

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

DECEMBER 21, 2025

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



Prayer

May -

**Gary Beaulieu, Brian Lipscomb,
and Jennifer Andres**
receive His healing and consolation.

Christmas Mass

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm, & Midnight

Christmas Day: 9:00am & 11:00 am

Live stream is planned for the 4:00 pm and the 11:00 am Mass.

A reminder: Kindly refrain from saving seats at Christmas Mass so that everyone may have a place as they arrive. Thank You!

Please Note Christmas Season Schedule changes

- We will not be offering Eucharistic Adoration or Reconciliation on December 24th or December 31st.
- We will not be celebrating an 8:00 am Mass on Friday, December 26th.
- **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass at 9:00 am on Thursday, January 1, 2026**
- The Parish office will be closed from Noon on the 23rd until January 2nd.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2025

Saturday 12/20	Joel Lowery
Sunday 12/21	For the People* Richard Zitzow Patrick & Teresa Mangan
Monday 12/22	Paul Burke
Tuesday 12/23	Dick & Denise Giuliani*
Wednesday 12/24	For the People*
Thursday 12/25	For the People*
Friday 12/26	No 8 am Mass
Saturday 12/27	Jessica Mack

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

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

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

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2025

Saturday 12/20	Isa. 7:10-14 Ps. 24	
Sunday 12/21	Luke 1:26-38 Isa. 7:10-14 Ps. 24 Rom. 1:1-7 Matt. 1:18-24	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday 12/22	1 Sam. 1:24-28 1 Sam. 2 Luke 1:46-56	
Tuesday 12/23	Mal. 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps. 25 Luke 1:57-66	
Wednesday 12/24	Isa. 62:1-5 Ps. 89 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matt. 1:1-25	Christmas Vigil
Thursday 12/25	Isa. 52:7-10 Ps. 98 Heb. 1:1-6 John 1:1-18	NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Friday 12/26	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Ps. 31 Matt. 10:17-22	St. Stephen
Saturday 12/27	1 John 1:1-4 Ps. 97 John 20:1a, 2-8	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
Sunday 12/28	Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps. 128 Col 3:12-21 Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday 12/29	1 John 2:3-11 Ps. 96 Luke 2:22-35	
Tuesday 12/30	1 John 2:12-17 Ps. 96 Luke 2:36-40	

Collections for December 14, 2025 Regular - 9,901.00 Loose - 2,259.80 Maintenance - 5.00 Aid to Those in Need - 100.00 Christmas - 100.00 Christmas Flowers - 360.00 Religious Retirement - 935.00 Online - 9,768.76
Immaculate Conception - 1,142.23 Giving Tree - Week III - 4,814.00 **Thank you for your generosity!**

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Year-End Giving Makes A Difference at St. Francis Xavier!

Please consider making a year-end donation to St. Francis Xavier Parish and in doing so, know that your gift will be put to good use. Each year St. Francis Xavier Parish supports not only the liturgical and sacramental needs of our parishioners, but also engages in outreach to the homeless, the hungry, and those in need of spiritual direction. Your gift to St. Francis Xavier is a charitable deduction and is a perfect way to support the good works of the parish.

Thank you for your generosity!

Who is someone you deeply trust and why?

*St. Joseph can be a special friend and patron for fathers. This week, set aside time as a family to pray for the fathers in your life - spiritual and biological. Pray that they might have the courage to trust in God and to model this trust for all those entrusted to their care.**

*Adapted from Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families Liturgy Training Publications



Cookies, Coffee, & Cairo!



Mark your calendar for Cookies, Coffee, & Cairo!

By popular demand Fr. Hightower will speak about his recent trip to Egypt for those of you who were unable to attend our last Afaria night or may enjoy hearing a little more!

Join us Wednesday, January 21st in Reidy Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm



Please consider Pink Grizzly if you have not yet purchased your Christmas tree or wreath! As they are once again providing the lovely trees for our sanctuary!

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- **VOX SFX - Joy** Joyful are those who wait on the Lord. In this time of joyful anticipation as we look up at the skies of Bethlehem, our God has given us the grace to endure the darkness of winter with His warm light within. It is not enough, however, to keep this light to ourselves. Instead, we are given the mission to let it shine even in the darkest places, allowing it to lift others as well. Deb Johnson joins Nicholas to talk about gratitude, service, and this important gift of joy.
- **Jr. High Retreat** - January 16th & 17th here at St. Francis Xavier! Winter Minute to win it games - "After Hours" Church Exploration - faith Based movie discussion - High School Youth led sessions - much more! Contact Shai slafleur@sfxmissoula.org Register on our website.
- **The Vocation Chalice Ministry** - This ministry invites a family, couple, or individual each week 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 you may click on the 'wing' icon located at the top of the page on our website!