

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MARCH 1, 2026

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



Prayer

May -
Corinne Andrews, Monica Roscoe, Debbie Tschida,
and Jennifer Andres
receive His healing and consolation.



Join us following the 8:00 and 10:00 am Mass!

Please Note: No Eucharistic Adoration March 4th.
 Reconciliation will be available 1:15- 2:30 pm

- **Lenten Reconciliation Service** March 25th at 7:00 pm
- **Palm Sunday** March 29th

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

Saturday 2/28 Marge Lubbers

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Sunday 3/1 For the People*
 Tessie Lamadrid
 Marvin Rehbein
 Monday 3/2 Adalia Kenck
 Tuesday 3/3 Camille Eisenman
 Wednesday 3/4 *No Intention*
 Thursday 3/5 Helen Stoll
 Friday 3/6 Bruno Friia*
 Saturday 3/7 Valentine and Dena Blazeovich
 Sunday 3/8 Jane Quinn
 For the People*
 Linda Swanberg

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.

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2026

Saturday 2/28 Deut. 26:16-19
 Ps. 119
 Matt. 5:43-48

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2026

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	
Wednesday 3/4	Jer. 18:18-20 Ps. 31 Matt. 20:17-28	
Thursday 3/5	Jer. 17:5-10 Ps. 1 Luke 16:19-31	
Friday 3/6	Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps. 105 Matt. 21:33-43, 45-46	
Saturday 3/7	Mic. 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps. 103 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
Sunday 3/8	Exod. 17:3-7 Ps. 95 Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42	Third Sunday of Lent
Monday 3/9	2 Kings 5:1-15ab Ps. 42 Luke 4:24-30	
Tuesday 3/10	Dan. 3:25, 34-43 Ps. 25 Matt. 5:17-19	

Collections for February 22, 2026 Regular - 4,661.00 Loose - 1,887.00 Maintenance - 152.00 Ash Wednesday - 277.00
 Missoula Catholic Schools - 25.00 Catholic Home Missions - 10.00 Black & Indian Missions - 827.00 Online - 7,158.45
 Ash Wednesday Masses Combined - 3,960.75 **Thank you for your generosity!**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The 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. There are information sheets 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.

- **Making Sandwiches** - Join us in Reidy Hall Wednesday mornings March 4 and 11 from 6:30-7:30 am as we make lunches for our neighbors at the Poverello Center
 - **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!
 - **Marriage Preparation Retreat - April 10 & 11 here at SFX** *Are you recently engaged and planning to celebrate your wedding in the Catholic Church within the next year?* Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Contact Colleen at cobrien@sfxmissoula.org
 - **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 - To See A Great Light** a recent podcast *Grief is something that can feel insurmountable. In the time following a loss, it often seems as though we are barely keeping our heads above water. It can be hard to see the light. But the waters will ebb and the light will shine again. We will never forget those we lose, but we can learn to handle their loss in healthy ways. This is often more easily done with a group of people who have gone through or are going through the process themselves, creating a space where understanding and support can help us back onto our feet. Katy McKinnon is back on the show to talk with Nicholas about grief, recovery, and the ministry she hopes to set up allowing people to see a great light once again.*
 - **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! 12 people already signed up, but we have room for plenty more! Get in on the fun and RSVP to Shai at slafleur@sfxmissoula.org
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- **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!

