

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MARCH 19, 2023

Pastor C. Hightower, SJ Associate Pastors: Steve Lantry, SJ John Martin, SJ
Paul Cochran, SJ Victor Cancino, SJ



Easter Egg Hunt -

Our Annual Hunt will take place on the church lawn weather permitting at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 8th. If you would like to contribute wrapped candy or small items to be included. Please drop them off in the Easter Basket in the Church or the Parish Office. Thank you!



The Holy Triduum

Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm*
Good Friday – 3:00 pm Stations,
Service at 7:00 pm*
Vigil of Easter – 9:00 pm*
Easter Sunday – 8:00 am, 10:00 am*
and Noon

*Live stream planned

Prayers

May ---

**Cathy & Harper Walker, Alan Hoyt, Brandon Julian,
Larry Burton, Kristen Comstock,
Dolores Lawrence, and Bruno Augusto**
receive His healing and consolation.

May ---

Debbie Moraca, and Brenda Pohlman
rest in peace in Our Lord's Loving arms.

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2023

Saturday 3/18	Hos. 6:1-6 Ps. 51 Luke 18:9-14	ST. CYRIL
Sunday 3/19	1 Sam. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps. 23 Eph. 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Monday 3/20	2 Sam. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps. 89 Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22 Matt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a	ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Tuesday 3/21	Ezek. 47:1-9, 12 Ps. 46 John 5:1-16	
Wednesday 3/22	Isa. 49:8-15 Ps. 145 John 5:17-30	
Thursday 3/23	Exod. 32:7-14 Ps. 106 John 5:31-47	
Friday 3/24	Wis. 2:1a, 12-22 Ps. 34 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	
Saturday 3/25	Isa. 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps. 40 Heb. 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Sunday 3/26	Ezek. 37:12-14 Ps. 130 Rom. 8:8-11 John 11:1-45	Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2023

Saturday 3/18	Shane Pelletier
Sunday 3/19	Shane Pelletier Jack Burke David Hickerson
Monday 3/20	Peg Sterling
Tuesday 3/21	Dewitt Dee
Wednesday 3/22	Molly Caplis
Thursday 3/23	Betty DeStefano
Friday 3/24	David Howe
Saturday 3/25	Betty Koehnke
Sunday 3/26	Lowell (Ron) Cloinger Jeff Reising Bill Holland

Collections for March 5, 2023 Regular Offering - 4725.00 Loose - 1490.41 Easter - 5.00 Easter Flowers - 10.00
Online Offering - 6123.70 *Thank you for your generosity!*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Novena of Grace - *'We Are Part of a Great Story'* Reflections available as podcasts on our website.

- **Child Care Wish List** - Baby wipes, Kleenex, and inexpensive coffee grounds for use as odor control. Thank you for your support!
- **Lenten Project** - We're raising 'volunteers' and not money this Lent so please keep track of your volunteer hours! There are extra pledge cards located in the entry ways of the church. Please grab a few 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. *We look forward to seeing you Be the Salt & the Light in our Missoula community!*
- **Homebound Ministry** - We are gearing up our Homebound Ministry program again for those individuals who are unable to gather at Mass with us each week and receive Communion. If you are interested in becoming a part of this very important ministry please contact Katy at the office 406.542.0321 or kmckinnon@sfxmissoula.org for details. Your small amount of time for these individuals will make a world of difference!!
- **Chrism Mass Invitation** - The Faithful of the Diocese of Helena are invited to attend Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena which will take place at Noon on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. The Chrism Mass is a special celebration in the liturgical life of the Church in the Diocese of Helena. Bishop Vetter will bless the Holy Oils for use in the coming year and priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises. *The Oil of the Sick is used in Sacrament of the Sick to bring the strengthening and healing power of Christ who is at work in the Church by the action of the Holy Spirit. The Oil of Catechumens is used at Baptism, to strengthen (with wisdom and courage to live the Gospel) and purify candidates (from original sin) before baptizing with water. The Oil of Chrism, or Sacred Chrism, is a mixture of olive oil and balsam fragrance used just after Baptism, and to seal candidates for Confirmation. It is also used to anoint the hands of priests and the heads of bishops at Ordination.*
- **Annual Lenten Fish Fry Friday Dinners by the Knights of Columbus.** Open 5:30 - 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Parish Center. On Friday March 17th, St. Anthony Parish will be serving corned beef, cabbage and potatoes instead of fish.
- **Vacation Bible School - Registration Open!** For children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade June session sign-up link: <https://vbspro.events/p/sfxjunevbs> July session link: <https://vbspro.events/p/sfxjulyvbs> We are ready to BLAST OFF for another Out of This World Vacation Bible School for Summer 2023. Two weeks of fun means we are looking for volunteers! There's something for everyone: small group leaders, station teachers, games leader, decoration and planning committee, etc. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Autumn at aschwenk@sfxmissoula.org.
- **Employment Opportunities at MCS** - <https://missoulacatholicschools.org/employment/>
- **Bingo - March 19th** at 1:00 pm at Christ The King. Amazing prizes from local businesses \$2.50 per round or \$20 for all 10 rounds. Proceeds go to the Summer youth rafting trip.
- **Reminder: Eucharistic Procession Open to All** - Whether or not you are a registered participant of the Eucharistic Congress/CYC Convention, March 25-26, in Helena, all are invited to join in the Eucharistic Procession from the Cathedral of St. Helena to All Saints Chapel at Carroll College at 12:30 pm on Sunday (weather permitting). The procession is expected to last around one hour and is a wonderful opportunity for us to prayerfully witness our love for Christ.