



St Francis de Sales Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter in the Archdiocese of Atlanta preaching the Gospel & sanctifying souls according to the liturgical books of 1962.

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4th Sunday after Easter

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Inquiring about the Catholic Faith? Call the office.

Daily Mass Times

Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.
Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.
Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).
Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

Sunday Mass Times

7 am low Mass
9 am low Mass
10:30 am high Mass
1 pm low Mass

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.

Church Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm
Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm
Sat.: 6:30 am - 7 pm
Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
8:15 am – 4:15 pm.
Closed on Holy Days

Indefectibility: in her essence, the Church will not be destroyed or changed until the end of time. Again, the Church now is and ever will remain the institution of salvation, founded by Christ; she is unchangeable in her teaching, her constitution and her liturgy. Indefectibility does not exclude modifications that do not affect her substance, nor does it exclude the decay of individual local churches or even whole dioceses.

Infallibility (*in* ~ not; *fallere* ~ to deceive): this is the inability to deceive or err in teaching the universal Church in matters of faith or morals. A lawfully elected pope is infallible, not those to whom he may delegate a part of his teaching authority e.g., the Roman congregations. To invoke infallibility the pope must speak *ex cathedra* (*from the chair*) that is, 1) have the intention of declaring something unchangeably true and 2) speak as shepherd and teacher of all the faithful with the full weight of his apostolic authority, not as a private theologian or to a part of the Church of God.

Authority: this is a society’s right to direct and compel its members to cooperate towards obtaining the end of that society. There are various kinds of societies: conventional – groups people form for some purpose or end; natural – the family & state; theocratic – churches. Among theocratic societies, God established, by supernatural revelation, the Catholic Church; He specified its structure & determined its leaders; in the Church, God is directly and immediately the source of authority, not only in governing but also in teaching the faithful who belong to this society.

To know the attributes of the Church is good; it is better to believe them.

Said again, we must believe **the Church will always maintain a visible and efficacious presence in the world in her hierarchy, dogma and Sacraments.**

Let us be more clear. The Church cannot produce a false Sacrament. Individual priests may err, but they are departing from what the Church has legislated. Again, there is nothing wrong with saying I prefer the Old Mass to the New Mass or vice versa, but quite another thing to say that one is true and the other is false which would be a species of blasphemy i.e., calling a sacred act “not holy.”

We must firmly believe in the attributes of the Church. Else we may easily go from talking bad of the Church to rejecting her. What do I mean?

A real-life example: There was once a man who attended the TLM until the priest there said the New Mass is valid. One day, his relative called the rectory to ask if the priest could anoint this man at the hospital. The priest went. “Are you Father so and so,” he asked. “Yes, I am,” the priest replied. “Were you the one who once said the New Mass is valid.” “Yes, I would have said this,” the priest answered. “Then I have no need of your services!” Gentle persuasions failing, the priest left having asked if he could, at least, pray for the man. He consented.

This is all very sad. It is indeed one thing to judge the new liturgy invalid, but quite another to reject the ministrations offered by an old rite priest simply because he says the New Mass is valid. Here is to go from bad to worse.

To end, may we always love the Church whether in her new clothes or old, for in either guise, she is the same Church promised us at Caesarea Philippi to never fail.

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

The Papacy (part III of III)

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Father once asked his Confirmation candidates if they sometimes wondered whether or not the Catholic Church is the true church. All the hands went up. This is not unusual. It is a common experience for young Catholics, beginning to think for themselves, to ask this question, after all there are so many churches; nor is this a bad question to ask, rather it shows a discerning mind.

