

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

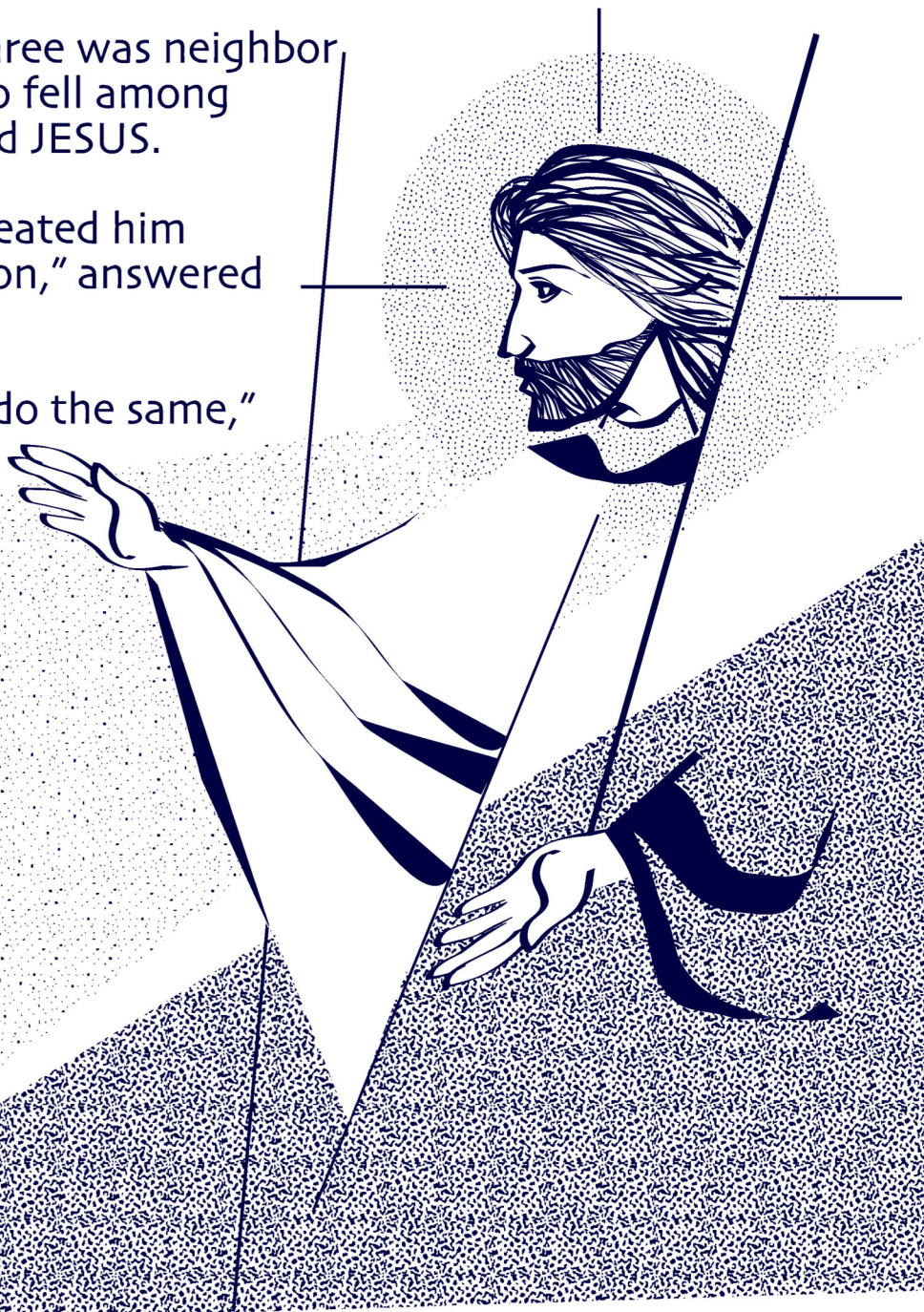
July 10, 2022



“Which of the three was neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?” asked JESUS.

“The one who treated him with compassion,” answered the man.

“Then go and do the same,” said JESUS.



