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CATHOLIC PARISH

October 30th, 2022

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ CHRIST THE KING

This coming Wednesday, the Feast of All Souls, we commemorate our departed brothers and sisters. It is the ideal time for reflecting on what faith in Christ offers us: Eternal Life. He did not come to right all the wrongs of the world in this life, but to give us a glimpse of the infinite peace which is the Kingdom of Heaven.

We can never forget those who have come before us. Here on this earth we see only a brief moment in time, whereas the faithful departed, either undergoing purgation or experiencing the beauty of the beatific vision, live in the eternity for which our souls were meant. Pray for them, in sure knowledge that they are praying for you.

The following is the Preface for the Dead, prayed at Funerals and on All Souls Day. Please take the time to pray it for all those you keep close to your heart.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

In Him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,
that those saddened by the certainty of dying
might be consoled by the promise of immortality.

Indeed, for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed not ended,
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



A COMMENTARY FOR THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOVER OF SOULS

Our Lord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made.

In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness (see Wisdom 12:10; 2 Peter 3:9).

In Jesus, He has become the Savior of His children, coming Himself to save the lost (see Isaiah 63:8–9; Ezekiel 34:16).

In the figure of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a “sinner” excluded from Israel's religious life. Not only that, he is a “chief tax collector.” Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud.

But Zacchaeus' faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to “see” Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy.

Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about (see Luke 12:16–21; 16:19–31; 18:18–25). He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor.

By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith, he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16–17).

As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation.

We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make Paul's prayer in today's Epistle our own: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus.

- 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)

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.

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at sfxspokane.org or at [facebook.com/sfxspokane](https://www.facebook.com/sfxspokane)

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from 12:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

Latin Mass, 5:30pm, *Faithful Departed*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

ALL SAINT'S DAY

Latin Mass, 8:00am, *Faithful Departed*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

ALL SOUL'S DAY

Confessions, 4:30 pm

English Mass, 5:30 pm, *Faithful Departed*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

English Mass, 8:00 am, *Faithful Departed*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Latin Mass & Eucharistic Adoration, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

Confessions, 3:00 pm

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &
22ND 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.

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/>

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.

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



GRADUAL FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Dirigatur oratio mea sicut incensum in
conspectu tuo, Domine

Let my prayer rise up before you like
incense, Lord.

Elevatio manuum mearum sacrificium
vesperitum

I lift up my hands as an evening sacrifice

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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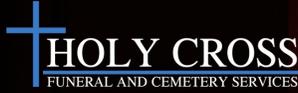
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All Souls Day with Bishop Daly

Wednesday, November 2 • 6 p.m.
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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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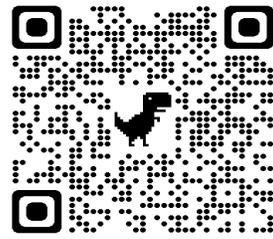
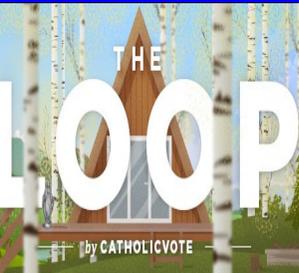
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