



HOSANNA!

*Blessed is
he who comes
in the name of
the Lord! Hosanna
in the highest!*

Mt. 21:9

*¡Bendito el que viene
en el nombre del Señor!
¡Hosanna en las alturas!*

Mateo 21:9

¡HOSANNA!



Welcome!

T. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
 Reverend Victor Roman, Pastor
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 Ecorse, Michigan 48229

Weekend Masses
 5:00 p.m. Saturday
 9:00 a.m. Sunday

11:00 a.m. Sunday Spanish Bi-lingual

Weekday Mass

6:00 p.m. Tuesday

Private Confessions

3:30 p.m. Saturday

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Dear Friends,

So here we are entering Holy Week. Once again we spend extra time to pray, reflect and amend our lives so that we may take delight in the fact that Jesus Christ died for us and rose from the dead. His promise of the resurrection is so powerful, so consoling, so encouraging, yet challenging that it makes our existence, here on earth, worth living. Filled with faith we want to experience the liturgies of Holy Week leading us to the celebration of the glorious Resurrection of Christ. To do that we want to awaken in us the Spirit by service to others, prayer and almsgiving. Our parish is the perfect vehicle to do just that. Although we are many members, we are still one Body. Your parish needs you in many ways. This may involve giving your service, treasure or talent. Choose one or all three. It is our parish and therefore we must desire for it to meet the goal of its mission. We are challenged to be an active part of the Body of Christ and help carry out the mission of the Church on His behalf. To share in the resurrection we must share in the mission of Christ. And if we care to show it in a practical way, we become an active part of the life of St. Francis Xavier.

Please be very generous in your continual financial support to St. Francis Xavier parish. Like everybody else we need these resources to continue our mission. This winter the utilities bills and snow removal are enough to break the bank, and yet they have to be met. May the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ inspire our hearts and minds to do what is right and good.

Please read "**The Beacon**" for the many activities and services that we offer, and participate in them.

God bless,
 Fr. Victor

Christian Service Corner

SOUP MEALS

3/18/08 Ushers' Society – Bean Soup & Chicken Noodle
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive Good Friday 3/21/08 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm** Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Please sign up! **Thank You** to the 17 parishioners who have signed up so far only 22 to go! Please consider giving blood as Southeastern Michigan Blood Supply is at an alarming shortage. Sign up sheets are now in the back of church.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry at the rectory could use:

Boxed Hot or Cold Cereals

Tuna and Peanut Butter

Canned fruit

ECORSE ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY (EEFP)

The monthly food pantry with the former Ecorse Presbyterian Church to be held March 21 Needs...

143 cans of soup

76 boxes of macaroni and cheese

47 jelly

CHRISTNET IS APRIL 13-20

**PLEASE SIGN-UP TO HELP IN THE
 BACK OF CHURCH TODAY!**

Religious Education

This Wednesday we will be in Holy Week and all family members are invited to attend the services planned during regular class time. We will start off with a "Living Rosary" in the church praying the Sorrowful Mysteries. Following will be a viewing (in the basement & classroom) of The Passion in adult and animated form for age appropriate children or remain in the church for Stations of the Cross. This is another opportunity to make this week "Holy". If you have to work Friday and can not attend the daytime services please accept my invitation to join us on Wednesday.

Last topic: Michigan weather! There is no policy that fits this year. Let me say this. Attendance does not count against anyone if weather factored missing class. It will be recognized as extra for anyone that did make it to class. I will always be there just in case.

Dates to Remember:

Mar.19 - special Holy Week Service, family invited

Mar.26 - EASTER BREAK Apr. 2 - class resumes, catechist mtg. 7pm

Apr. 9 - class 5:30

Apr.12 - First Communion Retreat w/practice 9:30 am
 God's blessings through your Lenten journey,

Julie Dzanbazoff, DRE

WEEKEND COLLECTION

March 9, 2008

Registered Families	466
Envelopes used	137
Total collection	\$2514.48

MASS INTENTIONS**Tuesday, March 18**6:00 p.m. For an increase in vocations
to the priesthood**Wednesday, March 19**

12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

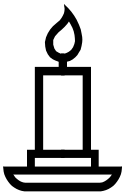
1:00 p.m. Rosary

Thursday, March 20 HOLY THURSDAY7:00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
For the priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit**Friday, March 21 GOOD FRIDAY**