Week at a Glance

| | | | Intention | Requested By |
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| Monday, July 11 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | Art Lyons Carol Grimes Gregory Van Gorp Herbert & Mary Schrack Mary Ann Slowick | Clare & Ernie Froemel Donna Kurcz The Van Gorp Family Ellen Cudzik |
| Tuesday, July 12 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | Alpha Enstrom | Jacquelyn Van Gorp |
| Wednesday, July 13 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | Greg McDonnell | The McKenna Family |
| Thursday, July 14 | Rosary | 8:15 am | | |
| Friday, July 15 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | John L. Barry | The Zahorik Family |
| Saturday, July 16 | Mass | 8:30 am | Ann Kahover | Dolores Lewis |
| | Reconciliation | 9:00 am | | |
| | Mass | 5:00 pm | Graciela Angelats | Ana Poma and Family |
| Sunday, July 17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mass | 7:30 am | Jeanne Pridmore | The Kelly Cousins |
| | Mass | 9:00 am | Ruth Palmer | Margie Martin |
| | Mass | 11:00 am | Joe Malek | Dolores Lewis |
| | Mass | 5:00 pm | People of the Parish | |

Schedule for July 9-10, 2022~Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Edward Barrett | Patrick Morgan |
| Linda Bieniek | Mike Morrison |
| Jay Carroll | Gert Ogilvie |
| Chili Challender | Molly Olson |
| Blake Donegan | Jane O'Reilly |
| Victoria Donile | Lorraine Ovník |
| Larry Dunn | Ryan Patyk |
| Lily Fielding | Donna Pekarek |
| Lilli Gregory | Baby Lucia R. |
| Wilson Gregory | Madison Raupp |
| Rose Ilo | Anna Rose |
| Mary J. | Rita Scalcon |
| Jane Jacobsen | Santa Snieg |
| Theresa Kandall | Barbara Stewart |
| Patricia Kanna | John Stopka |
| Mark Kiley | Kate Frugoli Sullivan |
| Stanley Kolodziej | Eileen West |
| Lisa Massaro | Liz Wilk |
| Linda McMahan | |

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:

Joanne Fitzpatrick
Wife of Richard
Mother of John and Kate

Weddings

Anna Higgins & Charlie Pasquinelli
Mary McGrory & Kirk Bender
Rose Brown & Michael Elgeness
Jackie Forde & Scott Rapacz



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

WELCOME, JENETTE TERAN, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

We welcome a new Coordinator of Youth Ministry to the parish staff this week. Jenette Teran comes to us from Southern Illinois University where she served as campus minister after several years of providing outreach services to the homeless in the St. Louis and Denver areas. Jenette comes from a family of seven children and grew up near Effingham, Illinois. She is newly married to someone from our part of the State and moved to our area looking for an opportunity to serve high school youth in a vibrant parish community. You will hear more from her in the weeks to come. In the meantime, if you see her around the parish campus, be sure to welcome her and introduce yourself.

Thank you to the members of the search committee who offered their time and wisdom in the interviewing process. And a special thanks to the adults and staff members who have stepped up over the past two years to keep alive some of the key components of our parish outreach to youth. Your generous stewardship for our youth is valued and appreciated.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Statement of Cardinal Cupich on the July 4 mass shooting in Highland Park

I have been watching the news in horror as at least 6 are dead and many more were wounded after a gunman opened fire as families attended an Independence Day parade in Highland Park. What should have been a peaceful celebration of our nation's founding ended in unspeakable tragedy.

Please join me in praying for the victims and their loved ones, who never imagined a July 4 celebration could become a killing ground. Pray too for the safety of first responders as they pursue the person responsible for this tragedy. They bravely rushed into the danger to treat victims and to protect others from harm.

The parade reportedly had a heavy presence of police and fire vehicles, yet this shooter was able to wound at least two dozen people before he stopped, or was stopped, and fled. Victims ranged in age from 8 to 85. Weapons designed to rapidly destroy human bodies have no place in civil society.

It is barely July, and this year the United States is already experiencing more than one mass shooting a day. Chicago Police reported at least 55 shot and 7 killed since Friday, and the holiday weekend is not yet over. Gun violence is now the leading cause of death for U.S. children.

