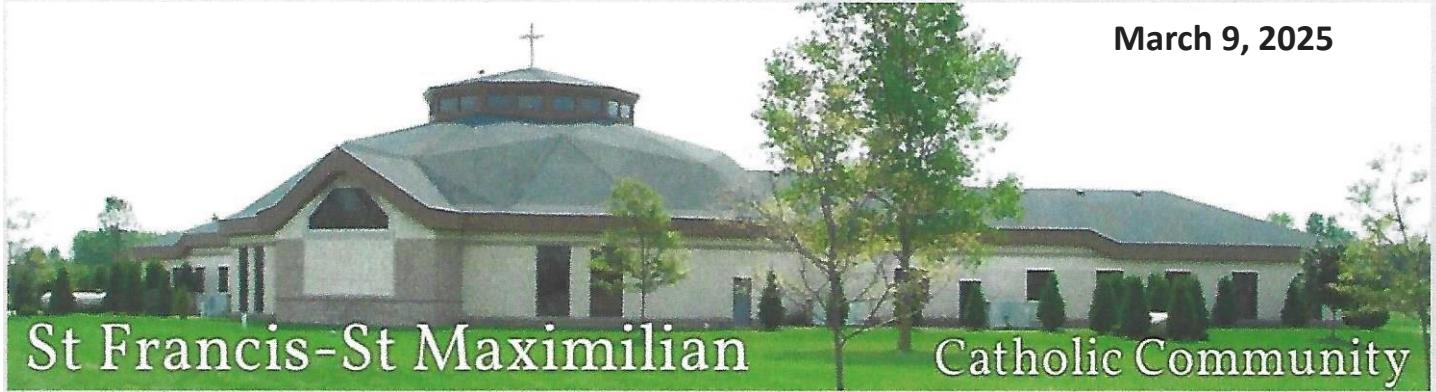


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am; 10:00 am English

12:00 pm (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS: Monday 9am, Tuesday 9am

& 7pm (Spanish), Thursday 9 am.

HOLY DAYS : 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Bilingual

First Friday of the Month: 7:00 pm Bilingual

CONFESIONS

Tuesday after morning Mass

1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 pm

Friday 6:00 pm

Saturday 3-3:30 pm

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Connecting point...

How is what I believe and profess reflected in what I put out there?

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:8-13).

To answer this week's Connecting Point question, we must first consider what we "confess" and "believe," which can either be in accordance with the teachings of Christ and the Church...or not. As faithful Catholics who believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we attend church and regularly receive the sacraments, and we can probably say that we are on the right path. Yet, in all matters of interaction with others, do we always "talk the walk?"

In this digital world, it is also increasingly important to consider how our faith is reflected in everyday communications, especially on social media. Social media is a free-for-all platform of expression that invites uplifting encouragement but also some very harmful interactions. Instagram, Facebook, and other platforms create a virtual space wherein we can

Punto de conexión...

¿Cómo se refleja lo que creo y profeso en lo que publico?

"Si confiesas con tu boca que Jesús es el Señor, y crees en tu corazón que Dios le levantó de los muertos, serás salvado" (Romanos 10:8-13).

Para responder a la pregunta del Punto de Conexión de esta semana, primero debemos considerar lo que "confesamos" y "creemos", que puede estar de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de Cristo y la Iglesia... o no. Como católicos fieles que creen en Jesucristo como nuestro Señor y Salvador, asistimos a la iglesia y recibimos regularmente los sacramentos, y probablemente podamos decir que estamos en el camino correcto. Sin embargo, en todos los asuntos de interacción con los demás, ¿siempre "predicamos con el ejemplo"?

En este mundo digital, también es cada vez más importante considerar cómo nuestra fe se refleja en las comunicaciones cotidianas, especialmente en las redes sociales. Las redes sociales son una plataforma de expresión libre para todos que invita a aliento edificante, pero también a algunas interacciones muy dañinas.

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say things that we might not normally say if face-to-face with another person, which is especially dangerous in the heat of a disagreement. Conversely, the thoughtful and prayerful messages we put out there can help reflect the virtues of love, humility, compassion, respect, and forgiveness.

Having a "Gospel filter" is crucial (but a real struggle!) in this time of socio-political volatility, but sometimes, it's better not to say anything. In the Gospel of Mark (7:15), Christ says, "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." Our anger, frustrations, and hurts are real and valid, but they can defile us when we harm others with them.

