

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

AUGUST 2, 2026

Pastor C. Hightower, SJ Associate Pastors Pat Conroy, SJ Mark Hoelsken, SJ



Important Notice: Due to the ongoing restoration work within the church, daily Mass and weekly Adoration will be held in Reidy Hall until further notice. Confessions, however, will remain in the church as will weekend Masses, funerals, and weddings.

Thank you for your patience!

Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 6:00 pm.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am
Communion Service on Wednesday at 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration - Wednesday 8:30 am - 2:30pm
& First Friday of the month 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Reconciliation - Wednesday 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm and
Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Prayer

May -

Connie McLaughin, Dr. Stuart Hartman, Mark Purdy,
The Barone Family, Virginia Bourassa, Jan Hulquist,
Jim Bigelow, and Jennifer Andres
receive His healing and consolation.

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2026

Saturday 8/1	Jer. 26:11-16, 24 Ps. 69 Matt. 14:1-12	St. Alphonsus Liguori
Sunday 8/2	Isa. 55:1-3 Ps. 145 Rom. 8:35, 37-39 Matt. 14:13-21	Eighteenth Sunday in OrdT.
Monday 8/3	Jer. 28:1-17 Ps. 119 Matt. 14:22-36	
Tuesday 8/4	Jer. 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps. 102 Matt. 15:1-2, 10-14	St. John Vianney
Wednesday 8/5	Jer. 31:1-7 Jer. 31 Matt. 15:21-28	
Thursday 8/6	Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps. 97 2 Pe. 1:16-19 Matt. 17:1-9	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday 8/7	Nah. 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 Deut. 32 Matt. 16:24-28	
Saturday 8/8	Hab. 1:12-2:4 Ps. 9 Matt. 17:14-20	St. Dominic
Sunday 8/9	1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Ps. 85 Rom. 9:1-5 Matt. 14:22-33	Nineteenth Sunday in OrdT.
Monday 8/10	2 Cor. 9:6-10 Ps. 112 John 12:24-26	St. Lawrence
Tuesday 8/11	Ezek. 2:8-3:4 Ps. 119 Matt. 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	St. Clare
Wednesday 8/12	Ezek. 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps. 113 Matt. 18:15-20	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2026

Saturday 8/1	For the People*
Sunday 8/2	Marvin Rehbein Kim Klemenhausen Laura Fellin
Monday 8/3	Elanore Belardo
Tuesday 8/4	Deanna & Eileen Huseth
Wednesday 8/5	<i>No Intention</i>
Thursday 8/6	Dewey Campbell
Friday 8/7	Ray & Emma Wherley
Saturday 8/8	Gary Howard
Sunday 8/9	For the People* Deanna Quamme The Hurd Family*
Monday 8/10	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 8/11	Francis Koehnke
Wednesday 8/12	<i>No Intention</i>
Thursday 8/13	Evie Cote
Friday 8/14	Eileen & Deanna Huseth
Saturday 8/15	Cote Family*
Sunday 8/16	Bruno & Marsha Friia* For the People* Ketty Martorell
Monday 8/17	Kira Lemar

Collections for July 26, 2026 Regular - 5,770.00 Loose - 2,400.50 Maintenance - 65.00 Peter's Pence - 100.00
Online - 5,437.08 *Thank you for your generosity!*

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Congratulations to Miles & Harrison Hester who will receive their First Holy Communion and to Lorenzo & Lupita children of Mariah & James Szabo who will be baptized this weekend!

Mourning Light - Grief Can Be Very Heavy *I often reach to others for support on how I handle my grief, whether it be a family member, a close friend, or even a podcast or social media. This month I came across some thing that just "hit home" and thought I would share it. This came from Instagram and @liftafterloss – the 7 Gentle Reminders for the Days Grief Feels Too Heavy:*

YOU are allowed to miss them, love them, talk about them, and carry them with you for the rest of your life.

YOU do not have to carry the whole future today. Just hold yourself through this moment.

YOU do not need to be strong right now. You only need to be gentle with the part of you that is hurting.

Grief this deep is not weakness. It is love trying to survive an unbearable absence.

YOU are not falling apart. YOU are learning how to live around a loss that changed everything.

Some days, healing looks like hope. Other days, it looks like simply getting through the day.

There is no correct way to grieve someone who meant everything to you.

Blessings to you and your family – Katy (kmckinnon@sfxmissoula.org)

- **The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)** *Retreatants refer to the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) as the spiritual experience of a lifetime. It's a series of prayers and meditations by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the 16th century founder of the Jesuits. Today SEEL retreats are offered through St. Francis Xavier Parish in Missoula. Here's what Amy Nulliner said about her retreat:*

"I witnessed the profound changes SEEL made in the faith of my friends. I was yearning for that intimacy with the Lord. In making the SEEL retreat, I learned deeply engaging ways to pray. Someone once said, "If you give the Lord an hour a day, he will knock your socks off." That was certainly true for me. If God is nudging you, I encourage you to step out in faith and apply to be a SEEL retreatant this year. Just hold onto your socks!"

Learn more and apply through the St. Francis Xavier website: <https://www.sfxmissoula.org/spirituality>.

VOX SFX Podcast - The Victory of Christ *As Catholics, our funerals serve two different but equally important functions. The first is to offer a chance for a community to share in their grief and support one another. It is a sad time and we often find ourselves in need of comfort. The second is that we get to celebrate the victory of Christ. Through His death and resurrection we are saved and risen in Him. It is this victory we see in our loved one. It is a time to remember that we will see one another again, by the grace of God. Fr Hightower joins Nicholas as we explore the communal and spiritual elements of funerals, looking ever to see the light of salvation even in the midst of mourning. You may listen at you favorite directory, on our YouTube channel or on our website [sfxmissoula.org](https://www.sfxmissoula.org).*

The Vocation Chalice Ministry - This ministry invites a family, couple, or individual every two weeks to take home a consecrated chalice as a focal point for daily prayers dedicated to vocations. If you're interested in participating, use the link on our website or this QR code! Questions contact John Neuman at jneuman@sfxmissoula.org.



Reminder: our primary bulletin is our e - bulletin sent every Thursday at 1:00 pm through a platform Evangelus. If you do not currently receive, click on the 'wing' icon located at the top of the page on our website!

St. Francis Xavier Parish will often use parishioner likeness in print, video, website or in social media sites for the purpose of sharing our church community with others.