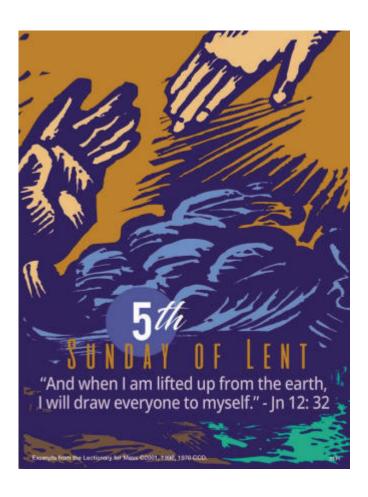


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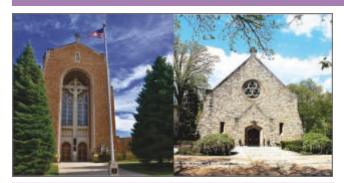
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March 21, 2021

Our parish has reopened for the celebration of the sacraments, private prayer, adoration and Mass, with some modifications. Stay tuned to Fr. Wayne's daily emails for updates on the reopenings. If you'd like to receive our parish emails, or have questions, please contact officessifx@ssifx.org.

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Readings for the week of March 22, 2021

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11;

Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,

17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

or 15:1-39

Dear Friends,

We continue our Lenten fast. We remain committed to and clouds their vision. Maybe we pray. We still call ourselves to generosity and almsgiving. If you are reading this on Sunday, you only have ten My constant response to people official days left in the Lenten season. I hope these final like them is to invite them to count days will bear fruit for each of us. Hopefully the fruit we their blessings. I do that myself bear will be bolstered by the promises we hear from God in when I start to compare myself the readings of this day.

As we enter these final days, we hear one of my favorite God's people, God's own, God's beloved. What a blessing! communications from God from the Prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah tells us what the Lord says. "I will be their God The message carries both a promise and a challenge.

of God. As God's children we enjoy God's steadfast love with love. and everlasting mercy. As God's own, we receive the benefits of God's providence. God always wants the best often we don't.

popularity, comfort, travel, good looks... I could go on and God gives us what we need. on. When we make any of these passing things our gods, we lose sight of what is important. The once popular song God!"

short. Once we fully admit and realize that, we can rightly claim that He is our God. Rightly making the claim Peace, requires us, then, to act accordingly, with gratitude, humility and confidence. When we have God as our God, Saint Teresa of Avila tells us, we find that we lack nothing.

Recently, I have had conversations with two different people from two different generations. Both discussed their struggles with envy. They look at what their friends and relatives have and are able to do and they measure themselves against that bar. When they determine that they don't have what others have or that they are unable to

do what others are able to do, they get jealous. Envy rules their hearts all face envy from time to time. with others. First and foremost, our greatest blessing is that we are



As you continue your Lenten journey, I invite you to and they shall be my people." The sentiment from this line consider what those words from the Prophet Jeremiah appears more than a dozen times throughout the Scriptures. mean to you. Do you live as if you are God's and God is yours? If not, this homestretch of Lent is a perfect time to change. God so wants us close. He watches and waits We are God's people. He loves us as his own. Through because we are his people. He wants to place his law on our shared baptism with Jesus, we are sons and daughters our hearts. When we allow God to do so, our hearts brim

The "B" year in the liturgical allows us to hear a bit for us and gives us blessing after blessing. That's part of more from Saint John's Gospel. Most of the time we the promise of being God's people. We benefit from his encounter Jesus in the Gospel of John, Jesus appears strong untiring love in ways that sometimes we recognize and and confident. Today's Gospel allows use to glimpse the rarely seen weak side of the Johannine Jesus. But as soon as Jesus admits being deeply troubled, the voice from Secondly, that sentence from the Prophet expresses above gives direction and confidence to the mission of God's desire that He be our God. I think envy enters our Jesus. Jesus shows us the intimate relationship between hearts when we make other things false gods. Money, him and the Father and the Father's response to his request.

Take the time this week to consider your own Our God Is an Awesome God expresses it plainly: "Our relationship with God. As we prepare to enter the holiest God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above, week of our liturgical year, ask yourself if you are ready. with wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome Let's rid ourselves from envy and anything else that will get in the way of a joyful celebration. Let's count our blessings. Make plans ahead of time to really mark Holy Our triune God, the God who made heaven and Earth, Week. There are special services Thursday April 1, Friday the God who made covenant after covenant with His April 2, and Saturday April 3. Most of those have been people, the one who sent His Son to live with and die for fully subscribed. I'm working with the Archdiocese to us... He is an awesome God! Why would we want expand the numbers of worshippers at these and other another? Try to really measure any of the false gods Masses and services. Plan ahead to be with us, either in awesome God, and they will always fall person or virtually. You'll be glad you did.

Ra. Waynet. Wans

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, March 22, 2021

6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:

+MaryLee O'Connor +Janet Sochowski

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

(L)Parish Intentions for **Active Military**

9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ Adoration

10:00 am SJ: Benediction Presider: Deacon Kerls

+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church SJ - St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

+Thomas Gorman +Connor Mudd (L)Cathy Cerone (L)Eileen Kirk

Thursday, March 25, 2021

6:30 am SFX

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Harnett Deacon Kerls

Intentions:

+Arthur Lueken

Friday, March 26, 2021

6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:

+Maria Friederich +Ronald Lobo

Saturday, March 27, 2021

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

+Maria Friederich (L)Rehbock Family Intentions

9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ

Reconciliation

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

5:00 pm SFX*

Presider: Fr. Harnett Deacon Kerls

Intentions:

(L)People of the Parish

5:00 pm SJ*

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:

+Charles Carlson

+Darlene Murphy

+Michael Tischler

Sunday, March 28, 2021 8:00 am SJ*

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

(L)People of the Parish

9:30 am SFX*

Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

+Charles Heintz

+Bernie Myszkowski

+Timothy Sweeney

(L)Colleen Barrett Halaburt

10:30 am SJ Parking Lot Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

+Diane Lapelle

+Jean Smith

(L)Dr. Robert Havey

12:15 pm SJ Parking Lot Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions: (L)Liliana Suciu

*Mass attendance is offered by sign-up only. To receive links, contact mkgorman@ssjfx.org

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March 31, Tenebrae 7:30 pm St. Francis Xavier

April 1, Holy Thursday 7:30 pm St. Francis Xavier 7:30 pm St. Joseph

April 2, Good Friday 3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier 7:30 pm St. Joseph

April 3, Holy Saturday 7:30 pm, The Easter Vigil, St. Joseph

April 4, Easter Sunday
8:00 am St. Joseph
9:30 am St. Francis Xavier
10:00 am St. Joseph
10:15 am St. Francis Xavier Gym
10:30 am St. Joseph (Car Mass)
11:00 am St. Francis Xavier
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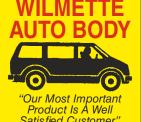
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