



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

December 7th, 2025

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

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Schedule



Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th

4:30pm English Mass (St Patrick's)

Christmas Day Thursday 25th

8:00 am English Mass (Saint Francis Xavier)

10:00am Latin High Mass (St Francis Xavier)



Numerous allusions appear in the Liturgy of this day to Jerusalem and her people. Let us be filled with sentiments of hope and of joy, for the coming of Jesus is nigh. Let us prepare the way in our hearts for the Messiah: Our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ.

Commentary by Fr. Sylvester Juergens S.M. (1894-1969).

St. Francis Xavier Patronal Feast

Join us for Mass at 4:30 and dinner at 5:30 as we celebrate the patronal feast of St. Francis Xavier with activities and games for kids!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025
4:30 - 7:30 PM**

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" Kingdom Come " : Reflection on the

" The kingdom of heaven is at hand, " John the Baptist's portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord whom John prepares the way for is today's First Reading and Psalm—not from the root of Jesse, the David's father (see Ruth 4: 17) .

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage.

In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12: 3) , renewed in God's oath to David, His name will be blessed forever.

In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel. The promises of Abraham, no longer are God's promises to Israel alone. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in " the covenants of promise "

John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were scattered (see Isaiah 51:1-2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5)—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit.

This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

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**)

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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.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

5:30pm Mass *Pro Populo*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

8:00am Mass *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Bill Kilgore for the Repose of his Soul*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

8:00am Mass *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*



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



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Catechism and Sacramental Preparation

We are pleased to announce that catechism and sacramental preparation for First Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated in late April or early May.

To make this program successful, we need catechists and sacramental preparation assistants. No previous experience is necessary. Training and materials will be provided.

If you feel called to help form the faith of our children, please contact the parish office. Your gift will bless many children's lives.

More details about registration are coming soon. Please keep this important mission in mind.



St. Gregory III, Pope December

Gregory, the son of a Syrian named John, love of learning and holiness, he was elected accompanying the funeral procession for Gr

As Pope, the Saint saw to it that the Gothic churches were decorated with sacred images of such images. He also convoked two synods Emperor Leo the Iconoclast.

Gregory welcomed St. Boniface when the latter sent the English monk St. Willibald to help wrote to people of importance on its behalf

The Liber Pontificalis states that Gregory was true wisdom. He had a good knowledge of the Psalms by heart. He was a polished and successful upholder of the Catholic Faith. He was a friend and orphans, and a friend to monks and nuns

PRAYER Almighty and eternal God, You will lead and to go before them in word and example. together with their flocks and angels guide them in



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