In order to align with the Gospel values of our faith, we are called to control our impulsive responses to others, whether in person, via text, in an email, or on a post. When we feel our unfiltered selves becoming angry or extremely emotional, we may need to take a deep breath, hold our response, and pause to ask, "What would Jesus say?"

As Lent begins, we are invited into self-examination for spiritual growth. Let us all reflect on whether and how our faith shapes our responses.

-Amy Righi, St. Isidore

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Instagram, Facebook y otras plataformas crean un espacio virtual en el que podemos decir cosas que normalmente no diríamos si estuviéramos cara a cara con otra persona, lo cual es especialmente peligroso en el calor de un desacuerdo. Por el contrario, los mensajes reflexivos y de oración que publicamos pueden ayudar a reflejar las virtudes del amor, la humildad, la compasión, el respeto y el perdón.

Tener un "filtro del Evangelio" es crucial (¡pero una verdadera lucha!) en este momento de volatilidad sociopolítica, pero a veces, es mejor no decir nada. En el Evangelio de Marcos (7:15), Cristo dice: "Nada de lo que entra a uno desde afuera puede contaminar a esa persona; pero las cosas que salen de adentro son las que contaminan". Nuestra ira, frustraciones y heridas son reales y válidas, pero pueden contaminarnos cuando dañamos a otros con ellas.

Con el fin de alinearnos con los valores del Evangelio de nuestra fe, estamos llamados a controlar nuestras respuestas impulsivas a los demás, ya sea en persona, a través de un mensaje de texto, en un correo electrónico o en una publicación. Cuando sentimos que nuestro yo sin filtro se enoja o se emociona demasiado, es posible que necesitemos respirar profundamente,



Easter Flowers

It is our custom at St. Francis-St. Maximilian to make an offering for the decoration of our sanctuary for the Easter Season, in memory of family and friends. The flower donation is \$20.00.

Easter Flower Memorial donation envelopes are available in the gathering space. Please fill it out and return by April 13th

In Memory of:

Given by:

mente, contener nuestra respuesta y hacer una pausa para preguntar: "¿Qué diría Jesús?"

Al comenzar la Cuaresma, se nos invita a examinarnos a nosotros mismos para el crecimiento espiritual. Reflexionemos todos sobre si nuestra fe influye en nuestras respuestas y cómo lo hace.

-Amy Righi, San Isidro



CULVER'S FOR CAP RETREAT

Have Culver's Dinner
in Washington Twp.,
To support
The Capuchin Retreat Center

**TUESDAY, 4-8 PM
MARCH 25, 2025**



Food Pantry News

In the month of February, your Food Pantry was able to provide food and personal hygiene items to **83 families**, totaling **303 individuals**. Our workers put in over **226 hours**. We would not be able to provide our "Neighbors in Need" with these provisions if not for you, our Parish Family. This past month we also received a generous donation of food and other items from the food drive held at St.Therese of Lisieux. All of these donations continue to help restock our shelves for the coming weeks. Already this week, we are preparing to serve 21 families.

Current needs: oatmeal, cornbread mix, cereals, brownie mix, egg noodles, and vegetable oil.

Thank you and God Bless,
Peggy Martin and Staff

We are an equal opportunity provider



Columbiettes News:

Membership Drive Bake Sale with the Armada K. of C. Spaghetti Dinner at St. Francis - St. Maximilian Church on March 20, 2025 @ 5:30pm

Who are the Columbiettes?

- * We are part of a vibrant service organization of Catholic women aged 18 and over who desire to be an active part of the church's Laity.
- * We are a growing women service organization who are willing to make a difference in society today.
- * We operate as a unified body of Catholic women who assist the Armada K of C, council 7561.
- * You don't need to be a spouse of a K. of C. to join.

Looking forward to meeting new ladies in the parish of families and getting this Auxiliar started!

Any questions, please call me at (810) 343-8011
God Bless,
Grace Van Hamme



DO YOU want to DEEPEN YOUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST? I invite you to experience a Cursillo Retreat weekend. You might be wondering what a Cursillo Retreat is. It's a short 3-day retreat course on Christianity where you have a personal encounter and experience a closer walk with Christ. For additional information, check our updated website at www.detroitcursillo.com, or pick up a brochure on the back table in the church vestibule. Consider attending one of our monthly meetings called "Ultreya" on the Second Saturday of month (Mar 8th) at St. Malachy Church on 14 mile in Sterling Hgts., and at **St. Francis St. Maximilian** the 3rd Monday of the month (Mar 17th) at 7:00pm.

