



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

November 16th, 2025

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

On our part, we must make the effort to approach Christ with the faith of that Galilæan woman, with her humility, with a desire as great as hers to be healed of the evils that beset us. “Who are we, to be so close to him? As with that poor woman in the crowd, He has given us an opportunity. And not just a chance to touch his outer garment a little, to feel for a moment the fringe, the hem of his cloak. We actually have Christ himself. He gives himself to us totally, with his Body, his Blood, his Soul and his Divinity. We consume him each day. We speak to him intimately as one does to a brother, a father, as one speaks to Love itself” [St. Josemaría Escrivá, *Friends of God*, 199]....

Holy Communion is not a reward for virtue, but rather nourishment provided for those who are weak and in need; for each of us, that is. Mother Church exhorts us to receive Communion frequently, if possible each day, and insists at the same time that we should endeavor to avoid routine in its reception, tepidity, and anything approaching a lack of love. She encourages us to purify our souls from venial sins through acts of contrition and frequent Confession. Above all, she teaches that we should never receive Holy Communion if we have at all incurred the stain of mortal sin, without having first gone to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Concerning slight faults, Our Lord asks us to do what we can in the way of repentance and the desire to avoid them.



Commentary from *In Conversation with God* by
Fr. Francisco Fernández-Carvajal.

“Today is the Day” : Reflection on Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is the age between our Lord’s first coming and His last. We live in the new world begun by His life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, by the sending of His Spirit upon the Church. But we await the day when He will come again in glory.

“Lo, the day is coming,” Malachi warns in today’s First Reading. The prophets taught Israel to look for the Day of the Lord, when He would gather the nations for judgment (see Zephaniah 3:8; Isaiah 3:9; 2 Peter 3:7).

Jesus anticipates this day in today’s Gospel. He cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming “the time has come.” Such deception is the background also for today’s Epistle (see 2 Thessalonians 2:1–3).

The signs Jesus gives His Apostles seem to already have come to pass in the New Testament. In Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation, we read of famines, earthquakes, and the Temple’s desolation. We read of persecutions—believers imprisoned and put to death, testifying to their faith with wisdom in the Spirit.

These “signs,” then, show us the pattern for the Church’s life—both in the New Testament and today.

We too live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war. And we should take the Apostles as our “models,” as today’s Epistle counsels. Like them we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives, friends, forces, and authorities hostile to God.

As we do in today’s Psalm, we should sing His praises and joyfully proclaim His coming as Lord and King. The Day of the Lord is always a day that has already come and a day still yet to come. It is the “today” of our Liturgy.

The Apostles prayed maranatha—“O Lord come!” (see 1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:20). In the Eucharist He answers, coming again as the Lord of Hosts and the Sun of Justice with its healing rays. It is a mighty sign—and a pledge of that Day to come.

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**)

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

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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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

5:30pm Mass *Mel and Georgia Schrempp*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

8:00am Mass *Priests in Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

8:00am Mass *Lori and Mike Heath*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

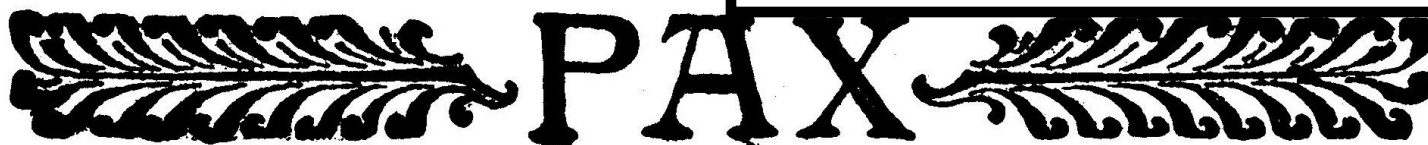
3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*



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.

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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Catechism and Sacramental Preparation

We are pleased to announce that catechism and sacrament preparation classes are in the mornings on **Jan 24th, Feb 21st, March 28th, and April 18th**. First Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated in late April or early May.

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. 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.



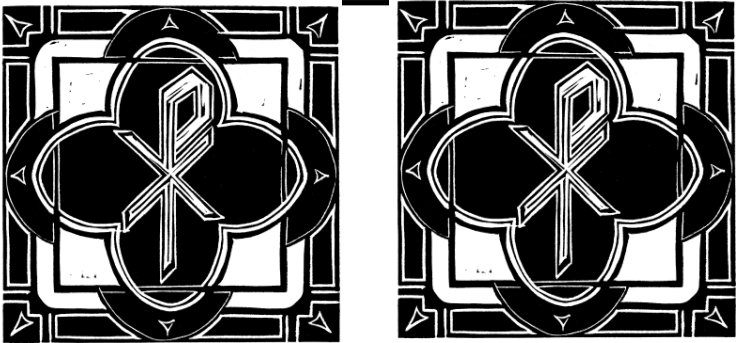
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Born in Grenoble, France, in 1769, Rose joined the Society of the Sacred Heart. In 1818, when she was forty-nine, Rose was sent to United States. She founded a boarding school for daughters of pioneers near St. Louis and opened the first free school west of the Missouri.

At the age of seventy-one, Rose began a school for Indians, who soon came to call her “the woman who is always praying.” Her biographers have also stressed her courage in frontier conditions, her single-mindedness in pursuing her dream of serving Native Americans, and her self-acceptance.

This holy servant of God died in 1852 and was beatified in 1940 by Pope Pius XII and canonized in 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

PRAYER: Gracious God, You filled the heart of Rose Philippine Duchesne with charity and missionary zeal and gave her the desire to make You known among all peoples. Fill us, who honor her memory today, with the same love and zeal to extend Your Kingdom to the ends of the earth.
Amen.



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

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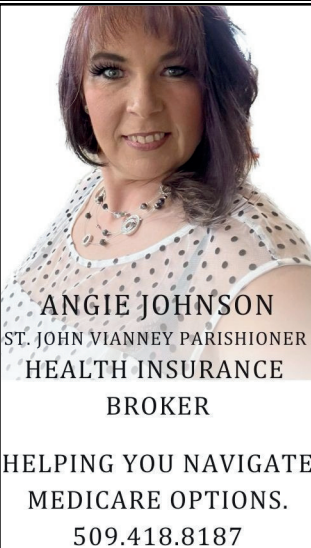
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