

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## MARCH 8, 2026

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



### Prayer

May -

**Leonard Blade, Corinne Andrews, Monica Roscoe, Debbie Tschida, and Jennifer Andres** receive His healing and consolation.

**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.

*Please Note change in Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation schedule*

- No Eucharistic Adoration during our Novena of Grace and on Good Friday April 3rd.
- No Reconciliation on April 4th the Vigil of Easter
- We will offering Anointing on Friday April 10th
- Lenten Reconciliation Service** March 25th at 7:00 pm
- Palm Sunday** March 29th
- Easter Egg Hunt** April 4th 11:00 am on the Parish lawn
- The Holy Triduum**
- Holy Thursday** April 2nd 7:00 pm
- Good Friday** April 3rd 3:00 pm Stations, Service at 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday** April 5th 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and Noon
- Vigil of Easter** April 4th 9:00 pm

### MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2026

Saturday 3/7	Mic. 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps. 103	Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
Sunday 3/8	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 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	
Tuesday 3/10	Luke 4:24-30 Dan. 3:25, 34-43 Ps. 25	
Wednesday 3/11	Matt. 5:17-19 Deut. 4:1, 5-9 Ps. 147	
Thursday 3/12	Matt. 5:17-19 Jer. 7:23-28 Ps.95	
Friday 3/13	Luke 11:14-23 Hos. 14:2-10 Ps. 81	
Saturday 3/14	Mark 12:28-34 Hos. 6:1-6 Ps. 51	
Sunday 3/15	Luke 18:9-14 1 Sam. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps. 23	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday 3/9	Eph. 5:8-14 John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 2 Kings 5:1-15ab Ps. 42	
Tuesday 3/10	Luke 4:24-30 Dan. 3:25, 34-43 Ps. 25	
Wednesday 3/11	Matt. 5:17-19 Deut. 4:1, 5-9 Ps. 147	

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

Saturday 3/7	Valentine and Dena Blazeovich
Sunday 3/8	Jane Quinn For the People* Linda Swanberg
Monday 3/9	Sandra Brown
Tuesday 3/10	Deanna & Eileen Huseth
Wednesday 3/11	No Intention
Thursday 3/12	Elizabeth Coyle
Friday 3/13	Linda Swanberg
Saturday 3/14	Gary Howard
Sunday 3/15	For the People* May Colvin* Teresa Mangan
Monday 3/16	Shane Pelletier
Tuesday 3/17	Sheila Combo

Collections for March 1, 2026 Regular - 9,348.00 Loose - 2,487.62 Maintenance - 10.00 Ash Wednesday - 15.00  
Catholic Relief Services - 20.00 Black & Indian Missions - 275.00 Online - 5,094.96 **Thank you for your generosity!**

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Priests and Staff would like to THANK YOU ALL!! We are off to such a great start on Volunteer hours for the Lenten project. In the first week tallies you have already turned in purple cards totaling 111 hours that have been “contributed” to the community!! One additional place you could consider volunteering is for CASA of Missoula, they currently have a critical need for more volunteers advocating on behalf of local children in the foster care system. If you are interested please visit <https://www.casamissoula.org/> .

Keep up the great work and please reach out to Katy in the office if you need any help finding a place to volunteer, there are many in need in our community!!

- **Making Sandwiches** - Join us in Reidy Hall Wednesday, March 11th 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!
- **Family Promise** - Our Family Promise week, March 15th-21st, filled up quickly. Thank you so much for signing up to volunteer food and/or help. Some of you signed up more than once, wow! We are very blessed to have such gracious volunteers. If you have any concerns, Anette 916-747-7427 will be happy to assist you.
- **VOX SFX - A Tale of Two Councils** *There have been many councils in the history of the Church that have shaped our faith. From doctrine to rites, they have covered a breadth of topics. However, few councils have matched the importance of the Council of Trent and Vatican II. Both made sweeping changes that took decades to fully implement and made an impact that is still being considered today. What happened at these councils? Why were they so important and what meaningful changes did they make? Fr Hightower joins Nicholas to examine the Tale of Two Councils.*
- **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](http://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](mailto:slafleur@sfxmissoula.org)
- **Woman's Scripture Study with Fr. Pat** March 19th to April 30th Topic will be the Book of Samuel meeting at 10:00 am in the Dave Thomas Room
- **Eucharistic Congress** - March 20-22, 2026 Carroll College, Helena, MT Featuring Cardinal Timothy Dolan Archbishop of New York registration go to [diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress](http://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](mailto:mphelan@dohmt.org) more information at [diocesehelena.org/guatemala](http://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](mailto: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!