

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## DECEMBER 1, 2024

Pastor C. Hightower, SJ Associate Pastors Paul Cochran, SJ and Pat Conroy, SJ



**Cinnamon Roll Sunday** - December 1st and the St. Nicholas Day Tradition surprise for Children's Liturgy of the Word!

*Please note schedule change:*

**Immaculate Conception** - Mass celebrated on December 9th at 8:00 am, and Noon with Advent **Reconciliation Service** at 6:00 pm *please permit our 1st Reconciliation children to receive first. Thank you.*

### Prayer

May ---

**Jodi Koehnke, Sandra Brown, Jennifer Andres, JoAnn & Art Mandell, Bruce Peterson, and Rhoda Glick**

*receive His healing and consolation.*

May ---

**Nancy Lavoie, Mary Baerlocker and Douglas Sellner**  
*rest in peace in Our Lord's Loving arms.*

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2024

Saturday 11/30 For the People\*

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Sunday 12/1 Alice O'Donnell  
Bob Bouley  
The priests of SFX\*  
Monday 12/2 Leonard Brosart  
Tuesday 12/3 Feast of St. Francis Xavier  
Wednesday 12/4 *No Intention*  
Thursday 12/5 Janet Wheeler  
Friday 12/6 Richard Hurst  
Saturday 12/7 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 8:30am - 11:00 am  
**Reconciliation** - Wednesday 1:00 - 2:30pm and Saturday 3:00 - 4:30pm or by appointment

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

**Christmas Day:** 9:00 am and 11:00 am

#### MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2024

Saturday 11/30 Rom. 10:9-18 ST. ANDREW  
Ps. 19  
Matt. 4:18-22

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Sunday 12/1 Jer. 33:14-16 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Ps. 25  
1 Thes. 3:12-4:2  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36  
Monday 12/2 Isa. 2:1-5  
Ps. 122  
Matt. 8:5-11  
Tuesday 12/3 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
Ps. 117  
Mark 16:15-20  
Wednesday 12/4 Isa. 25:6 - 10a  
Ps. 23  
Matt. 15:29-37  
Thursday 12/5 Isa. 26:1-6  
Ps. 118  
Matt. 7:21, 24-27  
Friday 12/6 Isa. 29:17-24 ST. NICHOLAS  
Ps. 27  
Matt. 9:27-31

**Collections for November 24, 2024** Regular - 5200.00 Loose - 1692.23 Online - 4914.52  
All Saints - 30.00 All Souls - 25.00 CCHD - 30.00 Christmas - 30.00 Christmas Flowers -  
25.00 Immaculate Conception - 25.00 Religious Retirement - 50.00 Solemnity of Mary - 30.00  
Maintenance - 145.00 **Thank you for your generosity!**

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Congratulations!** to newly baptised **Tommy Sean Schumacher** child of Jessica & Ryan Schumacher

**We Welcome!** **Alex Gush** to our parish family!



**Advent Customs & Traditions** - presentation **December 2nd** with Fr. Tom Lankenau 6 -7:30 pm in Reidy Hall and enjoy a warm bowl of soup & bread!

## Big Change for Christmas!

St. Francis Xavier Parish is pleased to welcome so many people at this joyful time of year. Due to the popularity of our Christmas liturgies however, saving seats will no longer be allowed at any of the Masses. This is due to the challenge it creates both in our parking lot and inside the church. Families attempting to save seats often bring more than one car, limiting parking for others. While those arriving for Mass in a timely fashion are dismayed to find so many seats “saved” but not occupied. This leads to frustration at an otherwise beautiful time of year. We will unlock the church at 2:45 p.m. for the 4:00 p.m. Mass and hope to see you and your family there. Thank you!

- **Giving Thanks to God** - recent VOX SFX podcast with Frs. Conroy & Cochran. *‘Every year, on the fourth Thursday of November, Americans are asked what they are thankful for. When we struggle, it can be difficult to come up with an answer. However, by cultivating a more positive outlook, we begin to see all of the gifts that God generously bestows on us. This perspectival shift empowers us to be divinely generous with others. Fr Conroy and Fr Cochran join us for this very special episode that encourages us to explore new ways to give thanks to God.’*
- **Looking for a Christmas tree?** Pink Grizzly - will be providing the Christmas trees which decorate our church again this year! If you haven’t purchased your tree please visit Pink Grizzly 1400 Wyoming Street 728.3370. Thank you Pink Grizzly!
- **Confirmation class sign ups are here!** - It is time to register for Confirmation class for any 12 - 18 year old students! We will have 4 once monthly classes starting in January and pre-registration is required! You may sign up on a link on our website <https://www.sfxmissoula.org/faith-formation/> and be sure to choose “Confirmation Class” in the drop down box at the top. Contact Shai [shill@sfxmissoula.org](mailto:shill@sfxmissoula.org)
- **High School Girls Youth Group** - Fridays at 4:30 pm Join us for Christmas themed kick-offs on December 6th & 13th! Contact Shai Hill for more information [shill@sfxmissoula.org](mailto:shill@sfxmissoula.org) or 406.541.6044
- **Introducing the Vocation Chalice Ministry** - We are excited to bring the Vocation Chalice Ministry to St. Francis Parish. 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. Each participating family, couple, or individual will receive the Vocation Chalice and a special blessing at the Mass of their choice, along with prayer materials to guide them through the week. At the end of the week, please return the chalice to the Parish Office by Friday at noon, allowing the next family to share in this special prayer tradition. If you’re interested in participating or learning more, please contact John Neuman at [jneuman@sfxmissoula.org](mailto:jneuman@sfxmissoula.org).