



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

August 28th, 2022

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

How well adapted to every festival, and every occasion of joy and thanksgiving, are the numerous psalms of praise! As we read in the *Crown of Jesus*: "the Psalms have a three-fold claim to our veneration as the prayer of David, the prayer of Jesus Christ, and the prayer of the Church.

Humanly speaking, the prayers of David are the prayers of every grade of life, of every spiritual necessity. The changing scenes of his life display the beauty and constancy of friendship, the pangs of ingratitude, the grandeur of piety, the simplicity of its manifestation, the loss of virtue, the agony of remorse, and the fervor of that contrition. Therefore, in the prayer of David, everyone who suffers, every one who rejoices, every one who is tempted, or falls, or repents, will be able to breathe forth his thoughts, his hopes, his praises, his desires, in strains of inspired poetry.

But, as we learn from the New Testament, David is both a prophet and a forerunner of Jesus Christ, and the 'prayer of David' is therefore also the Prayer of Jesus Christ. Our Lord quoted the Psalms and applied them to Himself, He used them as His own prayers, He sung them with His apostles, and on the cross, just before He gave up the ghost, He cried with a loud voice those words of the Compline Psalm, which in His sacred childhood He had heard chanted in the temple of Jerusalem, "In manus tuas commendo spiritum meum.-'Into Thy hands I commend My spirit.'"

"It is nearly three thousand years," writes Frederick Ozanam, in reference to the Psalms, "since a king composed those songs in his days of repentance and desolation; and we still find in them the expression of our deepest anguish, and the consolation of our sorrows. The priest recites them daily; thousands of monasteries have been founded, in order that these psalms might be chanted at every hour, and that this voice of supplication might never be silent. The Gospel alone is superior to the hymns of David, and this only because it is. their fulfilment, because all the yearnings, all the ardors, all the holy impatience of the prophet find their accomplishment in the Redeemer."



The above selection from the Fr. Lasance Missal demonstrates the comprehensive nature of the Psalms. These canticles represent a human need and longing for the divine, first as spontaneous outpourings from the Lord's anointed, second as prayers intoned by the Son of God, and third as the official worship of the Holy Mother Church. Frequently, we only consult the Psalms when used in the liturgy. A far better spiritual practice is to read the Psalms daily, whether in the Office of Readings, or simply as a private contemplation. Too often we forget that our God is the God of Abraham, and it is most fitting to praise Him in the manner of our ancestors.

A COMMENTARY FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TO GO UP HIGHER

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see Luke 22:24–27).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages—filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see Luke 1:52–53).

We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm—how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a “Father of orphans.”

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see Luke 6:7; 15:21). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see Proverbs 25:6–7).

- 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

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**Our office is open on Saturdays
from 12:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH

BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Latin Mass, 5:30 pm, *Justin French* +

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Latin Mass, 8:00am, *Linda Genna*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST

Confessions, 4:30 pm

English Mass, 5:30 pm, *Linda Genna*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

English Mass, 8:00 am, *Chris Marchand*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Latin Mass & Eucharistic Adoration, 5:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

Confessions, 3:00 pm

English Vigil Mass, 4:00 pm, *Kopczynski Family*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &

13TH 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

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.

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.

CHANGE TO OFFICE HOURS

With the school year beginning and Miles returning to the classroom, the office will now be open on Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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/>

AN EVENING WITH BISHOP DALY

Come join Bishop Daly for an evening of wine and appetizers. Bishop Daly will be visiting various Catholic parishes throughout the diocese this fall and is looking forward to the opportunity to meet with parishioners and discuss the direction of the diocese. Bishop Daly will address guests at 7:45pm during the evening.

This event is for all Catholics in the Spokane area. (ages 21+ only). Reserve your spot by visiting www.dioceseofspokane.org/events

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

7pm-8:30pm

St. Thomas More Parish

GRADUAL FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Miserere mihi Domine, quoniam ad te
clamavi tota die:

Have mercy on me, Lord, who cries to You
all the day

Quia tu Domine suavis ac mitis es,
et copiosus in misericordia omnibus
invocantibus te

For You, Lord, are sweet and mild, and
generous in mercy to all who call upon You

Inclina Domine aurem tuam et exaudi me:
quoniam inops et pauper sum ego

Incline Your ear to me, Lord, and hear me,
for I am needy and poor

HAVING A HUMBLE OPINION OF SELF

FROM THE IMITATION OF CHRIST, BY THOMAS KEMPIS

EVERY man naturally desires knowledge; but what good is knowledge without fear of God? Indeed a humble rustic who serves God is better than a proud intellectual who neglects his soul to study the course of the stars. He who knows himself well becomes mean in his own eyes and is not happy when praised by men.

If I knew all things in the world and had not charity, what would it profit me before God Who will judge me by my deeds?

Shun too great a desire for knowledge, for in it there is much fretting and delusion. Intellectuals like to appear learned and to be called wise. Yet there are many things the knowledge of which does little or no good to the soul, and he who concerns himself about other things than those which lead to salvation is very unwise.

Many words do not satisfy the soul; but a good life eases the mind and a clean conscience inspires great trust in God.

The more you know and the better you understand, the more severely will you be judged, unless your life is also the more holy. Do not be proud, therefore, because of your learning or skill. Rather, fear because of the talent given you. If you think you know many things and understand them well enough, realize at the same time that there is much you do not know. Hence, do not affect wisdom, but admit your ignorance. Why prefer yourself to anyone else when many are more learned, more cultured than you?

If you wish to learn and appreciate something worth while, then love to be unknown and considered as nothing. Truly to know and despise self is the best and most perfect counsel. To think of oneself as nothing, and always to think well and highly of others is the best and most perfect wisdom.

Wherefore, if you see another sin openly or commit a serious crime, do not consider yourself better, for you do not know how long you can remain in good estate. All men are frail, but you must admit that none is more frail than yourself.



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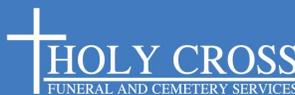
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