Whatever one makes of the right to bear arms, there is plenty of room for prudential judgment in interpreting the Second Amendment so as to enact serious, broadly popular gun-safety measures. The Senate finally passed a significant, yet modest, gun-safety bill last month. But clearly more must be done.

The right to bear arms does not eclipse the right to life, or the right of all Americans to go about their lives free of the fear that they might be shredded by bullets at any moment. Gun violence is a life issue. We must continue to pray that all our officials, elected and unelected alike, will redouble their commitment to keeping safe the people they have sworn to serve.

Pope Francis wrote to the people of Chicagoland in 2016: "As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, humanity 'must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.' I urge all people, especially young men and women, to respond to Dr. King's prophetic words and know that a culture of nonviolence is not an unattainable dream, but a path that has produced decisive results."

May the Lord of mercy embrace in love those who have died, bring healing to the wounded, comfort to their loved ones, and courage to all of us, so that we may respond to this tragedy united as God's children to build a path to safety and peace.



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Diocese of Rzeszów
Poland

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Three months ago, two Ukrainian Families with four children found a shelter in my Family Home in Poland. When I shared that news with you, many Parishioners wanted to support them and other refugees. I contacted Caritas in my home diocese of Rzeszów, which is close to the Ukrainian border, and I found out that they helped over 40,000 refugees from Ukraine. I asked them if they could mediate and allow us to support them. That's why we asked you to make a donation to St. Francis Xavier Church and note on your check that your gift is for Caritas. We collected and sent to Caritas \$6,250 to be distributed to the refugees who sent us a thank you note.

На порятток свого міста хочу подякувати Вам за дім, в якому ми маємо можливість зараз мешкати. Майі діти тут дуже подивляються, дім просто чудовий, природа, а саме головне тиша та безпека, що насамперед дуже головне для мене, як для матері.
Також хочу подякувати за сиртаки, іршакчи та рети, низький Вам уклін за Вашу допомогу. Ми дуже сумуємо за нашим дахом а також у мене на Україні зостається дорослий син, якому 25 років і моя мама пенсійного віку, за них у мене дуже велика тривога. Хотіла



"Thank you for your support. Thanks to you, our children have a place to stay. That's the most important thing for every mother to provide a happy and safe home for her children.

Our children love it here.

Right now we have everything we need. We miss our home and our family members who stayed in Ukraine.

We are thankful and grateful for your help."



Caritas also organizes a summer camp for all children from poor Ukrainian families who can't afford to send their children on vacation. Some children are there right now having a fun time, thanks to you.

If you would like to support Caritas in the future again, you can do it the same way.

On behalf of all the Ukrainian refugees and especially the children, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

God Bless You!

Fr. Rich



Thank You!

RETURN TO GROUP BAPTISMS

Beginning in August, we are returning to our practice of only scheduling Baptisms at one of two group ceremonies each month. These will occur on the first and third Sunday of each month, beginning at 1:00PM. A maximum of eight families can be scheduled for each group ceremony.

A private Baptism can be scheduled with a visiting priest or deacon if the church is available on the requested date and time. In addition, there will be some months in which one of the two group Baptism dates may be moved to an alternate Sunday due to conflicts with holiday weekends or with Church Feast Days, such as Easter.

The Baptism dates for the remainder of 2022 are:

August 7 and 21
November 6 and 20

September 11 and 18
December 4 and 18

October 2 and 16

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue the gradual process of returning to our former procedures.

Seasons of Hope



Beginning August 15
Mondays at 9:15 am
following 8:30 am mass, in Unity Hall

Seasons of Hope at St. Francis Xavier Parish will meet over a 6-week period to help participants walk through the grief process. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

- ~ Are you ready to move forward but don't know how?
- ~ Would you like to meet others who have experienced loss and draw support and encouragement within a group setting?
- ~ Would you like to learn how your Christian faith is ideally suited to help you process your loss and grow spiritually?

Seasons of Hope and the resources provided help you make sense of your loss within the context of our Christian faith, assuring us that death does not have the last word. Six weekly sessions explore topics related to the grieving process and include time for prayer, reflection, and the support of others.

