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**FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

July 14th 2024

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Church Picnic today at 12:30pm. Details and map inside.**

Our Lord in the unjust steward has placed before us an example of the manner in which the children of the world act, and in it, has shown their wisdom “in their generation,” that is to say, in their mutual intercourse. The steward wisely sought to employ the time which yet remained of his stewardship in making rapid use of his authority to further his own interests. And so, in general, the children of this world are wiser in their worldly affairs and more astute in the advancement of their own interests than are the children of light in what they have before all things to do and to provide for, namely, the things of the kingdom of God, the things that refer to God’s honor and their own eternal salvation. The wicked provide in a wiser and more far-seeing manner for the temporal than do the good for the eternal. ... In this general proposition there was at the same time included an appeal for the exercise of prudence. For all the disciples could easily understand that the good should not allow themselves to be outdone by the wicked in providing for their true interests.

Christ then added a second admonition, one which should explain more distinctly the application of that prudence with regard to the example which had been related: “And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity; that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings.” The exhortation was addressed especially to those among the disciples who had control of the riches of this world. Many commentators are of the opinion that the words were spoken to the converted publicans in particular, although the general instruction is not to be limited to these exclusively. Everyone should employ his wealth in making friends for eternity, and thus make better provision for one’s future than this steward did. In what way this is to be done our Lord does not state more explicitly. The majority of commentators, however, rightly understand the words as applying to the employment of earthly riches for purposes good and pleasing to God, whether in almsgiving, or by helping to maintain and to propagate the Faith, or by supporting other religious works.



*Commentary from The Parables of the Gospel by Leopold Fonck, S.J.  
(1865-1930)*

## The Church's Mission: Reflection for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see Exodus 12:11; Deuteronomy 8:2–4). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not “professionals” who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see Acts 14:15) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

*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.

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

#### MONDAY, JULY 15TH

5:30pm Mass *Robert Demotte*

#### TUESDAY, JULY 16TH

8:00am , Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH

4:30 pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Lydia McLeod*

#### THURSDAY, JULY 18TH

8:00am , Mass *Kathy Carlso*

#### SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

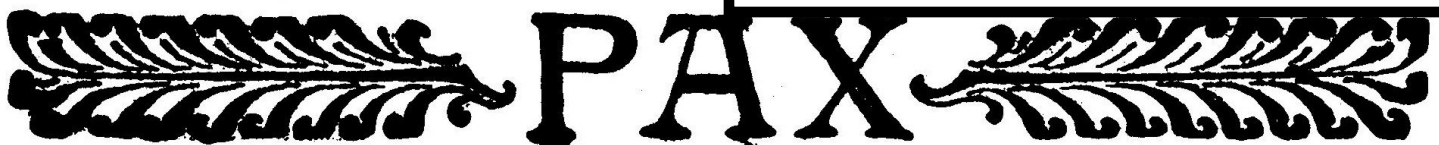
3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY, JULY 21ST

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

**TODAY!!!!!! 12:30pm**

**Manito Park Upper shelter (South)**

**Right above the Duncan Gardens**



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

If you haven't signed up to bring a dish you can still bring something to share!!

Also consider bringing some chairs or a blanket with you.

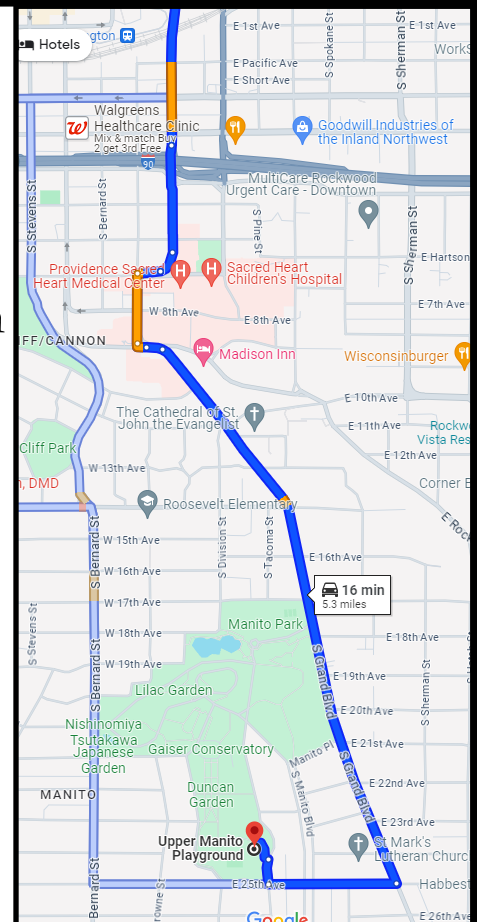
**Directions to Upper Manito Park, 2406  
S Tekoa St, Spokane, WA 99203**

**Take Division Street South, Follow it through  
downtown and up the hill, past Sacred Heart, it  
becomes Grand Boulevard.**

**Turn Right at 25th Ave.**

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