



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

June 16th, 2024

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The miracle described in today's Gospel was intended primarily to strengthen Simon's faith in the Master, and to make the future Apostle be ready at the call of Jesus to leave family, friends and possessions, to become the disciple and constant companion of the Rabbi of Nazareth. The miracle was intended also to strengthen Simon's faith in the days when the Master would walk no longer with the brethren, and the dreadful burden of leadership would weigh heavily on the first Vicar of Christ.

For us one lesson of today's Gospel is that of the reward of obedience, of the success of the work which is undertaken at God's word, and for a right intention. Work which is carried out at God's command is certain of success. To that kind of work belongs every task which is prescribed by one's vocation. The state of life in which a man finds himself brings its definite tasks and duties. These may be regarded as more or less directly ordered by God, and with God's command to execute such tasks there goes a guarantee that His help will be given for their performance. The man of faith, who sees everywhere the working out of God's plans, will not be despondent nor lose heart if things seem to go badly with him. He will not repine, nor wish he had the tasks of others: he will go on steadily doing his daily round of duties, confident that he who seeks to fulfill God's commands will not fail, nor be deprived of reward. He will not be like the fishermen who toiled all the night and caught nothing; his every task and duty, however slight, will be accomplished with the intention of doing God's will, and his reward will be like that of the fisherman who let down his net as Christ directed.

*Commentary by Msgr. Patrick Boylan
(1879-1974).*



Tree of Righteousness: Reflection for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "put forth branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

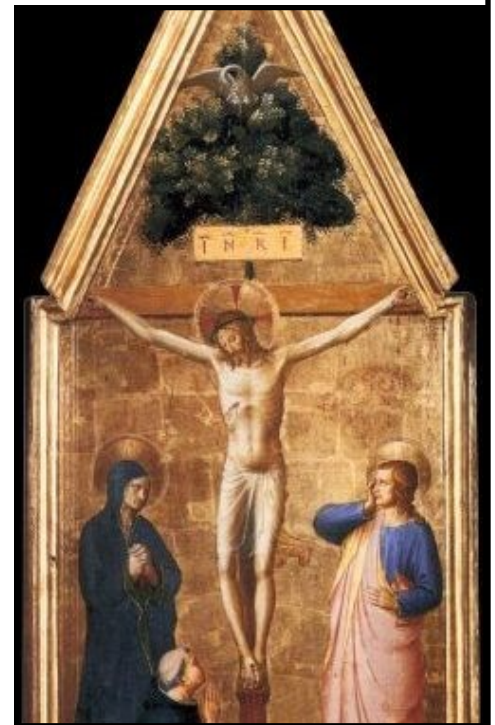
Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "birds of every kind"—thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will "take wing" through their new life in Christ. God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the Psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

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:** Carl Burrell, Bella Mally, 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**)

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TUESDAY-THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

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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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, JUNE 17TH

5:30pm Mass *Gene Capitano*

TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH

8:00am , Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH

4:30 pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Marguerite Turnland*

THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH

8:00am , Mass *Souls in Purgatory*

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*



Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Help collect Offering and count attendance at the your Mass.

Altar Flowers: Would you like to provide flowers to add beauty to the altar?
It can be for just one time, or on the regular schedule.

Altar Servers: The parish is in need of young men willing to train as acolytes, to serve at the 7:30am or 11:00am Mass.

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)993-2864.

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**.

Church Picnic

July 14th 12:30pm

Manito Park Upper shelter (South)



Come join us for our annual picnic at Manito Park, it will be a great chance to socialize and get to know other parishioners.

Please consider signing up to bring a main dish or something to share, email **women.of.st.x@gmail.com**

Also consider bringing some chairs or a blanket with you.

Hope to see you there!!

St. Gregory Barbarigo, Bishop June 18th

St. Gregory was born in 1625, of a distinguished Venetian family. A brilliant student, he embraced a diplomatic career and accompanied the Venetian Ambassador, Contarini, to the Congress of Munster in 1648. Then he became a priest and was soon thereafter consecrated as the first Bishop of Bergamo by Pope Alexander VII.

Later on the saint was elevated to the rank of Cardinal and also given authority over the diocese of Padua. He guided his flock with pastoral wisdom and deep understanding.

St. Gregory Barbarigo worked unceasingly in carrying out the reforms set forth by the Council of Trent. Through his efforts the seminaries of both Bergamo and Padua were substantially enlarged. At Padua he also added a library and a printing press. He died in 1697 and was canonized in 1960 by Pope John XXIII.



PRAYER: God, You willed that St. Gregory, Your Bishop, should shine forth with pastoral solicitude and compassion for the poor. Help us who celebrate his merits to imitate the example of his charity. **Amen.**

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