

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MARCH 9, 2025

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



Prayer

May ---

Lucy Robbin, Pope Francis, Jen McElroy, Jodi Koehnke, Ross Grenfell, Sandra Brown, and Jennifer Andres

receive His healing and consolation.

May ---

John Bass, and Theresa Mangan

rest in peace in Our Lord's Loving arms.

Congratulations to

Annalysia Aurora and Lylah Lorraine Solorzano children of Celina Vasquez and Ayden Solorzano who will be Baptized this weekend!

Stations of the Cross at Noon
beginning March 14th

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 INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

Saturday 3/8	Brad Klemn
Sunday 3/9	The Selke Family*
	For the People
	Danny Hurd*
Monday 3/10	Sheila Combo
Tuesday 3/11	Mary Ellen Cote*
Wednesday 3/12	<i>No Intention</i>
Thursday 3/13	James Weber
Friday 3/14	Lusie Weber
Saturday 3/15	Mary Colvin*
Sunday 3/16	Russ McKinnon
	Edine Loran
	For the People
Monday 3/17	Sheila Combo
Tuesday 3/18	Peg Sterling

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

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

Saturday 3/8	Isa. 58:9b-14 Ps. 86 Luke 5:27-32	
Sunday 3/9	Deut. 26:4-10 Ps. 91 Rom. 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Monday 3/10	Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps. 19 Matt. 25:31-46	
Thursday 3/13	Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps. 138 Matt. 7:7-12	
Friday 3/14	Ezek. 18:21-28 Ps. 130 Matt. 5:20-26	
Saturday 3/15	Deut. 26:16-19 Ps. 119 Matt. 5:43-48	
Sunday 3/16	Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps. 27 Phil. 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Monday 3/17	Dan. 9:4b-10 Ps. 79 Luke 6:36-38	
Tuesday 3/18	Isa. 1:10, 16-20 Ps. 50 Matt. 23:1-12	
Wednesday 3/19	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

Collections for March 2, 2025 Regular - 7410.00 Loose - 1617.17 Ash Wednesday - 5.00 Online - 3907.10

Thank you for your generosity!

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Lenten Project

In this Jubilee Year and Lenten Season our theme of this year's Lenten Project is '**Renew Your Faith and Spread Your Wings**' 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 – "**I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them**" (Ez. 11:19) . In doing so you will lift not only your spirit but the spirit of others. The Lenten project will kick-off starting this weekend (March 8-9 th) and there will be an information sheet and purple pledge cards located in the entryways 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.

- **St. Patrick's Mass** - Join us on March 15th for Mass at 8:00 am followed by a Tea & Soda Bread reception in Reidy Hall with harp music! Learn more about the days events at <https://www.friendsofirish-studies.com/st-patricks-day> Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Parade at 12 pm on Higgins, with family fun for all! Irish Whiskey Tasting at The Rhino Bar! Free Carousel Rides from 1 to 3 pm at A Carousel for Missoula, courtesy of Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Friends of Irish Studies in the West Annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet with Silent & Live Auctions at the Holiday Inn Downtown (Park), from 6 to 9:30 pm. Pipers, dancers, Irish music galore, lashings of Irish fare at this gathering to regale you and yours!
- **Lenten Prayer Breakfast** - All are invited to join us at the annual Lenten Prayer Breakfasts that will take place on three successive Wednesdays, March 12, 19, and 26 in Reidy Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Join in some fellowship and in making lunches for the Poverello Center. All are welcome!
- **Woman's Scripture Study** - Thursday morning at 10:00 am in the Dave Thomas room in the Loyola Building with Fr. Pat Conroy March 13th - April 10th on the topic of Heroic Women in the Bible! Questions: Shill@sfxmissoula.org
- **Annual Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry!** - Knights of Columbus Lenten Family Fish Fry Dinner Fundraisers Come join the family fun: Beginning Friday March 7th At St. Anthony's Hall 5:30 - 7 pm Dinner served Additional dinner dates: March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11.
- **Concert: Joseph Haydn's 'The Seven Last Words'** - April 16th at 7:00pm here in the church performed by the Regal Ensemble to learn more and for tickets regalensemble.com or call 406.375.5001
- **Employment Opportunities** - Missoula Catholic Schools (MCS) is looking for an assistant teacher for the Early Education Program. Please call MaryPat Hertz, Early Childhood Program Director, at 406-549-7648 or email marypat.hertz@mcsmt.org for more details. Missoula Catholic Schools (MCS) is looking for a Food Service Assistant at St. Joseph Elementary. Please email Kasha Shahabi at kasha.shahabi@mcsmt.org for more details.
- **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 Thursday 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.