there is a Monday holiday, then the deadline is by Friday. **All announcements must be written.** Please be as brief and to the point as possible as space is limited.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES – Adult Confirmation classes we be held in April and May for those parishioners who are 18 years of age or older and have never been Confirmed. These classes are held at Bishop Stang on Monday evenings. Interested parishioners will need to fill our paperwork and meet with Msgr. prior to registering. Please contact Maureen in the parish office for further details.

COMMUNION TO THE HOME BOUND – If you are sick or homebound and unable to get to Holy Mass, please call Msgr. to arrange for a visit so that we can bring you Holy Communion and assess your pastoral needs.

TAX FORMS – It's that season once again. If you would like a printout of your yearly donations for 2008, please call Maureen in the parish office.

FLOWERS – If you would like to donate the flowers for the weekend Masses, please see Maureen in the parish office to discuss the options.

TROPICAL PARADISE DINNER DANCE – After a long, cold snowy winter, join your fellow parishioners at the Century House March 14 for a Tropical Paradise featuring a sit-down dinner of your choice of Baked Stuffed Chicken or Scrod, dancing and more! Tickets are \$25 each before and after all weekend masses and in the Parish Office. Shake off those winter blahs and come join the Conga line! Feel free to wear your Hawaiian shirt as dress is casual.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP - All Catholics between the ages of 21-35 who are interested in continuing their spiritual growth as well as socializing with other young Catholic men and women in the greater New Bedford area are welcome to join the **Catholic Young Adult Group**. The group meets on the first Saturday of every month at St. Julie Billiart Church.. The next gathering will be on Saturday, March 7th at 7pm. There will be a presentation given by Father Jay Mello (“Living a Life of Holiness: The Lenten Season”) followed by dinner at a local restaurant. For more questions, please contact Fr. Jay at 508-993-2351 or at: fatherjaymello@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

This group meets at the Family Life Center in N. Dartmouth from 7-8:30pm on the second and last Wednesdays of each month. There is no fee and is open to all separated/divorced persons.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For a deeper understanding and richer communication and better quality marriage, plan to attend a Marriage Encounter weekend. For more information, call 1-800-367-0343 or www.mene.org.

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/
Mk 2:1-12
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

✂ Please clip and return.

**St. Francis Xavier
Faith Formation
22 February 2009**

Student Name: _____

Level: _____