



ST.  
**FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

February 15th, 2026

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY**

**ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH**

**12:00PM ENGLISH AT ST PATRICK**

**5:30PM LATIN AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER**

Kindness stops the torrent of angry passion, takes the sting from failure, and kindles courageous ambition. It lifts the unfortunate, leads back the wayward, and walks in the steps of our Savior.

Kindness is too often left uncultivated because people do not sufficiently understand its value. Men may be charitable, merciful, and self-sacrificing, yet not kind. Kindness, as a grace, is not always sufficiently cultivated even among some devout people. Many devout people are unkind. There is sometimes a sort of spiritual selfishness in their devotion, which may interfere with kindness. This calls for much vigilance... In the course of the ages, there appeared only one who embodied all the characteristics of a perfect gentleman, and that was Jesus Christ. In all His career of thirty-three years, not a single instance of unkindness can be discovered. The sweetness of His smile, the glint of His eye, the sympathy that crept into His face as He consoled, comforted, or encouraged someone in need of help—all bespoke real kindness and affection for His fellowman. Even when He chided hypocrites, He was impelled by love for those whom He saw exploited.

Gentleness, respect for the feelings of others, and consideration of their circumstances are the chief qualities of a gentleman or a lady. To be gentle and courteous is to imitate Christ. Our Lord said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

*Commentary from Kindness by Fr. Lawrence G. Lovasik (1913-1986)*



## “Affair of the Heart” : Reflection on The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see Jeremiah 31:31–34). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see Matthew 6:21; 15:18–20).

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see Romans 6:17). He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His will from the heart (see Matthew 22:37; Ephesians 6:6).

God never demands more than what we are capable of doing. That is the message of this week’s First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin.

By His life, death, and Resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit, that His Law might be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God’s plan from before all ages. Let us trust in this wisdom and live by His kingdom law.

As we do in this week’s Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel and to seek the Father with all our heart.

*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:** Bella Mally, Jim Moore, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes,, 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,  
(St. Francis Xavier)

9:00am – Holy Mass (St. Patrick)

11:00am – Holy Mass,  
(St. Francis Xavier)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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](http://sfxspokane.org) or at [facebook.com/sfxspokane](https://facebook.com/sfxspokane)

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Office Hours.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

5:30pm Mass *Fr Gustavo's Mother Juana Juarez*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

8:00am Mass *Karen Kilgore*

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

12:00pm English at St Patrick Parish

5:30pm Latin St Francis Xavier

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

8:00am Mass *All Deceased Member of Grugel+Dolan Family*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper, Mary Queen Parish 5:30pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

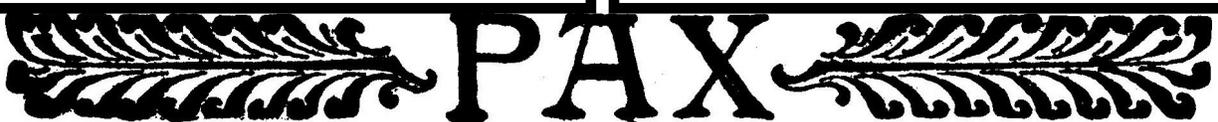
3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, High Mass *Pro Populo*





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## 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) 362-8646

## St. Juliana, Virgin and Martyr February 16th

Juliana was born in the 3rd century. During the persecution under Emperor Maximian, according to the Roman Martyrology, she was scourged by her father Africanus because of her strong attachment to Christianity. Later, when she refused to marry the prefect Evilasius, she was tortured by her father and then thrown into prison.

Legend has it that while in prison Juliana wrestled with the devil who appeared in the form of an Angel. Despite terrible physical assaults on her body, Juliana refused to give up her Faith. Seemingly evil spirits could not move her.

Eventually the Saint was condemned to death. Although thrown into a fiery furnace and later into a cauldron of boil oil, she remained unharmed. As a result, she was beheaded.

Where all of this occurred is open to question. The general belief is took place at Cumae, near Naples, where Juliana’s relics are reputed to be. The Roman Martyrology states that she was martyred at Nicomedia and that her relics were later transferred to Cumae.

PRAYER: All-powerful and ever-living God, You choose the weak in this world to confound the powerful. As we celebrate the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Juliana, may we like her remain constant in Faith. Amen.



2ND ANNUAL TRI-PARISH

# Soup & Stations of The Cross

SIGN UP FOR YOUR PARISH'S WEEK IN VESTIBULE OR  
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## Parish Soup Volunteer Schedule:

St X: 2/20

St. Pats: 2/27

Mary Queen: 3/6

St. X: 3/13

St. Pats: 3/20

Mary Queen: 3/27

Stations: 5:30  
Supper: 6:00

Mary Queen Parish

HEARTS  
ON FIRE



## Men's Conference

February 21  
7:00AM-4:00pm  
@ Gonzaga Prep



worship  
and serve

# GOD alone

Presenter: Bishop Thomas Daly

## Calling All Families!

St. Francis Xavier's Catechism and  
Sacramental Preparation classes  
have begun

**Class Dates & Time: 2/21, 3/28, 4/18  
at 9:00am-11:30am**

Classes will take place at St. Thomas More: 505 W St. Thomas More Way Spokane, WA 99208

Classes are divided by "Pre", "Post", and "Prep" for sacraments. Ages are flexible depending on the needs of the student.

Sacrament Date: Confirmation and First Communion- **Monday April 13 at 5:30pm at St. X**

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**Wednesday, February 18 • 9 am - 3 pm**



**Ash Wednesday Silent Day of Prayer:**  
Spending a Grace-Filled Lent  
Engaging Redemptive Suffering  
Sr. Mary Eucharista, SMMC  
\$47 per person, \$57 with use of room for the day

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Mass at 8:30 (optional)  
**St. Anthony Catholic Church**  
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