To help them, and us, to settle our minds on this most important question, we return to that pivotal scene from Caesarea Philippi recorded in Matthew's Gospel (16:16-19), (which we should all know by heart) wherein, having answered correctly who Jesus is, Jesus tells Simon, "**Blessed are thou, Simon bar- Jona, for flesh and blood have not revealed this to thee but my Father in heaven. (17) And I say to thee, that thou art Peter (rock); and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (18) And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou loose upon earth, it shall be loosed in heaven.**" (19)

Most churches so stress that God became man to die for us that we might be saved (Jn 3:16) as to overlook many other essential things the Son of God did for us. If it were enough for Christ to die to redeem us, then why was the Infant Jesus not killed by Herod's men at Bethlehem or, later, after giving us a Christian example how to live, was He not killed by a gang of stone throwing Jews. Indeed, Jesus was born to die for us, but He had many things to do first and chief among these was to establish a Church which would continue His mission, after His bodily ascension into heaven, having His authority to do so until the end of time.

This is why the scene at Caesarea Philippi is pivotal. It is a turning point in the life of Christ, for, having promised us His Church and keys to govern, we read next, "From that time on Jesus began to show to His disciples that he must go to Jerusalem... and be put to death." (Mt 16:21)

Again, Jesus only began to speak of His death after He had promised a church, a visible governing & sanctifying entity, to replace His visible presence on earth.

One day, Father stepped into the 6th grade Catechism Class and happily saw, written on the white board, the three attributes of the Church. Do you know the three attributes of the Church? (Ask this at the dinner table tonight.) Suppose we review these as glossed from Fr. John Hardon's, Modern Catholic Dictionary. It is not difficult to see these qualities imbedded in what the Son of God said to Simon at Caesarea Philippi. (cont'd)

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 05-03	4th Sunday after Easter	2/W	
Mon 05-04	St Monica, <i>Widow</i>	3/W	
Tues 05-05	St Pius V, <i>Pope & Confessor</i>	3/W	
Wed 05-06	St John Before the Latin Gate	4/W	
Thu 05-07	St Stanislaus, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i>	3/R	
Fri 05-08	O.L. Mediatrix of All Graces	4/W	
Sat 05-09	St Gregory Nazianzen, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i>	3/W	
Sun 05-10	5th Sunday after Easter	2/W	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 05-03	(7 am) (8 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh) (10:30 am) Sarah Binggeli (frh) (1 pm) Frank J Stillwell (frh)	NO MASS	rb Tate family rb Mr Stillwell
Mon 05-04	(6:30 am) (9 am) Patrick Wells	NO MASS	rb E Wells
Tues 05-05	(6:30 am) The Nixon family (12 pm) Marian Lawton		rb A Nixon rb K Peterson
Wed 05-06	(6:30 am) James & Destiny Reses (9 am) Our new Church		rb J LaPlante rb L Le
Thu 05-07	(6:30 am) Ramie Ziewsel (12 pm) Suzanna Bryant +		rb C Giuffre rb M Bryant
Fri 05-08	(6:30 am) Adam Markich (7 pm) Kaye Hanlon		rb M Markich rb K Hanlon
Sat 05-09	(7 am) Larry Brake (9 am) Jullius & James Jr		rb S Russell rb Anonymous
Sun 05-10	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh) (9 am) Michael & Isabella Stapleton (frf) (10:30 am) All SFdS Mothers (frh) (1 pm) FssP & Preservation of the TLM (frh)		rb K Stapleton rb J Sanchez

This week, Monday, no 6:30 am Mass, staff meeting (1 pm).

Today, there is no 7 am Mass and 9 am Mass will be at 8 am.

Last week's collection: cash \$ 2,833.00; online \$8,378.25 total: \$11,211.25.

Attendance: 7am-81; 9 am-198; 10:30 am-280; 1 pm-141; 700 total souls.

2026 AAA status at SFdS as of April 29, 2026: \$58,975.50 owed; \$8,653.08 pledged; \$48,601.77 paid (82.41% of goal); from 77 donors (19.25% of parish).

Thank you for your support!

Maxim of St Francis de Sales

Nothing can give us deeper peace in this world than to frequently contemplate our Lord in all the afflictions he endured from His birth to His death: contempt, calumnies, poverty, abjection, weariness, sufferings, nakedness, wrongs and grief of every kind.