



From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

FX New Phone System:

On Thur, Nov. 12, FX Rectory / Office will have a new phone system installed. Please be advised that incoming calls may not be answered until installation is complete.

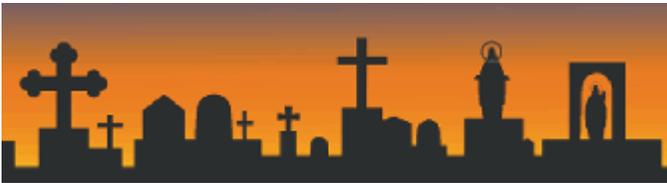
Miraculous Medal Novena at SA: Plan to join your fellow parishioners and neighbors in this year's novena which will take place from Fri, Nov. 20 to Sat, Nov. 28. We will observe it with daily Mass at 7:00pm every evening except on Thurs, Nov. 26, which is Thanksgiving Day – that day's Mass will be at 9:00am at FX and it will include the Novena Prayers. Be advised that there will be no morning Mass on Novena days and no Sat. 6:00pm Mass on the 21st and 28th.



Weekend Mass Schedule Flip-Flop: Advent begins the weekend of Nov. 28-29, which is when we flip-flop our weekend Mass schedule. Be advised that Sat, Nov. 28 is the closing of the Miraculous Medal Novena and the Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent – that Mass will be at 7:00pm at SA. On Sun, Nov. 29 the Mass places flip-flop: the 8:00am Mass will be at FX and the 11:00am Mass will be at SA until next year.

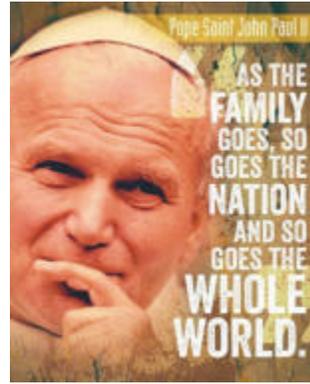
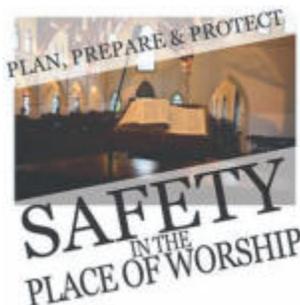
Also, be advised that beginning Mon, Nov. 30, I will resume taking my day off – meaning: there will be no Monday morning Masses as of Nov. 30. I also intend to stop offering a second Saturday evening Mass.

Weekend Mass schedule beginning Dec. 5:
Saturdays at 4:00pm at SA
Sundays at 8:00am at FX & 11:00am at SA.



Fall Cemetery Clean Up: If you have items at your loved one's plot that you want to keep, please gather them. Anything remaining after Nov. 15 will be considered discarded and we will remove them for you.

SA & FX Security Assessments: Dan Yarner and I would like to gather a team for SA & FX to review their assessment, prioritize jobs, consider funding options, establish and train Ushers to assist with safety matters before, during and after our liturgical gatherings. If you are interested and willing to be of service in this capacity, please contact your parish office and leave your name, number and email address. Once we get enough parishioners for both parishes, we will set a meeting day and time.



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The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World

Part. 2: THE PLAN OF GOD FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Marriage and Virginitly or Celibacy

16. Virginitly or celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom of God not only does not contradict the dignity of marriage but presupposes it and confirms it.

Marriage and virginitly or celibacy are two ways of expressing and living the one mystery of the covenant of God with His people. When marriage is not esteemed, neither can consecrated virginitly or celibacy exist; when human sexuality is not regarded as a great value given by the Creator, the renunciation of it for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven loses its meaning.

Rightly indeed does St. John Chrysostom say: "Whoever denigrates marriage also diminishes the glory of virginitly. Whoever praises it makes virginitly more admirable and resplendent. What appears good only in comparison with evil would not be particularly good. It is something better than what is admitted to be good that is the most excellent good."

In virginitly or celibacy, the human being is awaiting, also in a bodily way, the eschatological marriage of Christ with the Church, giving himself or herself completely to the Church in the hope that Christ may give Himself to the Church in the full truth of eternal life. The celibate person thus anticipates in his or her flesh the new world of the future resurrection.

By virtue of this witness, virginitly or celibacy keeps alive in the Church a consciousness of the mystery of marriage and defends it from any reduction and impoverishment.

Virginitly or celibacy, by liberating the human heart in a unique way, "so as to make it burn with greater love for God and all humanity," bears witness that the Kingdom of God and His justice is that pearl of great price which is preferred to every other value no matter how great, and hence must be sought as the only definitive value. It is for this reason that the Church, throughout her history, has always defended the superiority of this charism to that of marriage, by reason of the wholly singular link which it has with the Kingdom of God.

In spite of having renounced physical fecundity, the celibate person becomes spiritually fruitful, the father and mother of many, cooperating in the realization of the family according to God's plan.

Christian couples therefore have the right to expect from celibate persons a good example and a witness of fidelity to their vocation until death. Just as fidelity at times becomes difficult for married people and requires sacrifice, mortification and self-denial, the same can happen to celibate persons, and their fidelity, even in the trials that may occur, should strengthen the fidelity of married couples.

These reflections on virginitly or celibacy can enlighten and help those who, for reasons independent of their own will, have been unable to marry and have then accepted their situation in a spirit of service.