

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## DECEMBER 22, 2024

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



### Please Note:

There will not be an 8:00 am Mass on the 24th and 26th

Solemnity of Mary - 9:00 am Mass January 1st

The Parish Office will be closed December 24th - January 1st

**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 9:00 am to 10:00 am  
**Reconciliation** - Wednesday 1:00 - 2:30pm and Saturday  
3:00 - 4:30pm or by appointment

### Prayer

*May ---*

**Alice Murphy Leavitt, Jodi Koehnke, Sandra Brown,  
Jennifer Andres, JoAnn & Art Mandell, and  
Bruce Peterson**  
*receive His healing and consolation.*

*May ---*

**Colleen Hazard, Nancy Lavoie, and John Kawalski**  
*rest in peace in Our Lord's Loving arms.*

### Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:00 pm & Midnight

### Christmas Day:

9:00 am and 11:00 am

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

Saturday 12/21	For the People*
Sunday 12/22	Paul Burke Karen Gulotta Julie Maxwell*
Monday 12/23	Jerry Lubbers
Tuesday 12/24	For the People*
Wednesday 12/25	For the People*
Thursday 12/26	Madonna Stoll
Friday 12/27	Pat Byrne*
Saturday 12/28	Mickey Flores
Sunday 12/29	Uriah DeNeut Marie Klemenhagen Steven Richie

**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 you may click on the 'wing' icon located at the top of the page on our website!

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

Saturday 12/21	Song 2:8-14 Ps. 33 Luke 1:39-45	
Sunday 12/22	Mic. 5:1-4a Ps.80 Heb. 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday 12/23	Mal. 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps. 25 Luke 1:57-66	
Tuesday 12/24	Isa. 62:1-5 Ps.89 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matt. 1:1-25	CHRISTMAS EVE
Wednesday 12/25	Isa. 52:7-10 Ps. 98 Heb. 1:1-6 John 1:1-18	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Thursday 12/26	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Ps. 31 Matt. 10:17-22	ST. STEVEN
Friday 12/27	1 John 1:1-4 Ps. 97 John 20:1a, 2-8	ST. JOHN, APOSTLE

**Collections for December 15, 2024** Regular - 5703.00 Loose - 1590.05 Online - 8686.22  
Christmas - 280.00 Christmas Flowers - 225.00 CCHD - 25.00 Immaculate Conception - 10.00  
Solemnity - 10.00 Religious Retirement - 80.00 *Thank you for your generosity!*

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



## Congratulations to the following children soon to be baptized!

Oscar Sean Rixford - child of Rachel & Jason Rixford

Sydney Holland Goss - child of Kristin & Justin Goss

Mitchell Stephen Goss - child of Ashley & Andrew Goss

## Christmas Mass reminder:

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!

- **Sacred Music** - a recent VOX SFX podcast We invite you to listen to our 3rd in series for Advent. *‘For Catholics, one of the most powerful elements of the season of Advent is the music that draws us together. Whether they be old hymns that are near and dear to our hearts, or joyful tunes we hear when shopping for our families, the songs of this season speak to us of the magnitude of our Savior’s coming. St Francis Xavier Parish’s music director, Robert Harsch, is in the studio to speak to this ministry and its importance to us. Join Nicholas and Robert as we explore this season through the lens of sacred music.’*  
A note that we will be taking a brief holiday at Vox SFX. A new podcast will drop in January on the topic of the Baptism of the Lord.
- **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 Contact Shai Hill for more information [shill@sfxmissoula.org](mailto:shill@sfxmissoula.org) or 406.541.6044
- **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).