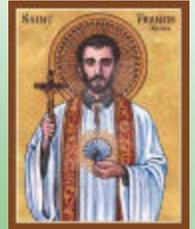


# St. Francis Xavier Church

Waterbury, CT



6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp. (Lv 13:46)

### PSALM:

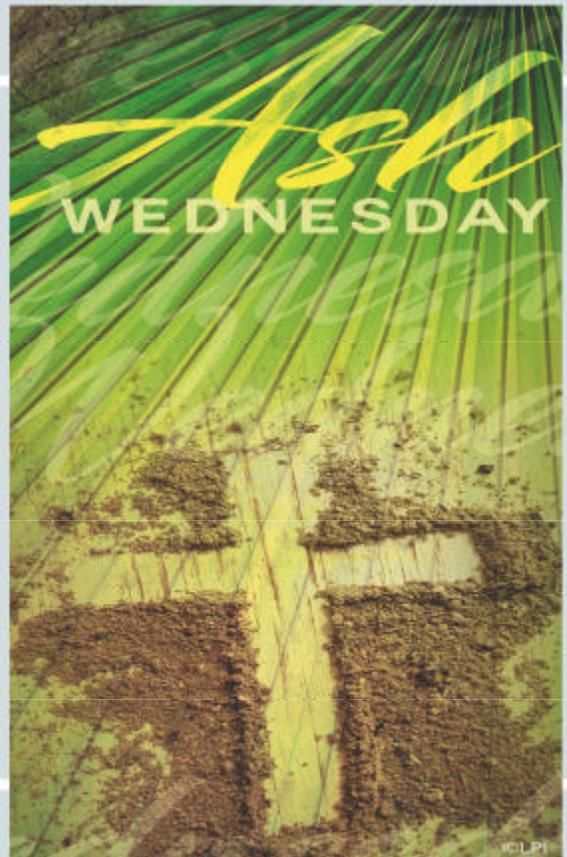
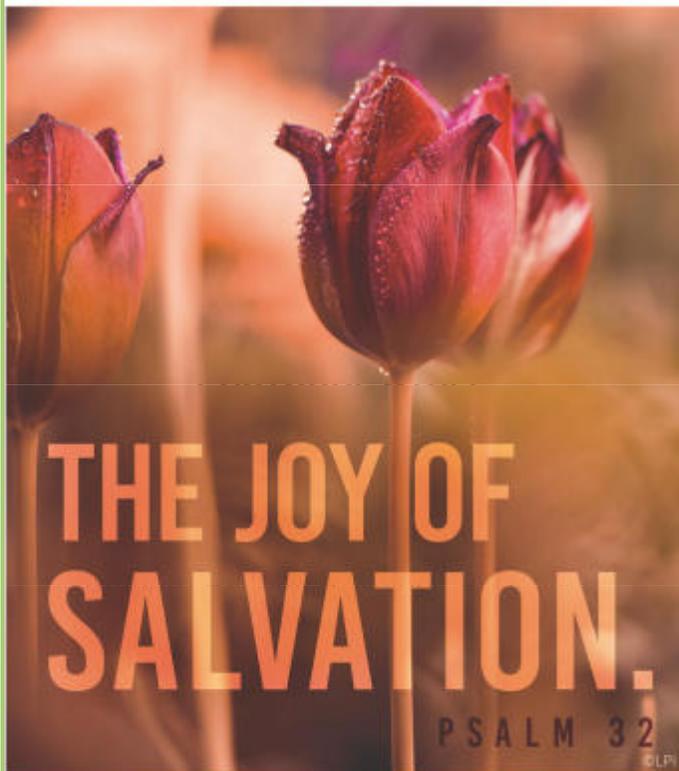
I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

### SECOND READING:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God. (1 Cor 10:31)

### GOSPEL:

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:42)



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

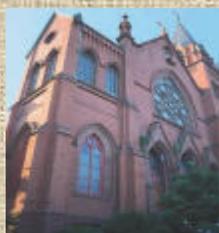
Ancient Israel isolated those with leprosy fearing the disease would spread to others. In what way can this be seen as a form of compassion?

### SECOND READING

Paul places a high value on avoiding unnecessary conflict. Why do you think this is an important virtue for a Christian?

### GOSPEL READING

The man healed of leprosy disobeyed Jesus' command not to share with others what had happened. Why do you think the man did so?



