



**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**March 26, 2023**

**LIFE**



“I am the resurrection and  
the life; whoever believes in  
me, even if he dies, will live.”

JOHN 11:25

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 27	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Agnes McAndrews Antonio & Teresa Franzese	Monica McAndrew
Tuesday, March 28	Morning Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Wednesday, March 29	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Milo Dominic Weihofen	The St. Francis Xavier Community
Thursday, March 30	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, March 31	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John & Joyce Yelnick	Scott & Jill Burson
Saturday, April 1	Mass	8:30 am	Albert Tassi Joan Collins Laura McGhee	Mary Tassi & Family Mary Tassi Mary Tassi
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday	Mass	7:30 am	Mike Konstant	The Konstant Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Gregory Van Gorp	Craig & Carol Jacklin
	Mass	11:00 am	Craig Thomas Bringer	Jack & Karen O'Keefe
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

### President's Schedule for March 25-26, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk    7:30 am Fr. Milek    9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk    11:00 am Fr. Milek    5:00 pm Fr. Ilo

### Please pray for . . .

John Amato	Mark Kiley
John Baggio	Rick Mahoney
Linda Bieniek	Lisa Massaro
Dick Callahan	Patrick Morgan
Michael Cannon	Gert Ogilvie
Jay Carroll	Jane O'Reilly
Chili Challenger	Gregory Osowski
Laurie Coughlan	Karen Payne
Blake Donegan	Beth Pfluger
Victoria Donile	Geri Pfluger
Barbara Doyle	Lorelei Przybylski
Matthew Doyle	Madison Raupp
Lily Fielding	Anna Rose
Jim French	Santa Snieg
Kathy Gleason	Rita Mae Spearman
Lilli Gregory	John Stopka
Wilson Gregory	John Strougal
Angela Hill	Olivia Tarsney
Normad Hopp	Theresa Toher
Rose Ilo	Rose Wall
Mary J.	Liz Wilk
Jane Jacobsen	Bill Witowski
Theresa Kandall	

To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

### Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers,  
those who have died, as well as their families:

**Rosemary Fanta**

Wife of Frank

Mother of Elizabeth, Christopher & Catherine

**Cynthia Szustak**

Sister of Bill Ritchie

### Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday at 7:45 am  
for Stations of the Cross.



Make a gift to the Sunday  
Offertory with this QR Code.  
Thank you for your support!



## Pastor's Letter

*"Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ."*

John 11:27

Martha, a sister of the recently deceased Lazarus, is angry at Jesus when he arrives in Bethany. She had sent for him when her brother was ill and asked him to come and heal him. Jesus had often been a guest in their home and was treated as family. Yet, in their hour of need, Jesus delayed his arrival. "If you had been here, my brother would not have died," she cries. Jesus talks of a resurrection; but Martha responds that *her need is now*, not at some future date. Jesus pushes Martha deeper by asking, "Do you believe?" She responds by professing her faith in Jesus as the Christ, easing her anger if not her grief.

Most of us who have experienced the death of someone we love can identify with Martha. Perhaps we had prayed to God that a serious illness would be healed or at least that the person be given more quality time. We may have resented God for seeming to ignore our pleas. Even when we find a way back to affirming our faith in God, we continue to grieve. St. Paul told the Thessalonians that Christians must not "grieve *like the rest who have no hope*"; but he never suggests that we not grieve. Christians grieve as much as *any* human person. But *we grieve with hope* that, in the love of Christ, we remain joined to those who are no longer with us until we are all reunited in God's kingdom.

**Am I feeling apart from God's love** as I enter the days that lead to the proclamation of the Passion of Christ? Are their losses in my life that still lead me to question God's care for me and my troubles? Am I willing to bring these to Jesus and ask him to lead me to that declaration of faith that brought her closer to Jesus, even as she grieved?

