



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

October 19th, 2025

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my
hope. Let me never be confounded.*

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

You will say, “Explain this ‘wedding garment’ to us.” Without a doubt, that is the garment which none but the good have, who are to be left at the feast, reserved unto that other feast to which no bad man approaches, who are to be brought safely there by the grace of the Lord; these have the wedding garment.

Is it Baptism? Without Baptism, it is true, no one attains to God; but not everyone that has Baptism attains to Him.

Perhaps it is the Altar, or That which is received at the Altar. But no; we see that many eat, and “eat and drink judgment to themselves.”

What is that wedding garment then? This is the wedding garment: “Now the end of the commandment,” says the Apostle, “is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.” This is the wedding garment. Not charity of any kind whatever; for very often they who are partakers together of an evil conscience seem to love one another. They who commit robberies together, who love the hurtful arts of sorceries, and the stage together, who join together in the shout of the chariot race, or the wild beast fight; these very often love one another; but in these there is no “charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.” The wedding garment is such charity as this.

Question yourselves; if you have it, you may be without fear in the Feast of the Lord.



Commentary from St. Augustine of Hippo (430),
Sermon 90.

Hope from on High : Reflection on The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles.

In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26).

By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8–12; 8:1–2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6).

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19–21; 7:37–39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil.

We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.

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, Jim Moore, Jane Soars, 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

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.

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at

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Office Hours.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

5:30pm Mass *Mel and Georgia Schrempp*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

8:00am Mass *Joseph English*

5:30 pm Mass Blessed Karl

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Leslie Ray*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

8:00am Mass *Lori and Mike Heath*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

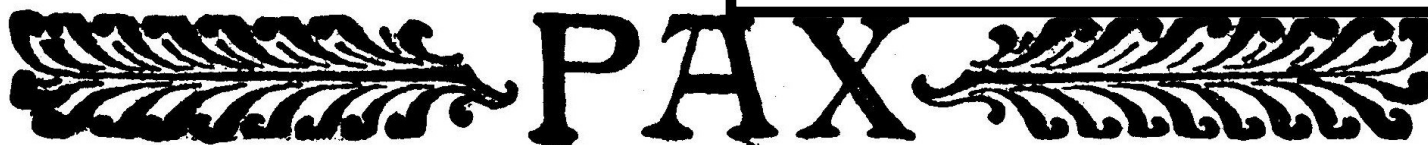
3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*



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.

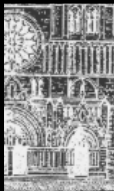
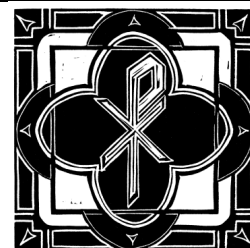
Activities and volunteer possibilities include:

- 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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Upcoming Events

9/26-27: Faithful Foundations Empowering Catholic Parents
10/3-5: 2025 INW Catholic Men's Retreat with Fr. Peak
10/4: Memorial for the Unborn @ St. Mary's Catholic Church
10/4-5: St. Peregrine Fall Artisan Craft Fair @ the Cathedral
10/19: 2025 WALK FOR LIFE NORTHWEST
10/22: Silent Day of Prayer on the Archangel Raphael
10/23-26: 4-Day Silent Retreat

St Paul of the Cross, Priest October 20th

Paul Daneo, now known as St. Paul of the Cross, was born at Ovada in the Republic of Genoa, on January 3, 1694. He was inspired from on high to found a congregation; in an ecstasy he beheld the habit that he and his companions were to wear. After consulting his director, Bishop Gastinara of Alexandria in Piedmont, he realized that God wished him to establish a congregation in honor of the Passion of Jesus.

On November 22, 1720, the Bishop vested Paul with the habit that been shown to him in a vision, the same that the Passionists wear at the present time. From that moment the Saint applied himself to prepare the Rules of his institute; and in 1721 he went to Rome to obtain the approbation of the Holy See. At first he failed, but he finally succeeded when Benedict XIV approved the Rules in 1741 and 1746. Meanwhile St. Paul built his first monastery near Obiettivo. Some time later he established a larger community at the Church of Sts. John and Paul in Rome.

For fifty years St. Paul remained the indefatigable missionary of Italy. God gave him the greatest gifts in the supernatural order, but he treated himself with the greater rigor, and believed he was a useless servant and a great sinner.

Tireless preacher of the word of the Cross, outstanding superior of the Congregation, eminent model of penance and contemplation, and enlightened director of souls, Paul of the Cross is considered the greatest mystic of the 18th century. He died in Rome on October 18, 1775, and was canonized in 1867 by Pope Pius IX.

PRAYER: Lord, may the prayers of St. Paul who loved the Cross with a singular love gain Your grace for us. May we be inspired by his example and embrace our own cross with courage. **Amen.**

Catechism and Sacramental Preparation

We are pleased to announce that catechism and sacrament preparation classes are currently being organized. We will begin classes one Saturday morning per month starting in January 2026. First Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated in the spring.

To make this program successful, we need dedicated volunteers to serve as catechists and assistants. No previous teaching experience is necessary—just a willing heart and love for the faith. Training and materials will be provided.



If you feel called to help form our children in their Catholic faith, please contact the parish office at [phone/email]. Your gift of time can make an eternal difference in a child's life.

More details about registration and class schedules will be announced soon. Please keep this important ministry in your prayers.

