



ST.
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CATHOLIC PARISH

June 23rd 2024

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment.”

That sounds terrible, doesn't it? That sounds, doesn't it, as if our Lord was fulminating from the Mount of the Beatitudes a law far more strict and far more searching than any precept of the Decalogue. I can still remember how uncomfortable it used to make me when I was small to be told: “Whosoever shall say, ‘Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.’” Because I'm afraid I did sometimes call my brother a fool; and this text seemed to say that I'd done something quite as bad as if I'd murdered him. Are we really to understand our Lord as saying that under the New Dispensation every sin will be a mortal sin? If so, surely, the Gospel will bring no liberty to human consciences; rather the Christian life will be a life of servile terror for us all.

But, you see, our Lord only puts it in these legal terms as a kind of satire on the legalistic way in which the Jews regarded their religion; on the legalistic way in which you and I sometimes regard our religion, when we forget what Master it is we serve. The point is, not that an angry word is as culpable as a mortal blow, but that the source of either is a disposition of the human heart; and such a disposition as ought not to be found at all in the Christian heart, or if it finds a harbor there, should be harbored only for a moment. It is not always wrong to kill; it is not wrong to kill in war, or in selfdefense. But it is always wrong to be angry; wrong, especially, to feel angry against a human being. And the real reason why Christians ought not to commit murder is not the fact that murder is against the Ten Commandments. Such motives as that ought to lie in the far background, the very horizon of their thoughts. The reason why Christians ought not to commit murder is that murder arises out of anger, and anger itself is something altogether out of the picture, if we really mean to be disciples of the Sermon on the Mount.

*Commentary by Msgr. Ronald A. Knox
(1888-1957).*



In the Storm: Reflection for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

“Do you not yet have faith?” Our Lord’s question in today’s Gospel frames the Sunday liturgies for the remainder of the year, which the Church calls “Ordinary Time.”

In the weeks ahead, the Church’s liturgy will have us journeying with Jesus and His disciples, reliving their experience of His words and deeds, coming to know and believe in Him as they did.

Notice that today’s Psalm almost provides an outline for the Gospel. We sing of sailors caught in a storm; in their desperation, they call to the Lord and He rescues them.

Mark’s Gospel today also intends us to hear a strong echo of the story of the prophet Jonah. He, too, was found asleep on a boat when a life-threatening storm broke out that caused his fellow travelers to pray for deliverance, and then to marvel when the storm abated (see Jonah 1:3–16).

But Jesus is something greater than Jonah (see Matthew 12:41). And Mark wants us to come to see what the Apostles saw—that God alone has the power to rebuke the wind and the sea (see Isaiah 50:2; Psalm 18:16). This is the point of today’s First Reading.

If even the wind and sea obey Him, shouldn’t we trust Him in the chaos and storms of our own lives?

As with the Apostles, the Lord has asked each of us to cross to the other side, to leave behind our old ways to travel with Him in the little ship of the Church.

In their fear today, they call Him, “Teacher.” And it is only faith in His teaching that can save us from perishing. We should trust in Christ, and trust like Christ—who was able to sleep through the storm, confident that God was with Him (see Psalm 116:6; Romans 8:31).

We should live in thanksgiving for our salvation, as today’s Epistle tells us—as new creations, no longer for ourselves but for Him who died for our sake.

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 24TH

5:30pm Mass *Philip McLeod*

TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH

8:00am , Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH

4:30 pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Robert Demotte*

THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH

8:00am , Mass *Lydia McLeod*

SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH

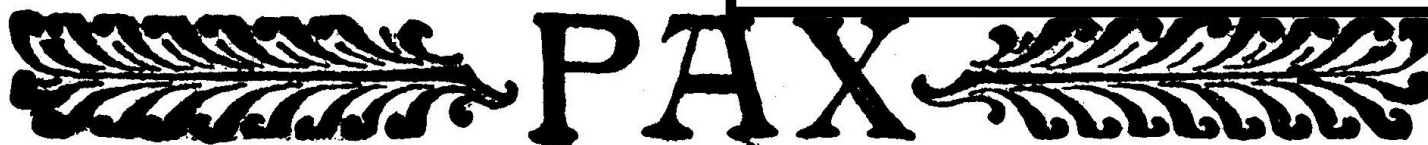
3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH

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. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr June 28th

We know very little about the life of St. Irenaeus, who is one of the most important theologians of the 2nd century. He was born about 130 in Asia Minor and placed in the care of St. Polycarp, the disciple of St. John the Apostle, and Bishop of Smyrna. He studied in Rome and later became a priest of Lyons in Gaul. In 178, he succeeded St. Pothinus as Bishop of Lyons.

Through his preaching Irenaeus converted many to the faith, and his writing did much to combat the heresies that were rampant, especially, those of the Gnostics and Valentinians. His thought, overwhelmingly Biblical in inspiration, is at once simple, vigorous, and profound. Opposed to the dualism of Gnosticism, it is characterized by a single vision: universal recapitulation in Christ.

Irenaeus's principal works are: *Against Heresies* and *The Proof of the Apostolic Preaching*. Accordingly, he is regarded as a link between the East and West. He died a martyr in 202 during the persecution of Septimus Severus.

PRAYER: God, You enabled St. Irenaeus, Your Bishop, to strengthen the truth of faith and the peace of the Church. Through his intercession may we be renewed in faith and love and always strive to foster unity and concord. Amen.





Monday, November 18 • 6:00 pm
An Evening with Fr. John Riccardo
 5:30 Mass with Bishop Daly then Speaker & Dinner

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