Martha's reactions in the face of death are honest and human. Jesus does not rebuke her. Rather, he invites her to go deeper – to affirm the faith *beneath* her grief, even though it does not take away her grief at that moment. Jesus will come to a moment in a garden in which his emotions do not fully embrace what God is asking of him. Then he too goes deeper, finding the faith and trust to say, "Thy will, not mine, be done." *Jesus is with us* in our moments of struggle; he invites us, again and again, to a deeper moment in which we can invite God to *be with us* and *walk with us* as we come to believe once more.

The last of the three Scrutinies are prayed at this weekend's Saturday evening Mass. We join Nick Gora, who seeks Baptism at the Easter Vigil, and Mariel Skoda, Christine Scioscia, Daniel Alcala, and Ruby de la Rosa, who will ask to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church that same night. *We are all called to embrace new life in Christ.* Please pray for our catechumen and candidates in their final days of preparation.

**The final Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service is this Monday at 7:00 PM at St. Cletus.** The **last scheduled opportunity for the individual celebration** of the Sacrament before Easter is **next Saturday morning** from 9:00-10:00 AM. The Sacraments are celebrated only in emergency situations on Holy Saturday.

I invite you to set aside some time this week to read through Matthew, Chapters 25 and 26, his account of the Passion of Jesus. Prepare to walk this journey together with Jesus once more next weekend.

**Lenten Peace,**

*J. Bill*



## Reflection for the 5th Sunday in Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #6

Sue Martin, Sue Lindsay and Susie Lehuta

The Gospel today tells the beautiful story of Jesus raising Lazarus. The first readings prepare us for this story of death into life, which is only a preview of Jesus' journey from death into eternal life. We are encouraged to foster in ourselves and our loved ones a deep belief in this miracle of God's love for creation.

### St. Francis Xavier Church Holy Week Services 2023

#### **Palm Sunday—April 2nd**

Masses at 5:00 pm Saturday  
and Sunday at  
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

#### **Wednesday—April 5th**

Tenebrae 7:00 pm  
Church open until 9:00 pm

#### **Holy Thursday—April 6th**

Morning Prayer 8:30 am/Living Stations 9:00 am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm  
Church open until 10:00 pm

#### **Good Friday—April 7th**

Morning Prayer 8:30 am  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 and 7:00 pm

#### **Holy Saturday—April 8th**

Morning Prayer 8:30 am  
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 1:00 pm  
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm  
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

#### **Easter Sunday—April 9th**

Masses at 7:30, 9:00\* and 11:00 am Church  
Masses at 9:15 and 11:15 am SFX School Gym  
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

\*This mass will be live-streamed.

### Join Us For An Evening of Prayer & Reflection



Theme: Appropriating the Spirit of Christ:

*"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you."* Romans 6:10-11

March 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
St. Cletus Parish  
600 West 55th Street  
LaGrange

Special Guest Speaker:  
Fr. Anthony Muraya, STL, PhD

### BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAM USING PASTOR'S NAME

An email scam continues to use Fr. Bill's name as part of an email scam that is sent to random parishioners. This has been happening to pastors and ministers of other communities for several years. The pastor is listed as the sender with a fake (though sometimes credible) email address. An emergency request is made for money through the purchase of gift cards. If you respond, the sender asks you to reveal the PIN number on the gift card and return a picture of the card that includes the PIN. The scammer can use this information to redeem the gift cards.

**Fr. Bill and the parish staff will NEVER make a personal request for money in this way.** Requests for financial contributions to the parish or parish school will come via direct communication from the parish or school.



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## SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit [catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi](https://catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi) or scan the code below.

The link can also be found in Quicklinks on our website.

We will provide hard copies of the survey at the church doors.

The survey is available until **March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

**Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.**


Thank you for helping our parish!



## Your Parish Counselor

March brings a time of transition, moving from one state or condition to another. In this case, we are moving from winter into the new life of spring. Transitions can be a difficult time. One part of our life is coming to a close, which can bring mixed feelings of joy or sadness. The other part is a new dawn, but these new beginnings can have many unknowns. Though this can be exciting, it can also bring much anxiety as well. Wherever you may be, if you are looking for some help navigating through life's challenges, consider reaching out at 704-750-0686 or by email [bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com](mailto:bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com).



