



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

July 10th, 2022

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my
hope. Let me never be confounded.*
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's bulletin features two saints of particular importance in the evangelization of Europe: Saints Cyril and Methodius, who were brothers, missionaries, Apostles to the Slavs, and the inventors of the Cyrillic alphabet. While Cyril and Methodius are of paramount importance in the Orthodox churches, it was only in the 19th century that they were placed on the Roman Calendar— a curiosity given that St. Cyril died in Rome, and St. Methodius was appointed an Archbishop by the Pope.

Cyril and Methodius were born in Thessalonica in the 9th century, and received one of the finest educations available in the Byzantine Empire at that time. Both entered Holy Orders at a young age, with Cyril becoming noted as a scholar of great erudition. The two were sent on a mission to Crimea around the year 860. Some years later, the two were sent to Moravia (modern day Czech Republic) to evangelize the Slavs in that area. While there they made tens of thousands of converts, and developed the Cyrillic alphabet, the script used for all of the modern Slavic languages. Additionally, they developed a Slavonic Rite, which combined elements of both the Greek and Latin liturgies.



Eventually, the two travelled to Rome to seek the support of the Pope. While in Rome, Cyril passed away, whereas Methodius was appointed Archbishop of Sirmium, with jurisdiction over all of Pannonia and Moravia, and authority to use the Slavonic Rite which the brothers had developed. For many years Methodius worked tirelessly to evangelize the peoples of his new See. Following his death, tensions between German clergy (who insisted upon a Latin-only liturgy) and Methodius' converts (who preferred the use of the Slavonic liturgy) resulted in an eastward movement of the Slavonic rite—while Pannonia and Moravia made the transition to a Latin liturgy, Bulgaria, Romania, and the Russian peoples took up the use of Slavonic.

In 1980 Pope John Paul II proclaimed Cyril and Methodius to be “co-patron Saints” of Europe, together with Benedict of Nursia. That action emphasized the importance of these two men in bringing into the church whole cultures which had previously been outside of her embrace.

A COMMENTARY FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHAT WE MUST DO

We are to love God and our neighbor with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this week's Gospel.

This command is nothing remote or mysterious—it's already written in our hearts, in the book of Sacred Scripture. "You have only to carry it out," Moses says in this week's First Reading.

Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: "Do this and you will live."

The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That's the motive behind his question, "Who is my neighbor?"

In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God, Who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up.

Jesus is "the image of the invisible God," this week's Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the "blood of His Cross"—by bearing His neighbors' sufferings in His own body, being Himself stripped and beaten and left for dead—He saved us from the bonds of sin and reconciled us to God and to one another.

Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, and entrusts us to the care of His Church until He comes back for us.



Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us, joining all things together in His Body, the Church.

We are to love like the singer of this week's Psalm—like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives have been saved, who have known the time of His favor, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us.

This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands today of the scholar and of each of us: "Go and do likewise."

- 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, Rose Zinkgraf, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Peggy Cloke, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes, Daniel Lander, 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

8am – Daily Mass followed by Confessions
(**St. Patrick**)

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**)

9:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

11:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

*On most Sundays, Confessions are heard during the
9am & 11am Holy Masses*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

During the summer, there will be no daily
School Mass at St. Patrick's.

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.

Please contact Jackie Silvey for prayer requests.
She can be reached at (509) 483-3109

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at
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[facebook.com/sfxspokane](https://www.facebook.com/sfxspokane)

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**Our office is open on Fridays
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, JULY 11TH

ST. PIUS I

Latin Mass, 5:30 pm, *Robert Reynolds*

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH

ST. JOHN GUALBERT

Latin Mass, 8:00 am, *Robert Reynolds*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH

SAINT HENRY

Confessions, 4:30 pm

English Mass, 5:30 pm, *Brian Moreland +*

THURSDAY, JULY 14TH

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

English Mass, 8:00 am, *Foster Children*

SATURDAY, JULY 16TH

Confessions, 3:00 pm

English Vigil Mass, 4:00 pm, *Fr. David Kruse*

SUNDAY, JULY 17TH

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

English Mass, 7:30 am, *Pro Populo*

Latin Mass, 9:00 am, *Private Intention*

Latin Mass, 11:00 am, *Poor Souls*



PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

SINGERS AND SERVERS NEEDED

As we look to expand liturgical practice in our Extraordinary Form Masses, the parish is in need of singers for our schola, as well as young men willing to train as acolytes. Some Latin comprehension, moral discipline, and a well kept appearance are required. Please email the office.

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

There is no weekly youth ministry during the summer. Middle school students are invited to sign up for our 2nd annual summer camp August 14th-19th and high school students are invited to the Steubenville Conference taking place here in Spokane from July 29th-July 31st.

Visit “ncymspokane.com” for more details, or contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator, JJ Nazzaro, at “jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org”

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.

We are currently looking for more volunteers to expand the ministry to include prayers for Fr. Slattery.

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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP uses the physical signs placed by God within each woman’s body to identify when pregnancy can occur. Monthly classes for three months. Tuition \$95.00 for the series. Classes are currently conducted virtually. Contact the Women’s Health Center: 509-474-2400

REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

During the pandemic, we continue to distribute food through the Missionaries of Charity and Caritas services. Please leave your donations of nonperishable items by the doors of the church.

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels needs drivers county wide, this need is particularly desperate in the north and central areas of the City of Spokane. As a Meals on Wheels volunteer, you are delivering much more than a hot meal - you are providing a human connection. A typical volunteer route takes about an hour to an hour and a half to complete. For many of our home-bound neighbors, A MOW volunteer will be the only person they will see or speak with all day. If you have an hour or two a week, month, or something in between to spare, please consider being a volunteer. Please contact Donna Ennis, our Volunteer Coordinator at 509-924-6976 for more information or apply on our website at <https://gscmealsonwheels.org/volunteer/>

DISCALED CARMELITE RETREAT

From September 22nd to 25th a retreat will be held at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center by Fr. Jerome Earley, O.C.D.

Fr. Earley is a Discalced Carmelite Friar who serves as the superior of Marylake Monastery in Little Rock, Arkansas. The retreat will focus on the Indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit.

For further information, please contact Dave Rinaldi, O.C.D.S. at (208) 664-0455 or rinaldi1430@gmail.com



GRADUAL FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Custodi me Domine ut pupillam oculi

Keep me, Lord, like the apple of your eye

Sub umbra alarum tuarum protege me

Under the shadow of your wings protect me

De vultu tuo iudicium meum prodeat

Let my judgment come from your face

Oculi tui videant aequitatem

Let your eyes behold just things

ON THE PRESENT LIFE, BY DOM PROSPER GUERANGER

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 every one 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 every one 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 them, that they may share it with him for ever!

