



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

July 6th, 2025

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The miracle described in today's Gospel was intended primarily to strengthen Simon's faith in the Master, and to make the future Apostle be ready at the call of Jesus to leave family, friends and possessions, to become the disciple and constant companion of the Rabbi of Nazareth. The miracle was intended also to strengthen Simon's faith in the days when the Master would walk no longer with the brethren, and the dreadful burden of leadership would weigh heavily on the first Vicar of Christ.

For us one lesson of today's Gospel is that of the reward of obedience, of the success of the work which is undertaken at God's word, and for a right intention. Work which is carried out at God's command is certain of success. To that kind of work belongs every task which is prescribed by one's vocation. The state of life in which a man finds himself brings its definite tasks and duties. These may be regarded as more or less directly ordered by God, and with God's command to execute such tasks there goes a guarantee that His help will be given for their performance. The man of faith, who sees everywhere the working out of God's plans, will not be despondent nor lose heart if things seem to go badly with him. He will not repine, nor wish he had the tasks of others: he will go on steadily doing his daily round of duties, confident that he who seeks to fulfill God's commands will not fail, nor be deprived of reward. He will not be like the fishermen who toiled all the night and caught nothing; his every task and duty, however slight, will be accomplished with the intention of doing God's will, and his reward will be like that of the fisherman who let down his net as Christ directed.



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

Harvest Time: Reflection on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel: Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church.

Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12–13; Joel 4:13), the seventy are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church.

Carrying out the work of the seventy, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom. She offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth, "every town and place He intended to visit."

Our Lord's tone is solemn today, for in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom.

But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle.

The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven.

In this week's Psalm, we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation." And as the Exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord and sing praise to the glory of His name.

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:** Bella Mally, Jane Soars, 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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9AM-12PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the parish office by email to
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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 7TH

5:30pm Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

TUESDAY, JULY 8TH

8:00am Mass *Forgotten souls in Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Vocations*

THURSDAY, JULY 10TH

8:00am Mass *Priests in Purgatory*

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

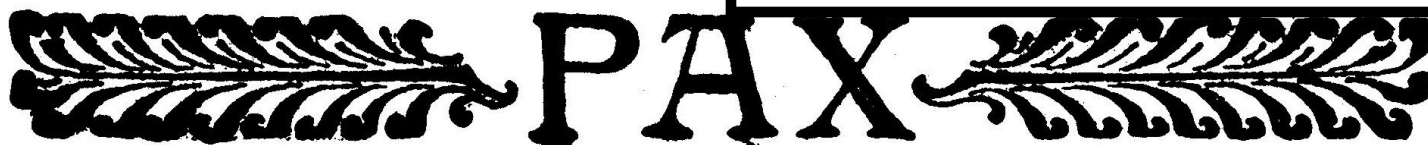
3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH

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) 362-8646**

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.

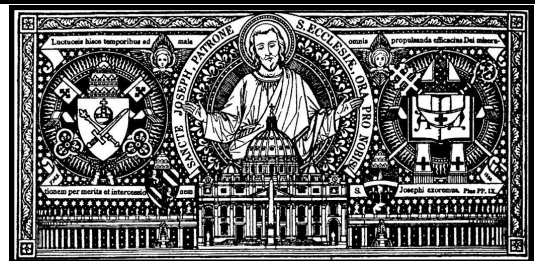
Activities and volunteer possibilities include:

- 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

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Sts. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and his Companions, Martyrs July 9th

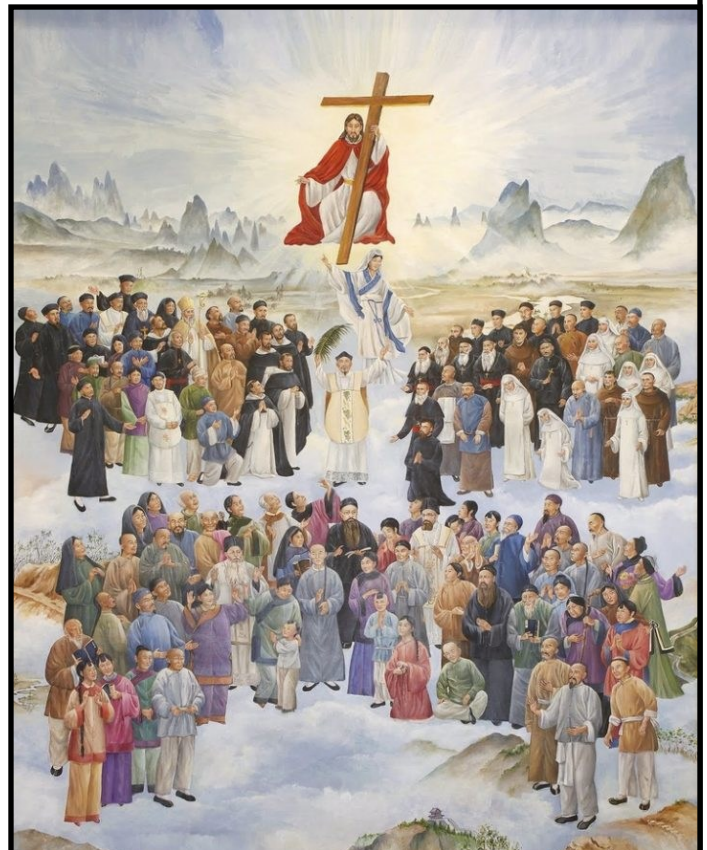
On October 1, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized the Chinese diocesan priest Augustine Zhao Rong and 119 compatriots, all Martyrs of China between 1648 and 1930. The Pope said: “The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. These words of the Responsorial Psalm clearly reflect the experience of Augustine Zhao Rong and his 119 companions. The testimonies that have come down to us allow us to glimpse in then a state of mind marked by deep serenity and joy.”

Young Ann Wang, a fourteen-year-old, understood the threats of the torturers who invited her to apostatize. Instead, ready for her beheading, she declared with a radiant face: “The door of heaven is open to all,” three times murmuring “Jesus”.

Another Martyr, eighteen-year-old Chi Zhuzi, cried out fearlessly to those who had just cut off his arm and were preparing to flay him alive: “Every piece of my flesh, every drop of my blood will tell you that I am a Christian.”

The other 85 Chinese men and women of every age and state—priest, religious, and lay people—showed the same conviction and joy, sealing their unfailing fidelity to Christ and the Church with the gift of their lives.

PRAYER: God, through the profession of the holy Martyrs Augustine and his Companions, You strengthened Your Church in a wonderful way. Grant that Your people may be faithful to the mission entrusted to them and both receive an increase of freedom and bear witness to the truth before the world. Amen.





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