 The Well Spirituality Center  
1515 Ogden Avenue in  
LaGrange Park to register or  
find out more go to  
[www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048.

**Wisdom and Wonder From the Book of Nature**  
with Facilitator, Barbara Mahany on Thursday, April 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm In-person or on Zoom.

Throughout millennia and across world religions, all of creation was revered as a sacred text, the first, best entry point for encounter with the divine. Today, nature generously awaits our attention and devotion. On this evening, author Barbara Mahany will weave together astonishments of science, profound wisdom and literary gems of thinkers, poets, and keen-eyed wonderers who've come before us, as well as her own spiritual practice and gentle observation. Register at [csjthewell.org/programs/book-of-nature/](https://csjthewell.org/programs/book-of-nature/).

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to the rectory staff and mentions they would like to have a prayer shawl or lap blanket.

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Our scheduled meetings for early 2023 will be from 7:00-8:00 PM in Unity Hall on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 12  
and  
Thursday, May 11.

Any questions, please contact Mary Ellyn Witt at [newittlagrange@yahoo.com](mailto:newittlagrange@yahoo.com).

St. Francis Xavier Parish

# TENEBRAE

A SERVICE OF DARKNESS



Presider/Lector: Susie Lehuta

Commentator: Thom Serafin

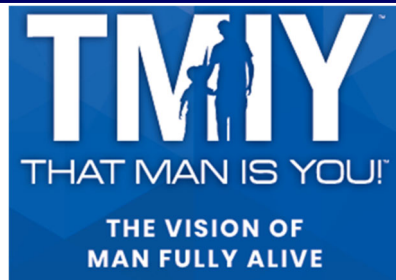
Music: Celebration Ensemble

Come, and be a part of a beautiful tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. This service, through music and scripture, portrays the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. Candles are extinguished one by one to symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The complete darkness at the end of the service portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

**Wednesday, April 6 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish, are you looking for a more meaningful Lenten devotion this year?**

Gather with other men of the parish for the Spring Semester of *The Vision of Man Fully Alive*. This program enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. By living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, our hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain us on this spiritual journey, we will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God.



Meetings will be **Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM in Unity Hall they started on February 21.**  
**Questions?** Contact Ernie Froemel at [ernie.froemel@gmail.com](mailto:ernie.froemel@gmail.com)



### ***The Chosen - Season 2***

Wednesdays February 15–April 5  
7:00-8:30pm  
St. John of the Cross Parish Center

- WATCH an engaging episode of *The Chosen*
- LISTEN to others' thoughts and reactions
- SHARE when you feel comfortable

Register at [www.stjohnofthecross.org/chosen](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/chosen)

Co-sponsored by St. John of the Cross,  
St. Cletus and St. Francis Xavier Parishes

## **Lent 2023**

*Began on February 22nd!*



### **SFX Women's Retreat 2023 Lenten Offerings** **"Loaves and Fishes"**

#### **Lenten Lectio Divina**

Lectio Divina means "divine reading" in Latin.

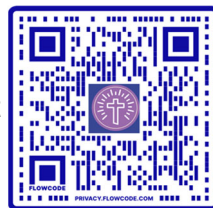
It's a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we attempt to let go of our own agendas, let the Spirit guide our understanding, and open ourselves up to what God is trying to say to us. Join us Tuesdays at 8:10-8:45 am (began on February 28<sup>th</sup>) in Unity Hall. Bringing your own Bible is encouraged, but not required.

#### **Wednesday Morning Rosary**

Women of all ages are invited to join us for this early morning rosary on Zoom. It starts at 7:15 and concludes by 7:45. It's a great way to start the day - and no need to get "camera ready" before you come. You are welcome just as you are!

#### **Lenten Word & Communion Service**

Join us Thursday mornings at 7:30 am during Lent for a special Word and Communion service, which will be led by the Women's Retreat 2023 team, but is open to all parishioners and friends. Start the day exploring what God is calling us to this Lent through dedicated time with God's Word and the Eucharist. All are welcome!



