



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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

What is the importance of the Sacred Liturgy? How it can shape our lives as Christians, and aid us in conforming us to Christ's vision for our lives? When speaking about praying, St. Bede the Venerable said that Christians are to "reproduce in their lives, what they celebrate in the Sacred Liturgy."

This quote exemplifies what the Church invites us to enter into at every Holy Mass. The Second Vatican Council taught the following: "in order that the Sacred Liturgy may be able to produce its full effects, it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their minds should be attuned to their voices, and that they should cooperate with divine grace lest they receive it in vain. Pastors of souls must therefore realize that, when the liturgy is celebrated...it is their duty to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects."

Thus, if we are to reproduce in our lives what we celebrate in the Sacred Liturgy, and we are to be enriched by the effects of the Sacred Liturgy, then a good question for us to ask is: what are we celebrating? What are the effects of this liturgy of ours? The Baltimore Catechism contains these lessons which help clarify our understanding of the Holy Mass:

Question 921. How is the Mass the same sacrifice as that of the Cross?

The Mass is the same sacrifice as that of the Cross because the offering and the priest are the same -- Christ our Blessed Lord; and the ends for which the sacrifice of the Mass is offered are the same as those of the sacrifice of the Cross.

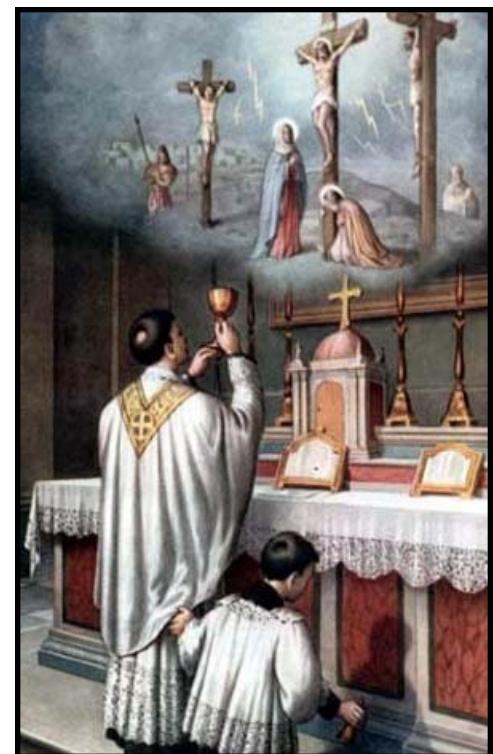
Question 922. What were the ends for which the sacrifice of the Cross was offered?

The ends for which the sacrifice of the Cross was offered were:

1. To honor and glorify God;
2. To thank Him for all the graces bestowed on the world;
3. To satisfy God's justice for the sins of men;
4. To obtain all graces and blessings.

Question 931. Is there any difference between the sacrifice of the Cross and the sacrifice of the Mass?

Yes; the manner in which the sacrifice is offered is different. On the Cross Christ really shed His blood and was really slain; in the Mass there is no real shedding of blood nor real death, because Christ can die no more; but the sacrifice of the Mass, through the separate consecration of the bread and the wine, represents His death on the Cross.



A COMMENTARY FOR THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RETURNING THANKS

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today.

There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12–14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3–8).

Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist."

And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

- 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

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form
(St. Francis Xavier)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

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.

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at sfxspokane.org or at facebook.com/sfxspokane

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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA

Latin Mass, 5:30pm, *Homeless Persons*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

MATERNITY OF THE BVM

Latin Mass, 8:00am, *Homeless Persons*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

Confessions, 4:30 pm

English Mass, 5:30 pm, *Homeless Persons*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

English Mass, 8:00 am, *Homeless Persons*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

Confessions, 3:00 pm

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Latin Mass, 7:30 am, *Pro Populo*

Latin Mass, 11:00 am, *Poor Souls*



PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

The parish is in need of young men willing to train as acolytes. Some Latin comprehension, moral discipline, and a well kept appearance are required. Please email the office.

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)993-2864.

REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Francis Xavier and St Patrick parishes are signed up to pray outside of the Spokane Planned Parenthood at 123 E Indiana Ave every Tuesday in October from 4:00-6:00 p.m. during the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign. Those days are October 4, 11, 18, and 25. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if only for part of the time. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your rosary.

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

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/>

2022 CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

From Friday October 14th to Sunday October 16th, the Knights of Columbus annual men's retreat will be held at Camp Lutherhaven on Coeur d'Alene's Mica Bay. The retreat will be led by Fr. Wade Menezes, FOM, and Dr. Ray Guarendi. Cost is \$195 per man, and includes room and board. Register at "www.inwmensretreat.org" or call Mike Anderson at 208-664-1498 for more information.



GRADUAL FOR THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Ecce quam bonum, et quam iucundum
habitare fratres in unum!

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity!

Sicut unguentum in capite quod descendit in
barbam, barbam Aaron.

Like the ointment on the head that ran
down the beard, the beard of Aaron.

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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All Souls Day

with Bishop Daly

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*It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought
to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.*
(2 Mac 12.46)



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