

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MARCH 16, 2025

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



Prayer

May ---

Lucy Robbin, Pope Francis, Jodi Koehnke, 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.

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

Stations of the Cross at Noon beginning March 14th
Lenten Reconciliation Service - April 7th at Noon &
7:00 pm

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* & Noon

*Live Stream planned

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

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
Thursday 3/20	Jer. 17:5-10 Ps. 1 Luke 16:19-31	
Friday 3/21	Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps. 105 Matt. 21:33-43, 45-46	
Saturday 3/22	Mic. 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps. 103 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	
Sunday 3/23	Exod. 17:3-7 Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42	THIRD OF LENT
Monday 3/24	2 Kings 5:1-15ab Ps. 42 Luke 4:24-30	

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 3/15	Mary Colvin*
Sunday 3/16	Russ McKinnon Edine Loran For the People
Monday 3/17	Sheila Combo
Tuesday 3/18	Peg Sterling
Wednesday 3/19	No Intention
Thursday 3/20	Yolanda Sherby
Friday 3/21	Hayes Bell*
Saturday 3/22	Joe Collins
Sunday 3/23	Betty DeStefano Shane Pelletier For the People

Collections for Ash Wednesday: Regular - 1218.00 Loose - 1827.29 **March 9, 2025** Regular - 10,610.00
Loose - 1642.54 Online - 9068.32 Ash Wednesday - 265.00 Black & Indian Missions - 252.00
Maintenance - 50.00 **Thank you for your generosity!**

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

We wish to express our deepest thanks and appreciation to Luke Larson, our Director of Spirituality, who has announced his retirement. Luke has been the Director of Spirituality for many years which most notably includes the leading of the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL). The SEEL program has a long tradition at St. Francis Xavier and continues to enrich the lives of those who have participated in it over the years. Luke has done a tremendous job for the parish, thoughtfully and prayerfully bringing people into a closer relationship with God through Ignatian Spirituality. We wish Luke and his lovely wife Evie the very best of luck as they make this important move in May. Thank you Luke!

The parish is now searching for a new **Director of Spirituality** to continue this important ministry. Qualified candidates are asked to view the job description on our website under employment and submit a resume via email to either Fr. Hightower or Colin McCormack. Thank you.

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. 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.

- **Table Talk** - Facing job insecurity, rising housing costs, and increased uncertainty, our community is coming together to listen, share, and act. Join the St. Francis Xavier Core Team on March 26th from 6-8 PM at the Ali Lund Auditorium (University of Montana Campus, Education Building near the Music building on Eddy Ave.) for an evening of community listening and action, hosted by Common Good Missoula. In the spirit of our Catholic faith, which calls us to listen, serve, and advocate for the common good, this Table Talks event will bring together parishioners and neighbors to share personal stories of hardship and hope. From job loss to threats against our shared public lands, we will reflect on the challenges affecting our families and communities—and, most importantly, discern a path forward together. By participating in this session, we embody the principles of Catholic social teaching, fostering solidarity and respond to the Lenten Project 2025 message to "Renew your Faith and Spread Your Wings." All are welcome to attend. RSVP at <https://www.commongoodmissoula.org/>
- **Lenten Prayer Breakfast** -All are invited to join us at the annual Lenten Prayer Breakfasts that will take place on three successive Wednesdays, March 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
- **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 You may contact Katy as we have a few complimentary tickets in the office.