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FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

July 28th 2024

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Daily Mass is only on Monday this week, and First Friday Adoration on Friday

The Corinthians had consulted St. Paul about the relative value of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—the charisms—which were so marked a feature of the Corinthian Church. There was, apparently, a tendency at Corinth to regard the rather sensational gift of tongues—the gift of speaking in foreign languages which the speakers had not learned—as more important and desirable than other charisms. An attitude of comparing and classifying charisms had arisen which was leading to jealousies and feuds. St. Paul shows here that all the gifts have a single source, and that none of them has been given for the profit or advancement of any recipient of the gifts. They are all products of the Holy Spirit's activity, and they are given for the common good. It is foolish, therefore, for any individual to boast of his own charism, or to despise the possessors of other kinds.

In the Gospel, the manner and content of the Pharisee's prayer are an insult to God rather than an act of homage. What is it, then, in the Publican's prayer that makes it acceptable to God? His prayer is humble. His attitude is humble. He stands afar off: he will not raise up his eyes to heaven: he is bowed down by his sense of guilt and unworthiness before God. It is contrite. He strikes his breast in token of sorrow: he cries out of the depths of his grief, "God be merciful to me a sinner!" He does not remember his good deeds; he is mindful of his sins alone. It is full of confidence. It wells up from his heart: its very simplicity and earnestness betoken its confidence; the realization of God's gracious mercy which its words imply is the attitude of one who remembers that God will not despise a contrite and humble heart.

Here, then, in the prayer of the Publican, we have the model of every prayer of petition. It is not greatness, pride and worldly success that command the ear of God, but lowliness and humility. God resists the proud and gives His grace to the humble. When, then, we come to pray we must not think of our own virtues and our neighbor's defects. When we have done all that we are bound to do we must remember that we are still but useless servants.



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

Bread Left Over: Reflection for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people.

Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over.

The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness (see Exodus 16). Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him (see Deuteronomy 18:15–19). The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see Psalm 23:1, 5).

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm—to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see Psalm 81:17).

But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper—He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people (see Matthew 26:26). Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body.

In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.

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, JULY 29TH

5:30pm Mass *Dan McLeod*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND

5:30 pm, First Friday Devotion

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

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**.



St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest July 31st



St. Ignatius was born of a noble family in 1491, in the Castle of Loyola in Giupuscoa, Spain. Reared in the Court of Ferdinand V of Aragon, the husband of Isabella of Castile, he entered the army and distinguished himself by his valor. He was wounded at the siege of Pamplona, in a war between Charles V and Francis I, King of France. During his convalescence he read the “Lives of the Saints,” which effected his conversion from worldliness to piety. Henceforth, his life belonged entirely to God.

After a general confession in the monastery of Monserrat, the Saint spent ten months in the solitude of Manresa, where he composed his Spiritual Exercises, and then made a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land. On his return to Spain he began his studies, and in 1528 he went to Paris to continue them. Here his virtue and wisdom gained him a few companions, and these became the nucleus of the Society of Jesus. At Montmartre they vowed to go to Palestine, or to offer themselves to the Pope to be employed in the service of God in some other manner. Receiving ordination at Venice together with his companions, St. Ignatius went to Rome where he was graciously received by Pope Paul III.

In 1540, Pope Paul III approved the Society and it soon made rapid progress, spreading to India in the East and to Brazil in the West. St. Ignatius continued to reside in Rome, employed in consolidating and governing his Society. There he became the friend of St. Philip Neri. He was General of the Society more than fifteen years. He died peacefully on July 31, 1556, and was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV.

PRAYER: God, You raised up St. Ignatius in Your Church for the greater glory of Your Name. Grant that we may labor on earth with his help and after his example and merit to be crowned with him in heaven. **Amen.**



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