

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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



Prayer

May -
Monica Roscoe, Jim Bigelow, Debbie Tschida,
 and **Jennifer Andres**
 receive His healing and consolation.

May -
Kitty Porch
 rest in the peace of Our Lord's loving arms

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 8:30 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.

- **Stations of the Cross** will be led **Only on Good Friday April 3rd** at 3:00 pm. Booklets will be available to use in the church. You are invited to attend Stations held Fridays at 5:00 pm at St Anthony. Enjoy the Knights of Columbus **Fish Fry** held following 5:30 to 7:00 pm in their Parish Center!
- **Rosary for Human Dignity** - 5:30 pm Feb. 24th in the church with Fr. Mark
- **Novena of Grace** March 4th -12th at Noon Only
- **Irish Mass & Tea Reception** March 14th Mass at 8:00am
- **Lenten Reconciliation Service** March 25th at 7:00 pm
- **Palm Sunday** March 29th

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2026

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| Saturday 2/21 | Isa. 58:9b-14 Ps. 86 Luke 5:27-32 | |
| Sunday 2/22 | Gen. 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps. 51 Rom. 5:12-19 Matt. 4:1-11 | First Sunday of Lent |
| Monday 2/23 | Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps. 19 Matt. 25:31-46 | |
| Tuesday 2/24 | Isa. 55:10-11 Ps. 34 Matt. 6:7-15 | |
| Wednesday 2/25 | Jon. 3:1-10 Ps. 51 Luke 11:29-32 | |
| Thursday 2/26 | Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps. 138 Matt. 7:7-12 | |
| Friday 2/27 | Ezek. 18:21-28 Ps. 130 Matt. 5:20-26 | |
| Saturday 2/28 | Deut. 26:16-19 Ps. 119 Matt. 5:43-48 | |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

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| Saturday 2/21 | For the People* |
| Sunday 2/22 | Adalia Hertz* Sandra Brown For the People* |
| Monday 2/23 | Roy Klinger Jr. |
| Tuesday 2/24 | Teresa Mangan |
| Wednesday 2/25 | No Intention |
| Thursday 2/26 | Cindy Yoder |
| Friday 2/27 | Vince Harrington |
| Saturday 2/28 | Marge Lubbers |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

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| Sunday 3/1 | For the People* Tessie Lamadrid Marvin Rehbein |
| Monday 3/2 | Adalia Kenck |
| Tuesday 3/3 | Camille Eisenman |

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2026

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| Sunday 3/1 | Gen. 12:1-4a Ps. 33 2 Tim. 1:8b-10 Matt. 17:1-9 | Second Sunday of Lent |
| Monday 3/2 | Dan. 9:4b-10 Ps. 79 Luke 6:36-38 | |
| Tuesday 3/3 | Isa. 1:10, 16-20 Ps. 50 Matt. 23:1-12 | |

Collections for February 15, 2026 Regular - 7,118.00 Loose - 1,715.31 Maintenance - 205.00 Ash Wednesday - 10.00
 First Offering - 5.00 Missoula Catholic Schools - 60.00 Online - 8,069.34 **Thank you for your generosity!**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

In this Lenten Season our theme of this year's **Lenten Project** is 'Walk in Love and Compassion' in our community. Instead of donating money to a particular Charity or organization, we are challenging each of you to donate your gift of time during Lent. Live the message – *"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us"* (*Ephesians. 5:1-2*). In doing so you will lift not only your spirit but the spirit of others. The Lenten project will kick-off starting this weekend (February 21st & 22nd) and there will be an information sheet and purple pledge card located in the entryways of the church. Please take one home and fill them out with your completed volunteer hours or pledged hours for the week. Simply drop them in the offering basket each week as your gift of time! Or, feel free to email Katy at kmckinnon@sfxmissoula.org with pledged or completed hours.

- **Mourning Light** - Grief is a complicated journey and often a very difficult path to walk. If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one and struggling to find those that understand please join us for the launch of a new space where you can share with others walking the same path. Our first meeting will be a session on what needs and wants our parish would like to see from a Grief Ministry. Please RSVP to Katy at kmckinnon@sfxmissoula.org so we will know how many to expect. We will meet in Reidy Hall on Thursday, February 26th, from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.
- **Family Promise** - We will be hosting the families at the Meadowlark Family Housing Center the week of March 15-21. Volunteers are needed to provide salad, fruit, and dessert, to serve in the kitchen, to be on call to help with the laundry, and to evening host. We would love to have you to be part of our team. Training is provided. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0444A4AC23A2FE3-62252031-volunteers>
- **VOX SFX - Mardi Gras** a recent podcast *Before we enter the penitential season of Lent, we gather to celebrate Mardi Gras. We know it primarily for colorful parades, extravagant celebrations, and delicious pastries. But did you know that there is also a spiritual significance to this event? Fr Conroy joins Nicholas as we find out the history and substance of Mardi Gras.*
- **Novena of Grace - March 4th - 12th at Noon Only.** This year's theme, "Where Are You Dwelling? Hope, Peace, and God's Presence Among Us," invites us to reflect on a simple but profound question. In the midst of busy lives, uncertainty, and a world that often feels unsettled, where do we notice God choosing to dwell? The Novena of Grace offers us these days as a sacred pause to listen more closely and rediscover the quiet ways God remains present among us. John Neuman will be our presenter.
- **Celebrating the Gift of the Irish** - join us at 8:00 am March 14th for Mass followed by a tea & soda bread reception in Reidy Hall. Parade, Carousel Rides, Irish Hurling Match, Whiskey Tasting, Dinner & auction 6:00 pm Learn more abouts the day's events at friendsofirishstudies.com/st-patricks-day
- **Youth Night 6th -12th Graders** Friday, March 13th at SFX 5:30 - 7:00 pm Dinner provided! Join us for an awesome evening of fellowship, faith, fun and games! RSVP to Shai slafleur@sfxmissoula.org
- **Eucharistic Congress** - March 20-22, 2026 Carroll College, Helena, MT Featuring Cardinal Timothy Dolan Archbishop of New York registration go to diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress
- **Young Adult Pilgrimage to Guatemala** - The Diocese of Helena invites young adults (ages 19-30) to participate in a pilgrimage to the mission, clinic, and school in Guatemala. Questions? Contact Maggie Phelan mphelan@dohmt.org more information at diocesehelena.org/guatemala

- **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!