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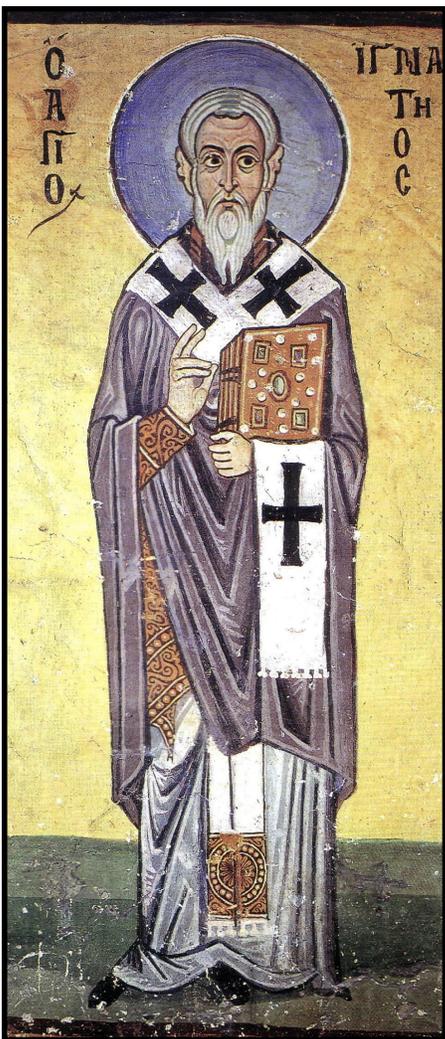
*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my
hope. Let me never be confounded.*

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tomorrow is the feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch, a 2nd century Bishop of Antioch and Martyr (in the old calendar his feast is celebrated on February 1st). Born sometime in the middle of the first century, St. Ignatius was one of the earliest Church Fathers, a group known as the Apostolic Fathers. Traditionally, St. Ignatius and his friend Polycarp were believed to be disciples of St. John the Apostle, who taught them the faith and the gospel. Not much is known of Ignatius' life as a priest and Bishop in Antioch, and most of what we know of him comes from his Epistles.

St. Ignatius' six epistles are among the most valuable early writings in the Church. In his epistles, he treats on the topics the Eucharist, and the nature and structure of the Episcopacy. St. Ignatius is highly concerned with problem of unity, that the church be one church and not riven by sectarianism. In the early years of the church, before matters of doctrine were settled (St. Ignatius predates the Nicene Creed by some 200 years), the people of God were at great risk of division, with many false teachers outside the apostolic succession setting up communities of their own.



St. Ignatius instructs us to have unity in our obedience to our Bishops, whose succession from the apostles is the best assurance that we are practicing the true faith. "We ought to receive every one whom the Master of the house sends to be over His household, as we would do Him that sent him. It is manifest, therefore, that we should look upon the bishop even as we would upon the Lord Himself" (Ephesians 6). He also teaches that we beware of false teachers: "some are in the habit of carrying about the name [of Jesus Christ] in wicked guile, while yet they practice things unworthy of God" (Ephesians 7).

St. Ignatius exhorts us to unity in our practice of the faith, and in the Eucharist. Because it unites us to Christ who suffered and was raised, the Eucharist "is the medicine of immortality, the antidote we take in order not to die but to live forever in Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 20). To be united to the person of Jesus also means being united to his faithfulness and love toward both God and others. In one passage, Ignatius simply identifies our faithfulness with "the flesh of the Lord" and our love with "the blood of Jesus Christ" (Trallians 8). The Eucharist enables us to love God and one another with Christ's own fidelity and charity, which is the very heart of salvation (Ephesians 14).

As we go forward this week, we should reflect on these instructions from one of the Church's earliest leaders. Are we respectful and obedient to our bishops? Are we avoiding those who abuse the name of Christ for selfish ends? Are we properly reverent toward the Eucharist, our medicine of immortality? And are we transformed by the Eucharist, practicing love toward our neighbors?

A COMMENTARY FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOPE FROM ON HIGH

The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles.

In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26).

By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8–12; 8:1–2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6).

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19–21; 7:37–39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil.

We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.

- 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)

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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.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE
Latin Mass, 5:30pm, *Homeless Persons*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Latin Mass, 8:00am, *Homeless Persons*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

STs. JEAN DE BREBEUF & COMPANIONS
Confessions, 4:30 pm
English Mass, 5:30 pm, *Homeless Persons*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Latin Mass, 7:30 am, *Pro Populo*
Latin Mass, 11:00 am, *Poor Souls*



PAX



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/>



GRADUAL FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine:
et bendic hereditate tui.

Ad te Domine clamavi:
Deus meus, ne sileas a me,
et ero similis descendentibus in lacum

Save your people, Lord:
and bless your inheritance

To you I cry, Lord:
My God, do not be silent to me
or I will be like those who descend to the pit

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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*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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