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A "Resurrection Invitation": Lent and Easter Seasons at St. Francis Xavier Parish

Greetings! I hope that this letter finds you well, happy, and healthy. **THANK YOU** for your continued support through prayer, time, talent, and treasure. Your presence means a great deal. I am blessed to journey with you in these extraordinary times. Please always remember to be grateful for all of the gifts we share, including our faith. Now, I would like to give you the comprehensive calendar for our upcoming Lent and Easter Seasons that will start very soon. Consider this your "Resurrection Invitation" as this is what we are called to in the Lenten/Easter Season through the Cross and Resurrection!

Before we get there though, I would like to bring you up to speed on a few things:

1. **COVID:** We continue to monitor the situation and will adjust if needed.
2. **PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE BY CHECKING OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, E-MAIL, MYPARISH APP, AND TWITTER REGULARLY.**
3. **FINANCES:**
 - + Thank you for your continued support. There is a decrease in offerings. We understand that this year has been difficult on many levels. The parish runs just like many households with bills and unexpected expenses. If you are able support us financially, consider committing to regular contributions or online donations.
 - + If you still need a copy of your Contribution Statement for Tax Purposes, please contact the office.
 - + Please remember we have the option of E.F.T. (electronic funds transfer) for automatic deduction. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions
 - + CSA: Thank you very much for your support of the CSA and if you have not had the chance to participate, there is still time.
4. **Vision:** The Church is in a 3-Year Eucharistic Revival. Consider letting this be a Lent be a time of renewal and journey with us as we explore Christ's Presence in our lives via the Sacraments, Adoration, and Book Study "Wisdom & Works of Mercy." **Please stay tuned for more information! Please keep Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11th on your calendar!**
5. **Music Position:** We hope to have someone in place later this year. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work to fill this opportunity for our parish. In the meantime, I am appreciative of those that have stepped up to help us temporarily.
6. **Please get involved:** Part of our parish renewal is looking at how we can best use our gifts. Please consider getting involved in a ministry or volunteer opportunity as well as a spiritual opportunity. There are plenty of opportunities to take advantage of in this season and beyond.
7. **PARISH EVENT SIGN-UPS:** As a reminder, **ALL SIGN-UPS WILL HAPPEN THROUGH OUR WEBSITE for ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES.** From Adoration to RSVPs, you can sign-up from the comfort of your home, and be aware of when Adoration times need filled. If you do not have access to a computer to do so, you can always contact the Church Office or see someone with an iPad after Masses when opportunities arise.
8. We are in need of more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers. Please consider joining these ministries by contacting the office!
9. If you have not been receiving emails, please contact us so we can double check the email we have on file. Also, double check your spam/junk folder.
10. **Remember: Ash Wednesday/Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.** Continue to enter the season through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
11. **Lenten Commitment:** Beginning Ash Wednesday, feel free to fill out your Lenten Commitment (available by the Baptistry and/or online). After placing your commitment in the basket, please take a

Lenten reminder token. If fill out your Lenten Commitment electronically contact the office and we can mail/deliver the Lenten Reminder token!

Our Faith is fulfilled by the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus. That is why I hope that you will participate in person or via livestream in as many of the events for Lent/Easter as possible.

1. **Please see the schedule for our Masses for Lent/Holy Week/Easter** (on the proceeding page).
 2. Livestreaming continues indefinitely.
 3. **All are welcome** to worship with us at any time, including Easter.
 4. **Overflow seating** will be available in the Gathering Space for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday.
 5. **Remember, ALL ARE WELCOME** our Masses are open to Parishioners and Non-Parishioners because Jesus is for everyone!
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As you will also see on the Schedule, there are many opportunities for **Adoration and Confession**. **PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.** Regarding Confession, I will be offering a few "Drive-Up" times as indicated on the schedule, so that you do not have to get out of your car. All you will need to do is stop at the Main Entrance of the Church, call the emergency number found in the bulletin, and I will come to you. If there are multiple people in the vehicle, members will need to exit and are welcome to come into the church. We are also offering *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession* Study Series as a reminder/refreshers on how Jesus is Present in the Sacraments, and offers us His Love & Mercy

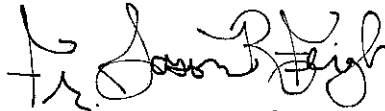
If you are in need of the Sacraments, (Confession, Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick) and are unable to come to church, please contact me about coming to you. If there is anyway we can support you in continuing to deepen your relationship with Jesus and His Church, we will.

Please, make this the best Lent/Easter ever, enter in spiritually as you never have before, and do not let the craziness of our lives darken the light of this time.

Thank you again for your support; please continue to give as you can; and most importantly know of my (and Linus') continued love, support, and prayers for you in these coming months!

May you have the Blessed Lent/Joyous Easter and enjoy your "Resurrection Invitation".

In the Lord, I Remain,



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