



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

August 11th, 2024

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On this Sunday, which is their twelfth of Saint Matthew, the Greeks read in the Mass the episode of the young rich man who questions Jesus, given in the nineteenth chapter of the Saint's Gospel. In the west, it is the Gospel of the Good Samaritan which gives its name to this twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

The Introit begins with that beautiful verse of Psalm lxi. : ' Come to mine assistance, O God! O Lord, make haste to help me !' Cassian, in his tenth Conference, has admirably drawn out the beauty of these words, and shows how they are appropriate for every circumstance of life, and how fully they respond to every sentiment of the Christian soul. Durandus applies this Introit to Job, because the lessons for the Divine Office, which are taken from that Book of Scripture, sometimes, though not often, coincide with this Sunday.

Rupert looks on this Introit as the fitting prayer of the deaf and dumb man, whose cure was the subject of our reflections this day last week. He says : ' The human race, in the person of our first parents, had become deaf to the commandments of God, and dumb in His praise; the first use he makes of his untied tongue, is to call upon the God who has healed him.' The same words are the Church's first address, each morning, to her Creator, and her opening of each of the canonical hours, both day and night.



*Commentary on the Introit for the 12th Sunday
after Pentecost Dom Prosper Guéranger*

Take and Eat: Reflection for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us.

We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to “murmur” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see Exodus 16:2, 7, 8; 1 Corinthians 10:10).

The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur,” to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the “son” of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see Exodus 3:1–2), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (see Matthew 26:26).

This taste of the heavenly gift (see Hebrews 6:4–5) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see Isaiah 63:10).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

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, AUGUST 12TH

5:30pm Mass *Souls in Purgatory*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

8:00am , Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH

4:30 pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Marie Nason*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH

5:30pm , Mass for the Assumption of the B.V.M

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

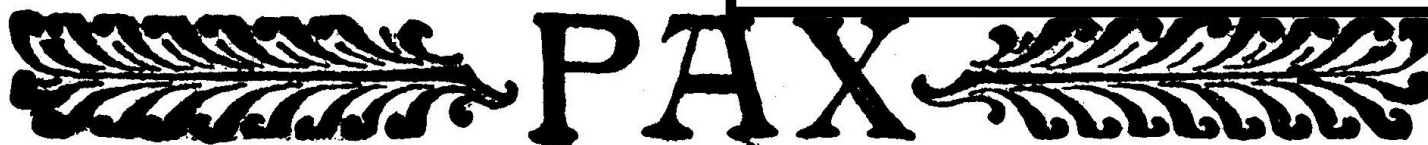
3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*



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.



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.



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. John Berchmans, August 13th.

Patron of Altar Servers



The son of a shoemaker, John Berchmans was born in Diest, Belgium, in 1599. After studying for three years under a parish priest who prepared boys for the priesthood, he entered the newly-opened Jesuit College at Mechlin in 1615, and a year later joined their novitiate. In 1618, he journeyed to Rome on foot (in to weeks) to continue his studies at the Roman College.

After studying Philosophy for three years, John was selected by his superiors to take part in public debate, but became ill before it had ended. As this model Jesuit Seminarian lay on what turned out to be his death-bed, he clasped his rosary, his crucifix, and his book of rules and said: "These are my three treasures; with these I shall gladly die. "

The very next day, August 13, 1621, John passed on to his heavenly reward. He was canonized in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII.



PRAYER: God, You inspired St. John Berchmans to strive for perfect charity and so attain Your Kingdom at the end of his pilgrimage on earth. Strengthen us through his intercession that we may advance rejoicing in the way of love. **Amen.**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious August 12th

Born at Dijon in 1572, into a prominent family, St. Jane Frances received an excellent education. In 1592, she married the Baron de Chantal, an officer in the army of Henry IV. After eight happy years, she was left widow with four little children when the Baron was killed in a hunting accident.

In 1604, she heard St. Francis de Sales preach and placed herself under his spiritual direction.

After providing for the welfare of her children, St. Jane Frances went to Annecy and established the Congregation of the Visitation in 1610.

For many years she suffered great interior trials with the utmost resignation, while she labored to extend her Congregation and promote God's glory. Eighty-six houses were established before her death, which took place in 1641. She was canonized in 1767 by Pope Clement XIII.

PRAYER: God, You endowed St. Jane Frances with admirable qualities in various walks of life. Through her intercession help us to be true to our vocation and never fail to bear witness to the light You give us. **Amen.**





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