It is suggested that participants allow 3-6 months from the time of loss before attending.

Please call Maggie McMahon at 708-352-0168, ext. 338 for more information or to register.

School of Religious Education News

**Register
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Register Now for K – 8 Religious Education 2022-2023, Don't Delay!

The School of Religious Education is accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

The 2022-2023 program will offer families two options.

We will offer an in person bi-monthly grade level program held on Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings (family preference) and we will offer a virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays.

Students enrolled in the in person or online program will receive their own book to take home to work on.

Visit our website for complete information on registration and tuition, please [click here](#).

Your Gift and Talent is Needed!



Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for many volunteers to step forward to join in this new journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2022-2023 school year at eguidice@sfxlg.org.

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sfxlgmain@sfxlg.org

Job Opportunities!

SFX Athletic Director
Salaried Part-Time Position
Position may be "job-shared"



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Manage / oversee all aspects of the SFX Parish School Athletic Program

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- Attend League meetings and coordinate game schedules for each sport
- Supervision, selection, compliance tracking and training of sports program personnel (paid and volunteers)
- Responsible for staffing home athletic events (ex: supervisors, scorekeepers and referees, etc.)
- Coordinate Concessions
- Oversee registration process including compliance and roster creation for each sport in a timely manner
- Coordinate uniform ordering and distribution
- Schedule and prepare agenda for monthly Athletic Board Meeting
- Provide communication on program to parents, coaches, athletes, leagues
- Oversight of the budget for the Athletic Program

List of duties for each category will be provided
Reports to: Principal

SFX Gym Supervisors Part Time, Paid Hourly

- Facility pre & post preparation for all home athletic events
- Present for supervision during home athletic events
- Adults only



TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Help a Child Attend Our School

9 children are waiting for the opportunity to attend **St. Francis Xavier School** with the help of the Illinois Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program.

Every contribution to the Tax Credit Scholarship Program is eligible for a 75 percent credit on your state income taxes.

Learn how you can donate to this life changing program. Visit archchicago.org/tcs, call the TCS Hotline at **312.534.2617** or email tcs@archchicago.org

Class of 1957

St. Francis Xavier School Reunion

Contact John Strougal 630-528-6453

John.sr67@gmail.com

The time frame will be September or October



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass September 18

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, September 18 at 2:30 p.m. The Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral. [Click here](#) for information to register.

Evening Receptionist

The St. Francis Xavier Rectory wants to hire two adults to work at the rectory Monday through Thursday from 5:00-7:30pm (2 nights each). This includes answering the door and phones and doing some light office work. This position will begin on Monday, August 22nd.

Please contact Maureen Pipal by email at mpipal@sfxlg.org, if you are interested.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Scripture Study

The Letter to the Hebrews gives us courage. When enduring temptation or hostile opposition turn your face to God as did Abraham, Moses and Jesus. The content of this letter has shaped the liturgy, doctrine and spirituality of the Catholic Church.

**Thursday 9:30 – 11:00 am Unity Hall
September 8 – November 3, 2022**

Please register with Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ at 708-363-6728 or mrace@csjoseph.org
Study Guide \$7.00 (available in August)

Interfaith Career Network

Let's Chat About the Job Search

Tired of all those presentations on job search where you nod wisely but never get the chance to express your thoughts? In our ICN program, on Thursday, July 21 from 7-9 pm...Irishman Speaks Conor Cunneen will solicit your thoughts as to how things are going, the challenges you face and will provide down-to-earth advice to help you in *your* job search. Our speaker is a recipient of the President's Gold Medal for Volunteer Service for the work he does with those in a job search and because Conor is a Chicago Humorous Speaker of the Year, you can be assured of a fun presentation. Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5505 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome.

Quarterly Resume Review

Join us on Saturday, July 23 from 9-11 am for a helpful 20-minute, one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street, in LaGrange. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources

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with all your heart
with all your soul
and with all your strength



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

- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **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
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **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
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **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
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **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.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

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

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Director of Religious Education
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-5:00 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, Georgina Lopez, from the Claret Center (Georgina is also bilingual in English and Spanish. She can be reached by phone 323-487-2359 or email glopez.claret@gmail.com.

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