



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

July 17th, 2022

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

This coming Thursday, the 21st, the church will celebrate the feast of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, a Saint and Doctor of the Church who was a 17th century Capuchin, linguist, theologian, papal emissary, and chaplain to the Holy Roman Emperor.

St. Lawrence was born Giulio Cesare Russo in Brindisi, Kingdom of Naples, to a family of Venetian merchants. After the early death of his parents, he was raised by his uncle and educated at Saint Mark's College in Venice. Cesare joined the Capuchins in Verona as Brother Lawrence. He received further instruction from the University of Padua, being ordained a priest at the age of 23 in 1582. Perhaps the most striking fact of Lawrence was his proficiency with languages: He could read and speak not only his native Italian, but also Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian (Czech), Spanish, and French fluently.

At the age of thirty-one, Lawrence was elected superior of the Capuchin province of Tuscany. He was appointed Definitor General to Rome for the Capuchins in 1596, and Pope Clement VIII assigned him the task of preaching to the Jews in the city. He was sufficiently proficient in Hebrew that the rabbis assumed he had been a convert from Judaism! Beginning in 1599, Lawrence was sent to Germany and Austria as a papal emissary, establishing Capuchin monasteries, furthering the Counter-Reformation, and bringing many Protestants back to the Catholic faith.

In 1601 he served as the imperial chaplain for the army of Rudolph II, Holy Roman Emperor, and successfully recruited veterans of the French Wars of Religion to help fight against the Ottoman Turks. In a strange turn of events, he then led part of the army during the brief liberation of Székesfehérvár in modern Hungary, which was at that time dominated by the Turks. In this battle, he led his contingent armed only with a crucifix!

In 1602, he was elected vicar general of the Capuchin friars, at that time the highest office in the Order. He was elected again in 1605, but refused the office. He entered the service of the Holy See, becoming papal nuncio to Bavaria. After later serving as nuncio to Spain, he retired to a monastery in 1618. He was recalled as a special envoy to the King of Spain in 1619 to resolve a political crisis in southern Italy, and after finishing his mission, died on his birthday in Lisbon. St. Lawrence had a truly brilliant career—as a scholar, as a preacher, as a diplomat, and as a hero in the fight against Ottoman domination of Southeastern Europe.



A COMMENTARY FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WAITING ON THE LORD

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately—as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham’s tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in this week’s First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests (see Hebrews 13:1) stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in this week’s Gospel.

Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself—”Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself . . . ? Tell her to help me.” Jesus’ gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands (see Acts 17:25).

Our Lord comes to us not to be served but to serve (see Matthew 20:28). He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the “better part,” which is life in the fellowship of God.

Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham’s visitors (see Matthew 1:1). In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time; He has made us blessed descendants of Abraham (see Genesis 17:19, 21; Romans 4:16–17, 19–21).



The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation, what Paul calls “the mystery hidden for ages.”

As once He came to Abraham, Martha, and Mary, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. As we sing in this week’s Psalm: He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice (see also John 14:23).

If we do these things, we will not be anxious or disturbed. We will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, Who told Abraham and Who tells each of us: “I will surely return to you.”

- 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, 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 18TH

ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

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

TUESDAY, JULY 19TH

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH

ST. APOLLINARIS

Confessions, 4:30 pm

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

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST

ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

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

SATURDAY, JULY 23RD

Confessions, 3:00 pm

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

SUNDAY, JULY 24TH

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &

7TH 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 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Domine Dominus noster

Quam admirabile est nomen tuum in
universa terra

Quoniam elevata est magnificentia tua
super caelos

O Lord our Lord

How admirable is your name in the whole
world!

For your magnificence is elevated above the
heavens!

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!

