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**FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

August 14th, 2022

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

## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

This coming Saturday the church will celebrate the Feast of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Cistercian monk, Abbot of Clairvaux, and Doctor of the Church. St. Bernard was a great monastic reformer and churchman of his day, being instrumental in various Councils, writing the rule for the Knights Templar, and preaching the Second Crusade. As an author, he made great contributions to Mariology, teaching the importance of an immediate faith in which the Blessed Virgin is our intercessor.

St. Bernard was born in 1090 to a family of Burgundian nobility, and was given a classical education by a group of secular canons. He excelled in literature, and took up the study of the bible. During this time, he contemplated entering religious life, finally entering the Cistercian abbey of Cîteaux in 1113. Cîteaux Abbey, and the Cistercian order of which it was the mother house, closely followed the Rule of St. Benedict and emphasized a life of great austerity. Eventually, the monks grew in number and established a second house at Clairvaux. St. Bernard's zeal and devotion were such that he was made abbot of this new house in 1115, only a few years after taking his vows.

St. Bernard lived a life of great piety, leading his monks and publishing books on grace, free will, and devotions to the Virgin Mary. However, his brilliance was in high demand, and he was frequently taken away from Clairvaux in order to participate in Ecumenical Councils and settle disputes between ecclesiastics. Of particular note are his participation in the Council of Troyes in 1129, where he wrote the rule for the Knights Templar and arbitrated a conflict between different groups of French Bishops, and his activities in support of Pope Innocent II against the antipope Anacletus II.

Later in his life, St. Bernard energetically preached support for the Second Crusade, leading many nobles and royals of Europe to support this endeavor. Unfortunately, the Crusade ended in miserable failure when the Christian armies were destroyed outside Damascus. Grief over this failed endeavor may have hastened St. Bernard's death.

In all, St. Bernard founded or reformed over 100 monasteries, published 10 books and numerous sermons, brought the divine office back into use for many monastics, and preached widely and effectively on the Blessed Virgin—his works of Mariology are still the foundation for that field. St. Bernard revitalized the Church in the early middle ages, and his influence on monastic life is still being felt. Curiously, he was also popular among early Protestants, with both Martin Luther and John Calvin quoting extensively from his works on grace and free will, though this influence is mostly forgotten today.



## A COMMENTARY FOR THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### A CONSUMING FIRE

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptized into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

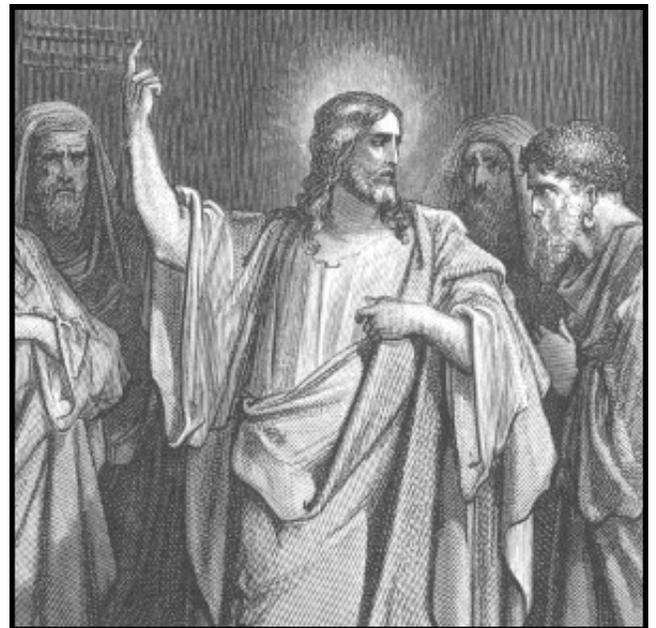
But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10).

And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

- 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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**Our office is open on Fridays  
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

### MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH

ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

Latin Mass, 5:30 pm, *Frederic Ward* +

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

ST. JOACHIM

Latin Mass, 8:00 am, *Henry Melton* +

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH

Confessions, 4:30 pm

English Mass, 5:30 pm, *Sadie Melton* +

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH

English Mass, 8:00 am, *Jim Melton* +

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Confessions, 3:00 pm

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &  
11TH 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/>

### DISCALCED 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 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Bonum est confidere in Domino,  
quam confidere in homine

It is better to trust in the Lord  
than to trust in men

Bonum est sperare in Domino,  
quam sperare in principibus

It is better to have hope in the Lord,  
than to have hope in princes

### 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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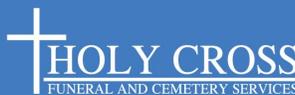
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