



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

May 5th, 2024

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ≈ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

“Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.”

The holy apostle, whose instructions these are, had received them from our risen Jesus: hence the authoritative tone with which he speaks. Our Savior, as we have already seen, honored him with a special visit. This proves that he was particularly dear to his divine master, to whom he was related by the tie of consanguinity on his mother’s side, whose name was Mary. This holy woman went on Easter morning to the sepulchre, in company with her sister Salome, and St. Mary Magdalene. St. James the Less is indeed the apostle of Paschal Time, wherein everything speaks to us of the new life we should lead with our risen Lord. He is the apostle of good works, for it is from him that we have received this fundamental maxim of Christianity, that although faith be the first essential of a Christian, yet without works it is a dead faith, and will not save us.

He also lays great stress on our being attentive to the truths we have been taught, and on our guarding against that culpable forgetfulness, which plays such havoc with thoughtless souls. Many of those who have received the grace of the Easter mystery this year will not persevere; and the reason is that they will allow the world to take up all their time and thoughts, whereas they should use the world as though they did not use it (cf. I Cor. 7:31). Let us never forget that we must now walk in newness of life, in imitation of our risen Jesus, who dieth now no more.



Commentary from The Liturgical Year by Dom Prosper Guéranger O.S.B. (1805-1875).

Begotten By Love :Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today's Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see Genesis 22:16–18).

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see Acts 2:5–11).

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7–9; Ephesians 2:12).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ and new life through Him.

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**)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Convent at St. Patrick's, Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

School Mass at St. Patrick's is celebrated at noon Monday through Friday.

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 sfxspokane.org or at [facebook.com/sfxspokane](https://www.facebook.com/sfxspokane)

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Office Hours.

No set Hours for a few weeks

Please leave an email or phone message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, MAY 6TH

5:30pm Mass *Ana Gabriela Anguiano*

TUESDAY, MAY 7TH

8:00am , Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

4:30 pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Clergy In Purgatory*

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

8:00am , Mass *Conversion of Sinners*

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

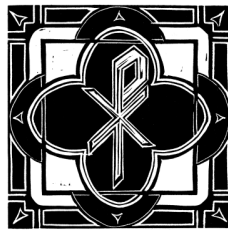


Volunteers Needed

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.

Please let the office know if you would like to volunteer or need more information.



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 see the girls in the back with the email signup sheets + clipboards after mass on 4/14, 4/21, & 4/28 or email women.of.st.x@gmail.com.

Refreshments will be served after the 11am Mass, on the lawn in front of the rectory.

Please let the Women of Saint Francis Xavier (info on the middle page) know if you would like to help with food or beverages.

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.

St. Pachomius, Abbot May 9th

Founder of Christian Monasticism

St. Pachomius was born about 292 in the Upper Thebaid in Egypt and was inducted into the Emperor’s army as a twenty-year-old. The great kindness of Christians at Thebes toward the soldiers led to his conversion after his discharge. After being baptized, he became a disciple of an anchorite, Palaemon, and took the habit. The two of them led a life of extreme austerity and total dedication to God, combining manual labor with unceasing prayer both day and night.

In 318, Pachomius, aided initially by Palaemon, built a monastery on the banks of the Nile at Tabennisi. In a short time some one hundred monks joined him, and Pachomius organized them on principles of community living. Soon Pachomius was obliged to establish ten other monasteries for men and two nunneries for women. Before his death in 347/348, there were seven thousand monks in his houses, and his Order lasted in the East until 11th century.

St. Pachomius was the first monk to organize hermits into groups and write down a Rule for them. Both St. Basil and St. Benedict drew from his Rule in setting forth their own more famous ones. Hence, though St. Anthony is usually regarded as the founder of Christian Monasticism, it was really St. Pachomius who began monasticism as we know it today.

PRAYER: Lord, amid the things of this world, let us be wholeheartedly committed to heavenly things in imitation of the example of evangelical perfection that You have given us in St. Pachomius. Amen.





Please Join Us Friday May 10th 4:00 pm 7:30pm
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