[Click here to sign up!](#)





# Religious Education News



*Registration for our 2023- 2024  
K – 8 Religious Education Program  
is now open (as of 3/18/23)!*

We are happy to be able to offer two options to families for the 2023-2024 school year.

In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons and our virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays for families with busy schedules.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for “car ride” home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

**Please don't delay in registering your children today as classes fill up fast!**

*Families who register by April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be entered into a raffle for free tuition. The drawing will take place at our last class in person event on April 30th. You must be present at the event to win!*

Visit our website for complete information on

registration, tuition and calendar:

<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>.

Click the quick link “RE Registration Information for 2023-2024” on the left-hand side of the page to register.





**SAVE THE DATE!**

Come help us celebrate the ending to a great 2022-2023 Religious Education School Year!

Sunday, April 30, 2023

12:30PM-2:30PM in  
The Education Building  
Parking Lot

**RAINBOW  
ICE CREAM  
TRUCK**

**IS COMING TO SFX!**

10% of sales that day will be donated back to our Religious Education Program!

PS3, PK4 & K Parents, Please join us for...

# *Coffee and Conversation\**

Principal's Early Childhood Coffee  
with Mrs. Garcia

\* There will be a short curriculum presentation by a SFX Pre-K 4 teacher



Where: **Unity Hall**

Please enter through Main School Doors on Waiola

When: **Thursday**

**April 27th**

**8:30 - 9:30am**

## Easter Flower Collection 2023

We are collecting donations for Easter florals!

We are so grateful for your past donations in memory and honor of your loved ones. These generous contributions are used throughout the year to add florals and seasonal décor to our worship space here at St. Francis.

We appreciate your continued support to help us create a peaceful, prayerful and beautiful space for us to gather together to celebrate the Eucharist as one family.

To donate, you may use the envelopes at the Church exits or drop off your donation at the Church Rectory or [click here](#).

Celine Heraty  
Arts & Environment Ministry



# BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs  
eternal

A yellow teardrop-shaped icon containing the words "DONATE BLOOD" in red capital letters. The background of the entire section is a vibrant pink and purple gradient with abstract floral and circular patterns.

**Knights of Columbus  
LaGrange Local Council 6483 Blood Drive  
Tuesday, April 11 from 3:00-7:00 pm**

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and  
drink plenty of water before donating.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
145 North Waiola Avenue—Gym  
(Ogden & Waiola) LaGrange

Sign up to save lives! Our goal 37 appointments to help supply 87 local hospitals. To make an appointment, visit [www.versiti.org](http://www.versiti.org), or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE or scan the QR Code:

Save the Next Drive Date:  
Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Pedal to save lives! Donate for a chance to win an electric bike!



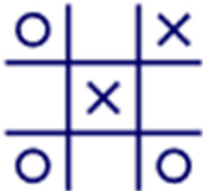
# SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY  
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

Shelter Homeless Feed Hungry Bury Dead  
Clothe Naked Care for Sick Visit Imprisoned

## All Parish Service Day 2023

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact:  
Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



### Engage Community March Event Game Night

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 29th for a board game/card night.

**Where:** Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange.

**When:** 7:00-8:30 pm on March 29

**Who:** All are welcome. Engage focuses on adults over 50 single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

**What:** Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine).

RSVPs are encouraged.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at [janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com) Community events are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month.

### SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!

Monthly meetings on the  
1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 4

Contact Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan at [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.

### Thank You!



**We appreciate all the donations we received. Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$3527 for our St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Ministry.**





## Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...  
and please let us know when friends and loved ones  
return from their deployment Overseas.  
Email the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
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Deacon  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Community Outreach  
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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**Rev. Richard Milek**  
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## Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-7:30 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

## Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

## Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am  
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

## Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

**St. Cletus** (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

**St. John of the Cross** (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

## Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

## Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

## Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

## Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

## Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

## Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

## Parish Counselor

**At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.**

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.