Spring Weekend Retreats are as follows:

Men's- March 27-30

Women's- April 24-27

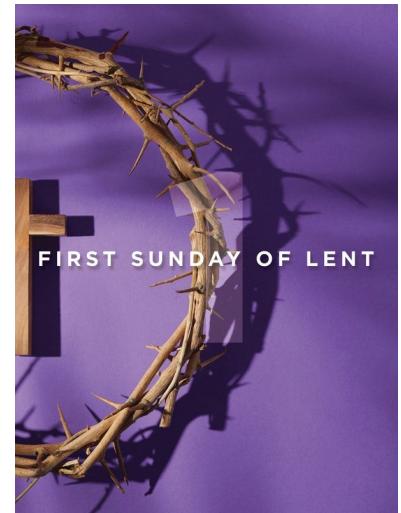
Fall weekends are as follows:

Men's- October 9-12

Women's- November 13-16

Additional questions, please call:

Grace VanHamme (810) 343-8011



Protecting God's Children/ Protegiendo a Los de Dios **Upcoming Training/Proximo Entrenamiento:**

In Person:

St. Patrick (White Lake), Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m. (English)
National Shrine (Royal Oak), Friday, March 28, 5:30 p.m. (Spanish)
St. Roch (Flat Rock) Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m. (English)
St. Kieran (Shelby Twp). Wednesday, May 14, 6 p.m. (English)

Online Sessions

March 19, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.
March 25, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.
April 3, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.
April 8, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.
April 16, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.
April 28, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.
Register Online:
www.virtusonline.org

DISCOVER TRUE GREATNESS



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 9, 2025- 1st
Sunday of Lent
Luke 4:1-13

One of the most fascinating moments

in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— Father John Muir LPi

Prayer for Lent

Dear Jesus,

This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. Amen.

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Encountering Christ & K of C Spaghetti Dinner

Guest Speaker

Fr. Mark Livingston

Pastor at Merciful Love of Jesus Family
of Parishes



Come and be transformed by
God's grace through uplifting
praise and worship music,
powerful witness and
preaching, adoration,
confession, benediction and
silent prayer

Please join us Thursday March 20, 2025, for an inspiring evening with our guest speaker Fr. Mark Livingston. The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, with a free-will offering. The evening will also feature music, adoration, confession and a warm sense of community. All are welcome to attend and share in this uplifting experience! We look forward to seeing you there.

**Thursday,
March 20, 2025
5:30-6:30 K of C Dinner
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Encountering Christ
St. Francis-St. Maximilian Parish
62811 New Haven Rd., Ray MI
586.598.3314**

BIO - Fr. Mark Livingston was ordained a Catholic Priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 2018 and previously served at St. John Neumann, in Canton, and National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, in Royal Oak. Fr. Mark currently serves as the Pastor of the Merciful Love of Jesus Family of Parishes, comprised of Holy Family, in Memphis, St. Augustine, in Richmond, and St. Mary Mystical Rose, in Armada.

Altar Server Training

"Serving at the altar is an honor and a blessing.
Come and be a part of this beautiful ministry!"

Dates: March 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 11:00 am-2:00 pm

@ SFSM Hall. See the flyer for the registration form, more details and requirements, or call the office at 586-598-3314

Entrenamiento para Monaguillos

"Servir en el altar es un honor y una bendición.
¡Ven y sé parte de este hermoso ministerio!"

Fechas: 8, 15, 22, 29 de marzo

Hora: 11:00 am-2:00 pm

@ Iglesia SFSM

Consulte el folleto para obtener más detalles.
formulario de registro y requisitos, o
llame a la oficina al 586-598-3314
En español: Ext. # 303





In the photo to the left, Fr. Jaime celebrated mass with visitors from his previous parish, St. Juan Diego, on Sunday, March 2nd.

En la foto de la izquierda, el P. Jaime celebró misa con un grupo de familias de su parroquia anterior, San Juan Diego, el domingo 2 de marzo.

Flores de Pascua



En San Francisco-San Maximiliano es nuestra costumbre hacer una ofrenda para la decoración del santuario en la Pascua, en memoria de familiares y amigos. El donativo es de \$20.00 (por nombre).

Los sobres de donación del **Monumento a la Flor de Pascua** están disponibles en el espacio de reunión. Por favor, complételo y devuélvalos antes del 13 de abril.

En memoria de:

Impartido por:

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¡Cuando tú me
invoques, yo te
escucharé!