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**MASS SCHEDULE  
&  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday: February 13th**

4:00 p.m. - Margaret Crocco †  
(husband, Richard and family)

**Sunday: February 14th - 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:30 a.m. - Mae Murphy and family †

**Wednesday: February 17th - FAST & ABSTINENCE**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

7 p.m. - St. Francis Xavier Founders & Parishioners

**Saturday: February 20th**

4:00 p.m. - Peter Lamontagne †  
(Jeannette and Michelle Tapper)

**Sunday: February 21st - 1st SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:30 a.m. - Jim LeBeau †  
The LeBeau and Hedman families †  
(Peg LeBeau)

This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered in memory of

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**VOCATION REFLECTION**

Healing, reconciling, and proclaiming good news: the mission of Jesus, after which he withdraws to the desert to pray. Spend time in prayer to learn if God is calling you to be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of good news as a priest or religious. If so, call Fr. Michael Casey, (860)761-7456, via e-mail [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit us on the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).



Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of our dearly departed,

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May the angels carry them to God's holy throne.  
May they receive eternal rest.

**LOOKING AHEAD . . .**

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

During this time of pandemic, the Holy See has specified the method of distributing the ashes as follows:

In order to minimize direct contact with individual parishioners, the priest will address all those present and to all in general, will say only once "*Remember that you are dust and onto dust you shall return*".

Ashes will then be silently sprinkled on the top of people's heads rather than a cross on the forehead.

Although not well known here, the distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries.

Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be offered this Wednesday at St. Francis Xavier Church at 7 p.m.

The Basilica will also distribute ashes in the same manner at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

Statements will be mailed to parishioners requesting one. Please complete the section below and return it to the Rectory or drop it into the offertory basket at any weekend Mass.

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**LENTEN SCHEDULE****ASH WEDNESDAY: February 17th**

7:00 p.m. Mass / Distribution of Ashes

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION**

Every Friday - 7 p.m.

**HOLY WEEK****HOLY THURSDAY MASS:** April 1st - 7 p.m.**GOOD FRIDAY SOLEMN LITURGY:** April 2nd - 3 p.m.**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY:** 7 p.m.**EASTER VIGIL MASS:** Saturday, April 3rd - 8 p.m.**EASTER SUNDAY MASS:** April 4th - 9:30 a.m.**\* LENTEN REGULATIONS**

For those whose health permits Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting and abstinence**.

All Fridays during Lent are days of **abstinence**.

**Fasting** means to refrain from eating food between meals and to eat only one full meal with the other two being lighter meals that together are not equal to one meal. It is required of those who are age 18-59. Liquids are permitted between meals.

**Abstinence** means to refrain from eating meat. It is required of those 14 years of age and older.

\* Those excused from **fasting and abstinence** are individuals who fall outside the age limits, pregnant or nursing women, the mentally ill or anyone suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes.

**FUEL COLLECTION**

The second collection this weekend will be the **Fuel Collection**.

If you have already made your contribution, "Thank You!"

If not, or if you don't use offertory envelopes, use this collection to make your fuel donation.



Dear Friends:

*As we begin another Lenten Season, we are mindful of all that Christ has done for us in His death and resurrection. The resurrection followed the death of course. As the bible states, "Unless a seed falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a single seed, but if it dies, it produces great fruit (Jn 12:24)."*

*The human person is meant to possess in his/her life a continual dying to self. If we live only for self, we will never fully experience in this world what we have been created for. We will always have at our core an interior desire to serve self-first and perhaps if time and desire allows, the needs of others. The bible speaks of a life producing 30 or 60 or 100 fold. The more we are able to die to self, the more we are able to live and serve others. Selfishness begins to diminish and love and service increases. Selfish people rarely sacrifice, rarely fast and in fact rarely pray. They are also never fully happy and content in this life.*

*Lent gives us all a time to reflect on what it is in our life that needs to die so that resurrection and new life in Christ appears. We cannot expect to live a holy and devoted life if we are always living inwardly and selfishly. This is an extremely difficult task because as weak human beings, we have a tendency to live for self-first. A very popular expression that has always disturbed me even from my youngest years, is "You've got to look out for number one." The Christian has a #1 and that #1 is Christ and from that love comes a proper love of self and an overflowing love for others. This Lent, through our added prayers and sacrifices may we experience as St. John the Baptist says, "He must increase, I must decrease (Jn 3:30)."*

*Wishing everyone a blessed Lenten Season.*

*God Bless to all,*

*Fr. Sullivan*

**LENT 2021 • REFLECT. REPENT RESTORE.**

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday. This 40 day journey culminates with the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.



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