



ST.  
**FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

June 9th, 2024

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The miseries of this present life are the test to which God puts His soldiers. He passes judgment upon them, and classifies them, according to the degree of courage they have shown. Therefore is it, that we all have our share of suffering. The combat has commenced. God is looking on, watching how each of us comports himself. The day is not far off, when the Judge will pass sentence on the merits of each combatant, and award to each one the recompense he has won. Combat now; peace and rest and a crown, then. Happy they who, during these days of probation, have recognized the mighty hand of God in all the trials they have had, and have humbled themselves under its pressure, lovingly and confidingly!

Against such Christians, who have been strong in faith, the roaring lion has not been able to prevail. They were sober, they were watchful, during this their pilgrimage. They were fully convinced of this, that everyone has to suffer in the present life. They therefore never sighed and moaned, as though they were the only sufferers; they did not assume the attitude of victims, and call it resignation; but they took each trial as it came, and, without talking to everyone about it, they quietly and joyously united it with the sufferings of Christ. O true Christians! you will be joyous for all eternity, when there will be made the manifestation of that eternal glory in Christ Jesus, which He will pass on to you, that you may share it with Him forever!



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

## The Promised One: Reflection for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In today's Gospel Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our first reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC 1864). Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

*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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MONDAY-THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH

5:30pm Mass *Priests*

TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH

8:00am , Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH

4:30 pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Chris & Alison McLeod*

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH

8:00am , Mass *Religious*

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH

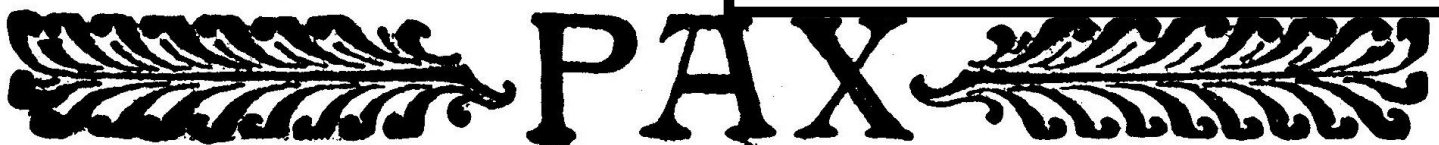
3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH

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](mailto:women.of.st.x@gmail.com).

# Church Picnic

July 14th 12:30pm

Manito Park



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

Please consider signing up to bring a main dish or something to share, email [women.of.st.x@gmail.com](mailto:women.of.st.x@gmail.com)

Also consider bringing some chairs or a blanket with you.

**Hope to see you there!!**

## *St. Landericus (Landry), Bishop June 10th*

St. Landericus (or Landry) was a sincere and dedicated servant of God who like his Lord Jesus Christ had great love for the poor and the lowly. As Bishop of Paris, from about 646 to 656, he labored zealously to improve their lot. And when the proceeds from the sale of all his possessions did not suffice to relieve their hunger during a famine, he went so far as to sell some of the church vessels and furniture.

St. Landericus became increasingly aware that the sick poor of his diocese were not really cared for by custom then in vogue of housing them in little hostels dependent on the casual alms of charitable persons. This led him to erect the city's first real hospital, dedicated to St. Christopher, which in time became the famous Hotel-Dieu.

Always on the alert to provide spiritual help for his people, this saintly Bishop welcomed the Benedictines into his diocese and encouraged them to set up the Abbey of St. Denis. In 653, in company with twenty-three other Bishops, he signed the foundation charter granted by King Clovis to the Abbey. He died about 656, after having commissioned the monk Marculfus to compile a collection of Ecclesiastical Formulas.

**PRAYER:** God, You made St. Landericus an outstanding exemplar of Divine love and the Faith that conquers the world, and added him to the roll of saintly pastors. Grant by his intercession that we may persevere in Faith and love. **Amen.**

