



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

August 21st, 2022

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

This coming Thursday the Church observes the feast day of St. Louis IX, one of the few monarchs in history to be declared a saint. Before he was the namesake of Missouri's second-most populous city, St. Louis was a 13th century King of France who presided over a period of economic, political, and cultural ascendancy for that country, and who was renowned for his personal piety.

St. Louis was a member of the Capetian dynasty, and was born on the 25th of April in 1214. When he was 12 years old, His father, Louis VIII, died of dysentery while returning from the Albigensian Crusade. Within a month Louis IX was crowned king, though his mother, Blanche of Castille, served as regent until 1234. It was Blanche who instilled tremendous piety within her son, and is recorded to have said that "I love you, my dear son, as much as a mother can love her child; but I would rather see you dead at my feet than that you should ever commit a mortal sin."

St. Louis was fortunate to rule during a time of prominence for the French monarchy, as his predecessors in the Capetian dynasty had successfully suppressed the intense feudalism of earlier centuries. This allowed him to reform the justice system by ending trial by ordeal and introducing the presumption of innocence and the right of appeal into criminal proceedings. He also attempted to end all forms of usury, and introduced laws designed to protect the rights of laborers.

As a man of faith, St. Louis was renowned for many reasons. Among the most important was his role in establishing the Sorbonne in 1257, which soon became one of the most famous theological schools in Europe. He was known for collecting relics, including fragments of the Crown of Thorns and the True Cross, and for wearing a hair shirt at all times and scourging himself regularly. He built many hospitals for the poor and infirm, and oversaw the construction of several prominent gothic churches, including the completion of Notre-Dame. He was also a vigorous supporter of the inquisition, establishing mutilation of the tongue and lips as punishment for blasphemy, and overseeing a major persecution of French Jewry following the Disputation of Paris.

As a Crusader, St. Louis had far less success. He presided over the ill-fated seventh and eighth crusades, which both ended in disaster. In the seventh crusade, he and his army attempted to take Egypt from the Muslims, and landed at Damietta in 1249. However, the crusaders were defeated by the Muslims at the battles of Mansurah and Fariskur., the latter loss resulting in St. Louis' capture and ransom. Later, in 1270, St. Louis led the eighth crusade in an attempt to capture modern Tunisia, but this campaign was no more successful than his earlier foray into crusading. His army became riddled with dysentery, and on the 25th of August, 1270, St. Louis died of that disease.



A COMMENTARY FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GATEWAY TO LIFE

Jesus doesn't answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today—how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door.

Jesus is “the narrow gate,” the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father (see John 14:6).

In Jesus, God has come—as He promises in this week's First Reading—to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory.

Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: On the holy mountain He will be lifted up (see John 3:14), and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles (see Romans 1:16; Acts 3:25–26), who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God (see Isaiah 43:5–6; Psalm 107:2–3).

Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father (see Isaiah 63:15–16).

We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees (see Isaiah 35:3). So, we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering—the way of the beloved Son.

As this week's Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path—that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

- 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 Fridays
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND

IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BVM
Latin Mass, 5:30 pm, *Janice Melton*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD

ST. PHILIP BENIZE
Latin Mass, 8:00am, *Joseph Melton*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH

ST. BARTHOLOMEW
Confessions, 4:30 pm
English Mass, 5:30 pm, *Henry Melton +*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH

ST. LOUIS
English Mass, 8:00 am, *Chris Marchand*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

Confessions, 3:00 pm
English Vigil Mass, 4:00 pm, *Fr. David Kruse*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &
12TH 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/>

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 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Inclina, domine, aurem tuam ad me,
et exaudi me:

Lord, incline Your ear to me, and hear me:

Salvum fac servum tuum, Deus Meus,
sperantem in te:

My God, save Your servant that trusts in
You.

miserere mihi, Domine, quoniam ad te
clamavi tota die

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

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.



Are You Prepared? End of Life Workshop

Planning for Your Spiritual & Corporal Needs

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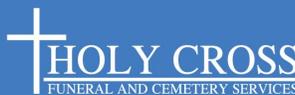
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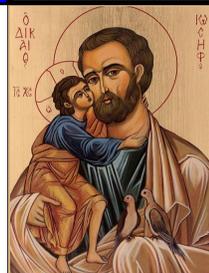
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- G.K. Chesterton -



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