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Ils como visitar algún enfermo, ayudarnos en familia, hacer oración y asistir a actos de piedad a la Iglesia local. (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, numeral 1438). Y lo principal, acercarnos a la Eucaristía dominical para refugiarnos en la Palabra de Dios, que es lo que nos da vida y nos hará llegar a la Pascua resucitados.

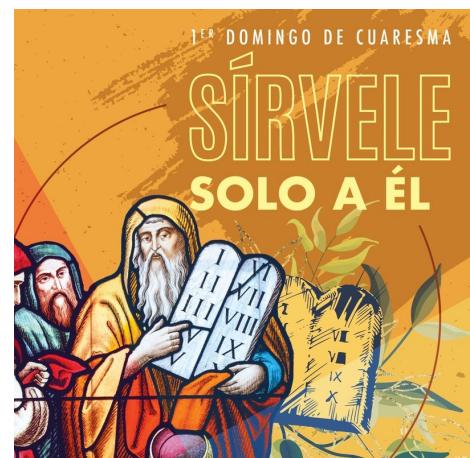
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Oración por la Cuaresma

Querido Jesús,

Este es el primer domingo de Cuaresma y quiero comprometerme más profundamente contigo en esta temporada. Inspírame con las penitencias cuaresmales que más deseas, las que me ayuden a acercarme cada vez más a ti. Amén.

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If you have someone special in the military, please send their name into the office so we as a parish can pray for them. You can call the office 586.598.3314 or email-info@sfsm.church

PFC Aaron Bubka, *National Guard*
 Pvt 1 Rob Schwartz, *Marines*
 Ssgt Eric Seefried, *Air Force*
 SMSgt Stephen Van Hamme, *Air Force*
 Chief Submarine Corpsman Joseph Raska, *Navy*
 Sgt. Maria Domerese, *Marines*
 Gunnery Sgt Christopher Miller, *Marines*
 Sr, Airman Nicholas Yarbrough, *Air Force*
 Sgt. Bri Bungart, *Army*
 David Vandeveld, *Air Force*
 Nicolas Levins, *Air Force*
 Elijah Burgins, *USMC*

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.



The Mission of our parish is to see the face of Christ in every person so that they may see the face of Christ in us and together we will go forth to bring Christ to the world.

La misión de nuestra parroquia es ver el rostro de Cristo en toda persona, para que él o ella puedan ver el rostro de Cristo en nosotros, y juntos, levemos el rostro de Cristo al resto del mundo.

Prayer List

Parishioners	Sharon Wood	Marguerite Goike	Jane Rose
Ivan Ayala Martinez		Jen Goryl	Mary Frances Sabatell
Sr. Lois Barror		Fr. Oswaldo Guillen	Angela Sanchez
Kerry Beste		Katie Hamann	Elena Santozzi
Fr. Robert Blondell		Ernest Hawes	Joan Schultz
Brenda Bova		Ethan Heller	Pat Schultz
Brad Bucec		Janet Hentschel	Ty Schultz
Marilyn Bucec		Angie Hood	Andrew Seals
Loretta & Amos Clotfelter		Jodi James	Michael Serafino
Giovanni Coppola		Norma Jean	Janet Serreyn
Irene Couture		Stephanie Jemison	Michelle Simpson
Ann Eberle		Ann Jenuwine	Irene Singer
Niceta Field		Arlene Johnson	Kimberly Smith
Chester Godlewski		Diana Jones Meldrum	John Smith
Don Haranczak		Susan Kalicke	Elizabeth Solecki
Brian & Jonie Haycock		Scott Kaminski	Janet Springer
Barbara Hernandez		Ryan Keena	Sid Spoehr
Jim Horvath		Ed Kowalski	Catherine Stonehouse
Shawn Kaminski		Mary Kreft	Susan Teddington
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Charlotte Lipka		Madeline Lepisto	Lila Tkaczyk
Connor Lorenz		Joel Lutz	Rosario Torres
Celina Lukowski		Karen Maier	Sally Torres
Edgar Martinez		Beth McKinney	Lynn Upleger
Vince & Judy Maselli		Patty McShane	Michael Urel
Joan Murphy		Angelita Minter	David & Susie Vandeveld
Carrie Noteboom		Colette Mollise	Catherine Venier
Pat Oleksik		Dylyn Moran	Tony Veritz
Don & Helga Rhein		Jennifer Morley	Lori Vogel
Patricia Robinson		Denetia Morris	Bridget Wagner
Bill Rose		Amy Moytka	Tim Walkowski
Fran Rumenapp		Brooks Murphy	Pamela Webber
Alice Schwartz		Bertha Muylaert	Kathleen Wentzel
Mary Ann Schoenherr		Sandra Nowicki	Janet Wentzel
David Smith		Louis Opalka	Jeanette Wentzel
Stephen Smith		Bettis Pawlis	Matt Windorfer
Ed Spinazzola		Sheila Parker	Joyce Williams
Sandy Stawiasz		Adam & Jaclyn Plotzke	Barbara Wilson
Bernie Tarnowsky		Arron Polk	Janice Wilson
Ellen Vanderbeke		Charles Pratt	Marilyn Wisenski
Katy Wagner		Lynn Price	Jerry Wysocki
Christopher Warren		Olivia Rochowiak	Cole Yahara
Irene Warren		Jeff Randall	Cathryn Zeckzer
		Danielle Ramos	Helen Zedan
		Ed Rapin	Kathy Reichenbach



