



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

May 25th, 2025

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my
hope. Let me never be confounded.*
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

“Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.”

The holy apostle, whose instructions these are, had received them from our risen Jesus: hence the authoritative tone with which he speaks. Our Savior, as we have already seen, honored him with a special visit. This proves that he was particularly dear to his divine master, to whom he was related by the tie of consanguinity on his mother's side, whose name was Mary. This holy woman went on Easter morning to the sepulchre, in company with her sister Salome, and St. Mary Magdalene. St. James the Less is indeed the apostle of Paschal Time, wherein everything speaks to us of the new life we should lead with our risen Lord. He is the apostle of good works, for it is from him that we have received this fundamental maxim of Christianity, that although faith be the first essential of a Christian, yet without works it is a dead faith, and will not save us.

He also lays great stress on our being attentive to the truths we have been taught, and on our guarding against that culpable forgetfulness, which plays such havoc with thoughtless souls. Many of those who have received the grace of the Easter mystery this year will not persevere; and the reason is that they will allow the world to take up all their time and thoughts, whereas they should use the world as though they did not use it (cf. I Cor. 7:31). Let us never forget that we must now walk in newness of life, in imitation of our risen Jesus, who dieth now no more.

Commentary from The Liturgical Year by Dom Prosper Guéranger O.S.B.
(1805-1875).



Council of Jerusalem : Reflection on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it.

Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews.

The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation.

Today's Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church. The Church is One, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]."

The Church is Holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel.

The Church is Catholic, or universal, making known God's ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in today's Psalm.

And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is Apostolic—founded on the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council.

Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] . . . the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a "mandate from us."

And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us."

Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son.

Dr. Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Gerald R. Smith, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes,, Mildred Crawford, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass,
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

11:00am – Holy Mass,
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Convent at
St. Patrick's, Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Please contact the parish office by email to
arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral,
or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for
your intention, please email the office or leave
your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

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Office Hours.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, MAY 26TH

5:30pm Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

TUESDAY, MAY 27TH

8:00AM Mass *Orlando Vasquez (Conversion)*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH

4:00pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Family Guardado Padilla*

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH

5:30PM Mass **Ascension of The Lord**

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

3:00pm Confessions

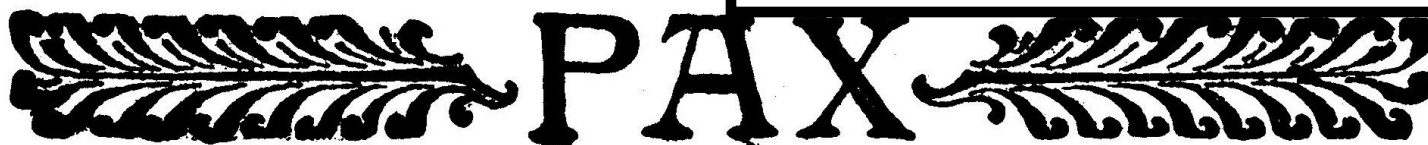
4:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

12:30pm Church Picnic



Seven Sisters Apostolate

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the "Seven Sisters Apostolate." This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at **(509) 362-8646**

Women of St Francis Xavier

In an effort to cultivate more community at St Francis Xavier, the women of the parish have formed the group: the "Women of St X".

All women - retired, widowed, single and married - are invited to join.

Activities and volunteer possibilities include:

- Contributing to food prep for after mass socials during the warm months
 - Organizing parish picnics + potlucks
- Organizing + providing food for catechesis nights for children and adults
 - Formation of Bible studies + small groups
 - Corporal works of mercy for the sick and elderly
 - Other misc. needs of the parish

If you are interested in taking an active role in creating a vibrant parish community, please email **women.of.st.x@gmail.com**.



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St. Maximinus of Trier, Bishop May 29th

Native of Poitiers, France, St. Maximinus left for Trier early in his life, drawn by the saintly reputation of its Bishop, St. Agritius. He received his education there and eventually succeeded to the episcopacy upon the death of St. Agritius in 325. This provided an ideal base for Maximinus to carry on his lifelong battle with Arianism, since Trier at that time was the usual residence of the Emperors of the West and the capital of the Western Empire.

Maximinus deemed it an honor to have St. Athanasius living under his protection during his first exile from 335 to 337; and he later provided equal protection for St. Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople, when the latter was banished by the same Emperor, Constantius. St. Athanasius praised the nobility, vigilance, and courage of his host who was famous for miracles.

St. Maximinus convened the Synod of Cologne that declared Euphratas a heretic and removed him from his See; he also participated in the Council of Sardica in 347. Perhaps his finest moment came when he was coupled with the great St. Athanasius and anathematized by the Arians at their Council of Philippopolis. This provided irrefutable evidence of his redoubtable opposition to Arianism and his marked success in that regard. Unfortunately, through he seems to have written much, we do not possess any of the works of this intrepid defender of the true Faith, who died about the year 346.

PRAYER: Father, You gave us St. Maximinus to defend the Divinity of Your Son. Grant that we may enjoy his teaching and protection and grow continually in our knowledge and love of You. **Amen**

ST PATRICK & ST FRANCIS XAVIER

Annual Parish Picnic

SUN 1 JUNE
12:30-4:00PM

Join us on the lawn of St. X after our Missa Cantata for a BBQ potluck, horseshoe tournament, lawn games and good company!

Sign up in teams of **two** for horseshoes
Please bring a side dish to share!

Questions or sign ups?
Email: women.of.st.x@gmail.com



*We give thanks to God always for you all,
making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing.
(1 Thessalonians 5:2)*

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★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

— REMEMBER & HONOR —

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Mass with Bishop Daly

Monday, May 26
10 am • Holy Cross Cemetery
7200 N. Wall Street, Spokane

The last weekend in May is a time to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Please join the staff of Holy Cross Funeral and Cemetery Services and Bishop Daly for the Memorial Day Mass to pray for those who gave their lives for our country.

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