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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 what's going on around the parish:

1. **PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE BY CHECKING OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, E-MAIL, MYPARISH APP, AND X(TWITTER) REGULARLY.**
2. **FINANCES:**
 - + Thank you for your continued support. We understand that this time 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 would like your 2023 Contribution Statement, 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 CSA 2023. Please have pledge balances paid asap if you have not already done so. Our CSA goal for 2024 is \$48,555. Remember that our Parish keeps 100% of gifts raised beyond our contribution for the needs of the Parish.
3. **Vision:** For the past few years, we have been embarking on a path to let Scripture and Eucharist become more integral parts of our lives. Please let this be a time of renewal as we journey together in this time of **Eucharistic Revival. If you are interested in attending the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in July, there is still space available, contact Irene for more information. Also, continue to take advantage of other opportunities we offer in the parish to grow in your relationship with Jesus.**
4. **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.
5. **Organ and Carpeting Projects:** With your help financially, we should be able to move forward with parts of this project later this year.
6. **Pastoral Planning:** According to the Diocesan calendar given to us, we hope to have the final plan in April. There will be more information to come.
7. **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 to take advantage of in this season and beyond. We will continue to explore how we can do this as an individual and community.
8. **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/seek assistance at the end of Masses by one of our Hospitality Ministry before a specific event. Knowing that not all are on a computer, we can now assist you with signing-up via iPads here at the Parish for various things.

9. We are in need of more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers. Please consider joining these ministries by contacting the office!
10. If you have not been receiving emails, please contact us with your email so we can add you to the list.
11. **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.
12. **Lenten Commitment:** Beginning Ash Wednesday, feel free to fill out your Lenten Commitment (available by the Baptistry). After placing your commitment in the basket, please take a Lenten reminder token. Also, you are welcome (beginning Ash Wednesday via website) to fill out your Lenten Commitment electronically and we can mail/deliver the Lenten Reminder token to you if you call the parish office!
13. **Rice Bowls:** Will be available at the Church entrance for you to pick up. This is a great way to live out almsgiving and supports Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 75% of gifts support more than 120 countries to alleviate hunger and poverty. The other 25% remains in our own diocesan community.

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 pages).
2. Livestreaming continues indefinitely.
3. **Overflow seating** will be available in the Gathering Space for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday.
4. **Remember, ALL ARE WELCOME** our Masses are open to Parishioners and Non-Parishioners because Jesus is for everyone! Please join us at anytime and not just during Lent or Easter as you are always welcome.

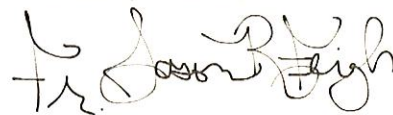
As you will also see on the Schedule, there are many opportunities for **Adoration and Confession**. **PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.** Regarding Confession, I will be offering a few "Drive-Up" times as indicated on the schedule, so that you do not have to get out of your car. All you 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 *The Eucharist in Scripture* Study by Dr. Scott Hahn. This six-week study is open to anyone, and you can join as your schedule allows. If you would like to do the study on your own or form your own small group, please contact Irene.

Remember Lent is a season of more intentional conversion and seeking Jesus. If you are ever in need of the Sacraments, whether you are in the hospital, care facility, or homebound, do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a visit. If you or someone you know has been away from the Church and wondering about returning, know that you are welcome, and we would love to journey with you/them in returning to Jesus. Regardless of what is going on in the world, nothing can take the hope of Lent and Joy of Easter, or more importantly, CHRIST from us. Please, make this the best Lent/Easter ever, enter 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,



Reverend Jason R. Feigh
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