



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

January 14th , 2024

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



The marriage in Cana of Galilee is commemorated: the first miracle of Jesus. Mary, full of charity, asks of Jesus His first miracle. Jesus, at the request of His Mother, anticipates the hour appointed for the manifestation of His Divinity to His Disciples, so that He puts His power at the service of His love.



Commentary by Fr. Sylvester Juergens S.M. (1894-1969)

Hearing the Call: Reflection on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest.

Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see 1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2–3). The disciples too heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives.

God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see Wisdom 6:11–12). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see Psalm 42:2).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see John 15:14; 14:21–23), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."

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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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH

5:30pm Mass *Dan Inghish*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

8:00am , Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH

4:30 pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Religious*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH

8:00am , Mass *Holy souls in Purgatory*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Pro populo*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

7:30 am, Mass *Evelyn Marian Taylor*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*



PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

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.

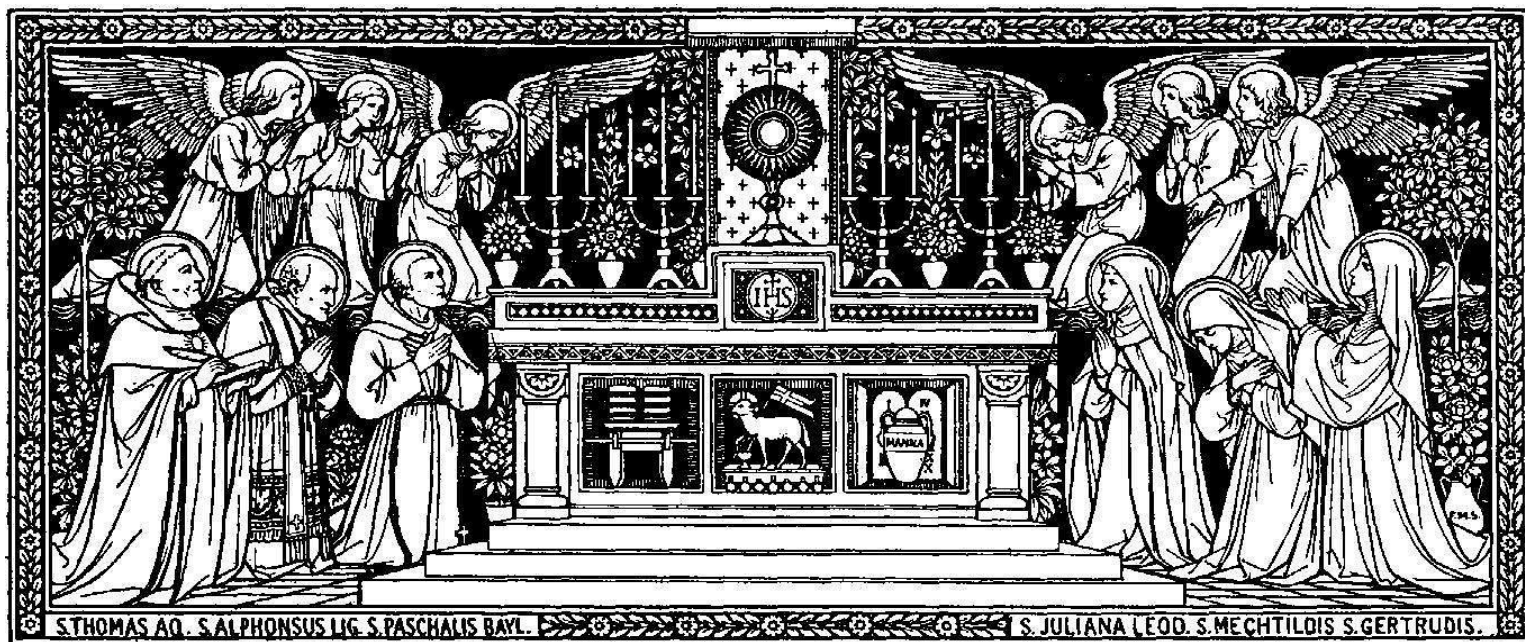
MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

If you desire consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please contact the sisters at 487-3963.

Every Friday evening at St. Patrick's from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., the sisters pray for our families and friends who are not in full communion with the Catholic church and no longer practicing their Catholic faith. Please join us.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

The parish is in need of young men willing to train as acolytes. Some Latin comprehension, moral discipline, and a well kept appearance are required. Please email the office.



St. Anthony, Founder of Monasticism January 17th

St. Anthony was born at Coma, Upper Egypt, in 251, of rich and virtuous Christian parents. After dividing all his possessions among the poor while still a young man, he retired into the desert. Here he lived the life of a hermit for many years, practicing heroic mortification and devoting himself to silence, prayer, and manual labors.

The fame of Anthony's sanctity and miracles, and the power of his example and word, drew hundreds of followers, to whom he gave guidance and a rule of life. In 305, he founded a religious community of cenobites who lived in detached cells. He died in 356, at the age of 105.

PRAYER: Lord God, You gave St. Anthony the Abbot the grace of serving in the desert in prayer with You. Aided by his intercession, may we practice self-denial and hence always love You above all things. Amen.



Sts. Volusian, Bishop and Deicolus, Abbot January 18th

According to tradition, St. Volusian was of senatorial rank. He served as Bishop of Tours from 488 to 496. What little information exists about concerns the last years of his life. As a result of his rank, he was continually involved with the politics of his day and finally he was driven from episcopate by the Goths who believed that Bishop was planning to form an alliance with the Franks against them.

St. Volusian made good his escape from Tours and traveled to Spain where he went into exile. He died about the year 498. According to some historians, St. Volusian was fallowed into Spain by the Goths who captured him and cut off his head. This possible martyrdom was probably the basis for his canonization as a Saint.

St. Deicolus, also known as St. Desle, left his native land of Ireland in the company of St. Columban, and both men settled at Luxeuil. St. Deicolus established the Abbey of Lure, where he remained for the rest of his life as a hermit.

Despite his hardships, his contentment was always evident. When St. Columban onc asked him, "Deicolus, why are you always smiling?" this saintly soul simply replied: "Because no one can take God from me." He died about 625.

PRAYER: Lord, may the intercession of Sts. Volusian and Deicolus commend us to You, so that by their patronage we may obtain what we do not deserve by any merits of ours. Amen.



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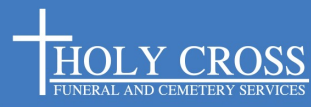
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