



ST.  
**FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

July 3rd, 2022

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

## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SAINTS PETER & PAUL

This past week we observed a Solemnity which is oftentimes overlooked in this country: The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, on June 29th (it can be transferred to the following Sunday in the Latin Mass). While a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church, it can be suppressed by individual conferences of Bishops. Here in the United States, it has not been a Holy Day of Obligation since 1840. Despite the fact that it does not feature prominently in our country, it is a major day in much of the West: newly created Archbishops receive the Pallium on this day, it is a public holiday in parts of Europe, and it is designated as the “Day of Christian Martyrs” due to the manner in which Saints Peter and Paul lost their lives.

The feast also contains one of the most significant Gospel passages in the history of the Catholic Church, Matthew 16:13-19:

*At that time, Jesus came into the quarters of Cæsareá Philíppi, and He asked His disciples saying: Whom do men say that the Son of Man is? But they said: Some, John the Baptist, and other some, Eliás, and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. Jesus saith to them: But whom do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered, and said: Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answering, said to him: Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona, because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in heaven: and I say to thee: That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; and to thee I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven.*



It is from these words of Christ that the Church is founded, with Peter as the foundation which will build up the edifice of God’s love for us. Christ promises that the devil will have no power over the Church, and that Peter will guard the entrance to heaven. Additionally the power for the forgiveness of sins, of binding and loosing, is guaranteed in these words.

Even though it was not a Holy Day of Obligation for us here at St. Francis Xavier, we would do well to remember the central role of Saints Peter and Paul in our lives. Peter was a faithful steward of Christ’s teaching, and founded the Church in Rome. Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles, and spread the message of the Gospels throughout the Greek-speaking cities of the Roman East. Without the holiness and service of these two great Apostles, we might not be here today!

## A COMMENTARY FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### HARVEST TIME



Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel: Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church.

Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12–13; Joel 4:13), the seventy are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church.

Carrying out the work of the seventy, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom. She offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth, "every town and place He intended to visit."

Our Lord's tone is solemn today, for in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom.

But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle.

The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven.

In this week's Psalm, we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation." And as the Exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord and sing praise to the glory of His name.

- 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  
**[sfxspokane.org](http://sfxspokane.org)** or at  
**[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 4TH

INDEPENDENCE DAY– NO MASS

### TUESDAY, JULY 5TH

Latin Mass, 8:00 a.m., *Linda Northington* +

**THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASSES OR**

**CONFESSIONS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**

### SATURDAY, JULY 9TH

Confessions, 3:00 p.m.

English Vigil Mass, 4:00 p.m., *Fr. David Kruse* +

### SUNDAY, JULY 10TH

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

English Mass, 7:30 a.m. *Pro Populo*

Latin Mass, 9:00 a.m. *Private Intention*

Latin Mass, 11:00 a.m. *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-kempt 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 homebound 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](mailto:rinaldi1430@gmail.com)



## GRADUAL FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Esto mihi in Deo protectorem

God, be unto me a protector

Et in locum refugii ut salvum me facias

And a place of refuge to save me

Deus in te speravi:

I have hoped in you, God:

Domine, non confundar in aeternum

Lord, let me never be confounded

### 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!

