



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

October 5th, 2025

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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Man-God allowed temptation to approach His sacred Person in the desert.... Our Jesus permitted the demon to tempt Him in order that He might show His faithful servants how they are to repel the assaults of the wicked spirit. Today, our adorable Master, who would be a model to His children in all their trials, is represented to us as having to contend, not with Satan's perfidy, but with the hypocrisy of His bitterest enemies, the pharisees. They seek to ensnare Him in His speech, just as the representatives of the world, which He has condemned [Jn. 16:8:11], will do to His Church, and that in all ages, right to the end of time. But as her divine Spouse triumphed, so will she; for He will enable her to continue His work upon earth, and amidst the same temptations and the same snares. She is ever to obtain the victory, by maintaining a most inviolable fidelity to God's law and truth.

The tools of Satan, who are the heretics and the princes of the world, chafing at the restraint put by Christianity on their ambition and lust, will always be studying how best to outwit the guardian of the divine oracles, by their captious propositions or questions. When necessity requires her to speak, she is quite ready; for, as the bride of that divine Word, who is His Father's eternal and substantial utterance, what can she be but a voice, either to announce Him on earth, or to sing Him in heaven?

That word of hers, endowed as it is with the power and penetration of God Himself, will not only never be conquered by surprise, but, like a two-edged sword, it will generally go much deeper than the crafty questioners of the Church anticipated; it will not only refute their sophistry, it will also expose the hypocrisy and wickedness of their intentions. By their sacrilegious attempts, they will have gained nothing but disgrace and shame, and the mortification of having occasioned a fresh luster to truth by the new light in which it has been put, and of having procured a clearer knowledge of dogma or morals for the devoted children of the Church.



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

Life by Faith : Reflection on The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul (see Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38).

We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us (see Galatians 2:20).

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone.

Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment.

For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but “unprofitable servants,” we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist.

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, Jim Moore, 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**)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.

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Office Hours.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

5:30pm Mass *Celia Hart*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

8:00am Mass *For the Intentions of Bishop Daly*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Gerson Avila*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

8:00am Mass *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

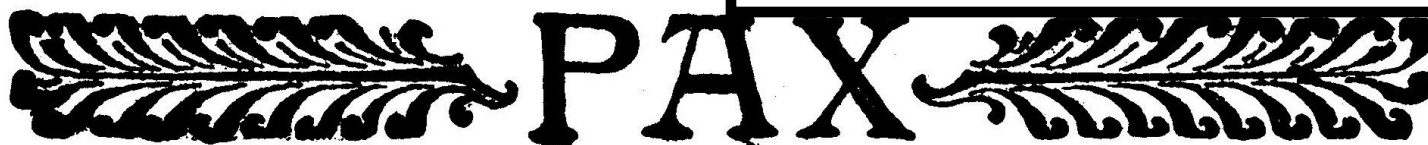
3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

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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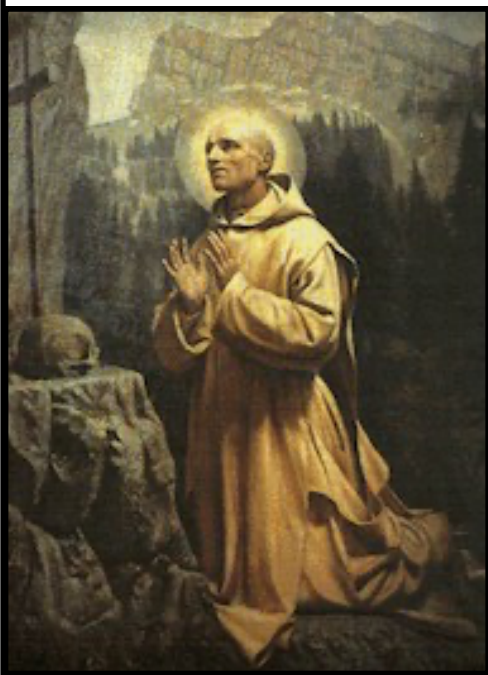
St. Bruno, Priest October 6th

St. Bruno, the founder of the illustrious Carthusian Order, was born at Cologne about the year 1033, and educated under the eyes of St. Cunibert, Bishop of that city. He became Canon of the Cathedral, but afterward went to France to continue his studies at Rheims. He was ordained about 1056 and taught Theology at Rheims for twenty years. His abilities so impressed Gervasius, Archbishop of that city, that he shared with him the government of his diocese.

After the death of Gervasius, Manasses, the simoniacal intruder into the See, was deposed and all eyes turned to St. Bruno, but he positively refused the archiepiscopal dignity, and determined to put into execution a project of retreat he had some time before conceived. Together with ten friends, he presented himself to St. Hugh, Bishop of Grenoble, to ask his advice. The holy Bishop pointed out to them the desert of Chartreuse as their abode. There they went and there they began to imitate the lives of the early solitaries, laying the foundations of the Carthusian Order, the mother house of which still exists upon the very same spot.

After spending six years in this retreat, St. Bruno was summoned to Rome by Pope Urban II, who had been his pupil at Rheims. He spent some time at Rome, but having succeeded in obtaining leave to retire, he went to Calabria, where he founded a second monastery. Here the Saint spent the remainder of his life. He died at the Monastery of La Torre on October 6, 1101.

PRAYER: God, You called St. Bruno to serve You in solitude. Through his intercession, grant that amidst the many affairs of this world we may always have time for You. Amen.



Upcoming Events

9/26-27: Faithful Foundations Empowering Catholic Parents
10/3-5: 2025 INW Catholic Men's Retreat with Fr. Peak
10/4: Memorial for the Unborn @ St. Mary's Catholic Church
10/4-5: St. Peregrine Fall Artisan Craft Fair @ the Cathedral
10/19: 2025 WALK FOR LIFE NORTHWEST
10/22: Silent Day of Prayer on the Archangel Raphael
10/23-26: 4-Day Silent Retreat

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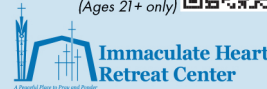


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