Our target goal this year is \$46,845

Pledged to date \$91,262.50

Paid to date \$89,559.82

Pledge Balance \$1,702.68

Total Pledges : 97

Pledges paid in full: 85

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- Use your CSA 2024 Pledge Card (make checks out to Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA)
- Online at sfsm.aodcsa.org
- Text "sfsm" to 586.789.9571
- Drop your pledge card in the Offertory Collection
- Come into the office

**** WE HAVE MADE OUR GOAL, 100% OF DONATIONS NOW STAY IN THE PARISH****

Your Stewardship in Action

Total Active Families 455

Total Envelopes Mailed 334

Envelopes Returned..... 106

Utility Fund for month \$526

Online offertory for month \$1,944

Church Debt to Diocese \$ 276,752.71

Mar 2	\$5,232
Mar 9	\$
Mar 16	\$
Mar 23	\$
Mar 30	

Weekend Liturgy—Second Sunday in Lent, Mar 15/16, 2025

Mass	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday, 8:00 am	Sunday, 10:00 am	Sunday, 12:00 pm Spanish
Presider	Fr. Jaime	Fr. Jaime	Fr. Piero Masolo	Fr. Jaime
Mass Intention	-The Living and Deceased Members of the Manning Family (anonymous)	L- Dorothy Wojtacha (anonymous)	- For the People of St. Francis –St. Maximilian Parish	- For the People of St. Francis –St. Maximilian Parish
MC	John Felis	Mike Seefried	Jim Van Belle	Christina Barrientos & Ana Martinez
Lectors	Carol Gawel Gladys Bosel	Mariea Seefried Yvette Wolski	Jim Daris Carol Ruhlman	Flor Lara José González
Ministers of Hospitality	Dave Robinson Bud Metzger	Jim Quayhackx Andy Vandeveld George Ferrari Stephen Evens	Dan Burke Joe Burke Don Haranczak Vince Maselli Don VanDeWater	

Happening this Week

Monday, March 10

9:00 am Mass
1:00 pm-2:30 Bible Study @ Parish Hall
7:00 pm– 8:30 pm Bible Study @ Conf Rm
7:30 pm AA—Spanish @ PC

Tuesday, March 11

9:00 am Mass/Rosary/Confessions
6:00 pm Missionaries of Jesus Prayer Group @ SFSM Church
7:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Wednesday, March 12

11:30 am-2:00 pm Forever Young Senior Luncheon
7:30 pm AA—Spanish @ PC

Thursday, March 13

9:00 am Mass
10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry @ Parish Center
6:00 pm– St. Vincent de Paul Mtg @ SFSM Conf Room
7:00 pm Bilingual Holy Hour @ SFSM Church

Friday, March 14

4:00 pm –Stations of the Cross (English)@SFSM Church
5:00 pm –Stations of the Cross (Spanish) @SFSM Church
6:00 pm Confession @ SFSM Church
7:00 pm– 9:00 pm Hispanic Charis -

matic Prayer Grp @SFSM Church
7:30 pm AA-Spanish @ PC

Saturday, March 15

9:00 am-11:00 am Discipleship Formation @ SFSM Hall
11:00 am-2:00 pm Altar Server Training @SFSM Hall
3:00 pm Confessions
3:15 pm Confirmation Sessions @ SFSM Hall
4:00 pm Mass– Fr. Jaime
7:30 pm AA-Spanish @ PC

Sunday, Mar 16

8:00 am Mass– Fr. Jaime
10:00 am Mass–Fr. Piero Masolo
11:00 am-12:00pm Hispanic OCIA @ SFSM Conference room
12:00 pm Spanish Mass– Fr. Jaime

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Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36