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**FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

January 28th , 2024

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Feb 2nd

### The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and First Friday Adoration

Mass for the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:30pm

followed by First Friday Adoration

Please bring any Candles you would like blessed (with your name attached) and place them in the West Transept under the Statue to Our Lady.

The feast of Candlemas, which derives its origin from the local observance of Jerusalem, marks the end of the Feasts included in the Christmas cycle of the Liturgy. It is perhaps the most ancient festival of Our Lady. It commemorates not only the obedience of the Blessed Virgin to the Mosaic Law in going to Jerusalem forty days after the birth of her Child and making the accustomed offerings, but also the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, and the meeting of the Infant Jesus with the old man Simeon — the Occursus Dómini, as the Feast was anciently termed.



## The King's authority : Reflection on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see John 12:31).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see Exodus 20:8–11; 31:12–17), and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see Deuteronomy 6:12–15).

On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

“With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see Mark 3:22).

The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see Judges 11:12; 1 Kings 17:18).

And as God by His Word “rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world (see Psalms 104:7; Job 26:10–12), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see Psalm 106:9), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see Mark 4:39; Zechariah 3:2).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see Acts 3:22). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see Daniel 7:14, 27; Revelation 12:10), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see Exodus 31:12).

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and “see” His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him

*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, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, 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

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

School Mass at St. Patrick's is celebrated at noon Monday through Friday.

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.

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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH

5:30pm Mass *Betty Heidensen*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH

8:00am , Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

4:30 pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Randolph Collins*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

8:00am , Mass *Holy souls in Purgatory*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

5:30pm , Mass Purification B.V.M

First Friday adoration

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*



**Organ Project Fundraising**

The Website Page with Organ info and Rank List is under development.

In the meantime, here is an article from an organ Journal in June 1952, about our organ, which still sounds exactly the same and is the core of the expanded instrument.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of giving.

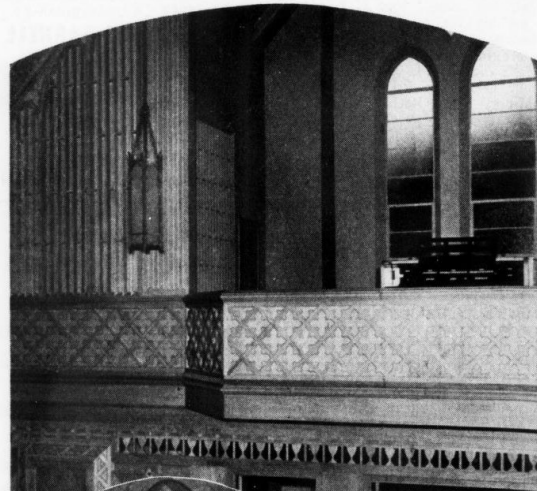
**Second Collection Feb 3rd and 4th  
for Mission Appeal**

Heralds of Good News is a Clerical Missionary Society of Apostolic Life. It was founded by Rev. Fr. Jose Kaimlett on October 14, 1984, in the diocese of Eluru, India. Initially it was erected as a diocesan right but later it became an "Institute of Pontifical Right" on May 5, 1999. The specific aim of the Society is "the promotion of vocations to priesthood, the training of seminarians and the supply of zealous and hardworking missionaries to the dioceses in India and abroad which experience a shortage of priests due to the lack of local vocations." The Society has Mary Queen of Apostles and St. Joseph the Worker as the Patrons.

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JUNE 1, 1952

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THE REV. FATHER JOSEPH H. PINEAU



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## Mission Appeal Continued

Through the blessings of God, the Society has made rapid progress, and to better administer our members, the Society was divided into four Provinces in August 2008. In 2017, less than 10 years later, it became necessary to establish a fifth province; the Divine Mercy Province. Two priests from this Religious order are rendering their service to our diocese of Spokane. Fr. B (Baskar Anandan) is the pastor of the churches in Colton and Uniontown and Fr. Raj (Arockiaraj) is the pastor of the churches in Wilbur, Odessa and Ritzville. While this newly erected province has 130 priests and 50 seminarians in various levels of formation, they do not yet have an administrative building or even a Priests Retirement House. However, through the grace of God, they have been able to continue to run schools and hostels for the poor children in India and Tanzania. Our Moto is "To proclaim the mercy of the father." We have 130 laborers (priests) working in the vineyard of the Lord. They are rendering their selfless service in 14 countries around the world. There are 36 of them working in 12 dioceses of the USA.

Our Objectives and Apostolate **1. Pastoral** • Promoting Vocation to priesthood and formation of the seminarians • Parish Ministry, Prison ministry and family apostolate **2. Educational** • Resident education centers for the underprivileged children. • Homes for the orphans, semi orphans and special children. Free education to all of them **3. Humanitarian** • Training centers for the school drop-outs and small scale industries for the poor young people • Homes for the homeless and the destitute • Self-employment scheme • Women empowerment programs and working women's hostel for the poor women from poor rural • Help to the women through minority scheme of the government **4. Spiritual** • Spiritual renewal programs and retreat centers • Center for Counseling **5. Present Endeavors and Projects** • Jesus Feeds: providing midday meals to 150 poor and disabled daily • Remodeling of 4 of our schools • Construction of schools in the rural • Construction of a spiritual renewal and retreat center • Construction of Arts and Science College for the poor in the rural area • Construction of Cemetery for priests **6. Enriching and extending our mission in Tanzania, Africa** • Construction of Schools for rural poor children • Orphanages • Construction of Seminaries and formation of local seminarians • Spirituality center and pilgrim center • Construction of churches in the remote areas • Making Drinking water facilities • Center for HIV infected Children

**Thank you** very much for your consideration and the love for our order. May God continue to bless you. (Note: Our nonprofit organization 'Divine Mercy Province of Heralds of Good News, Inc.' has its own IRS determination letter recognizing it as being described in section 501(c)(3) and are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. Our nonprofit has been listed in the Official Catholic Directory under the Archdiocese of Mobile institutions located in diocese).



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