12:00 noon Liturgy, Rosary, & Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22 EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m. In memory of Charles & Gertrude Houle

Sunday, March 23 EASTER SUNDAY9:00 p.m. In memory of Joseph Gall, Charles & Mary
House, Art & Catherine LaDuke, & George
Karaba11:00 a.m. In memory of wedding anniversary of
Ramon & Olivia DeLeon*Sanctuary Candle*In memory of
Joseph A. Natt by Mary Anne Legarski*May They Rest in Peace***Stanley Flinders**
Anita Uroda**PRAYER LIST**

Scott Bartlam, Kimberly Grace Bussler, Herman A. Carducci, Lori Carducci, , Rita Clark, John Clark, Fernando Contreras, John Cook, Gloria Correa, Lydia Cruz, Sami Doktor, Lisa Donovan, Helen Dunajski, Silvia El-Tabche, Patricia Evans, Helen Flinders, Vera Freeman, Maria Anne Kennedy, Alice Kireczyk, Michael Krystan, Lena LaMantia, Manuel Lopez, Stella Lybrook, Clyde Morrow, Mimi Martinez, Marcella Medina, Inez Mendez, Mary Morrison, Vivian Munro, Constance Nieman, Denise O'Grady, Mary Olson, Mary Ouellette, Mary Ann Price, Mary Katherine Reid, Marlene Resst, Marlene Reyna, Carl Richter, Baby Justin Romero, Eleanor Roswell, Michael Sgambati, Michele Szpara-Elliott, Lee Silva, Connie Sliitti, Mary Lou Smith, Nathan Sobczyk, Szymecko Family, Lillian Van Tuyl, Francis Tocco, Sam Tocco, Dolores Villanueva, Harry White, Fred Winslow, Ellen Wojcik, Sotero Zapata, special intentions of parishioners

Sacraments:

Call the rectory. Adults over 18 must be registered on their own and practicing Catholics at this parish for at minimum three months prior to any sacramental preparation for themselves or their children.

HOLY WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day**

1:00 p.m. Packing Easter Baskets

5:00 p.m. RCIA

7:00 p.m. Ushers' Society Meeting

Tuesday, March 18

4:00-7:00 p.m. Soup Meal by The Ushers' Society

6:00 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday, March 19

12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. Rosary

1:30 p.m. Christian Service Meeting

5:30 p.m. Religious Education

7:00 p.m. Companeras de Cristo Choir Practice

Thursday, March 20

10:00 -12:00 p.m. Food Pantry Set-up

12:00 -2:00 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution

7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 21

12:00 -2:00

2:00 -7:00 p.m.

1:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 22

10:00 a.m.

3:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 23

Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Set-up
Food Pantry Distribution**Holy Thursday Mass****Good Friday****Tre Ore Service****(Liturgy, Stations & Rosary)**

Fish Fry

Blood Drive**Blessing of Easter Food****NO Private Confession****NO Mass****Easter Vigil Mass****HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

See the religious education calendar for additional information.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Please keep in your prayers the young men & women serving in the military and their families especially:

CARMELLO ALBINO*LUIS ALBINO*GARY BRIDGES

*JONATHAN M. CLARCHICK*CARLOS CARMONA

ARIEL DE LEON*MELLISSA EDMUNDS

KYLE EMERICK*SUSAN PEARSON FAULKNER*

NICHOLAS FLINT*MICHAEL GIBSON*KENNY JENKINS*

NICHOLAS IAFELICE* MICKEY MC NAMARA*

JOSEPH MILLER*AMY OMLID*PATTY OMLID*

ERIK SANCHEZ*LUIS SANCHEZ*MARK SPINO*

PATRICK SOWDER*MATTHEW VEGA*

SHARON VERMILLION*ROBERT WARREN

Downriver League of Catholic Women**LUNCH AND FASHION SHOW****Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 12 Noon at****Crystal Gardens Southgate**

Sponsored by the Downriver League of Catholic Women. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon! You will be served family style at a cost of \$18 per person, tax and tip included. Menu includes Pork Tenderloin, Roast Chicken, Top Round of Beef, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Mostaccioli, Rolls, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Fashions by Madelyn's of Wyandotte. Reserve your place by calling Pat @ 734.281.7333, Lillian 734.283.0343 or Joanne 734.281.4829.