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John 1:38

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MISSOULA'S JESUIT PARISH

Novena of Grace
February 26th - March 5th 2024

Welcome to the Novena of Grace 2024!

We are so blessed to have Father Victor Cancino, S.J. and Mayra Martinez as our presenters for the Novena of Grace. Father Victor is the Pastor in Residence at St. Ignatius Mission and a member of our Ravalli Jesuit Community in Missoula. Mayra is the Pastoral Assistant in St. Ignatius, whose primary ministry is with the Sacred Heart community in Arlee.

The theme they have selected for the Novena comes from the Gospel of John (1:38)
What are you looking for?: An Invitation to Wholeness by Praying with the Psalms.

Jesus's question to His would-be disciples John and Andrew is the same one He asks each of us who seek Him: "What are you looking for?" It is such a fitting question for the Novena of Grace. What are you looking for from these nine days of Eucharist, prayer, reflection, and retreat? Are you looking to sustain a life of service and discipleship? Something else, perhaps?

We invite you to ask yourself "What am I looking for?" and allow the life and love of Jesus, along with the inspiration of St. Francis Xavier, to inform your response.

May this Novena of Grace be a time of seeking and finding what your heart most desires.



Father C. Hightower, S.J.,

Pastor



Weekday Novena Mass ~ Noon & 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday Novena at Noon

Livestream planned for Noon



Blessed are the ones that pray with Scripture...

“they are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield its fruit in due season.
In all that they do, they prosper.”

Psalm 1:3

Days 1-3, The Desires of the Heart. Are We Searching?

Days 4-6, Blind Spots and Awareness as Healing and Grace

Day 7-9, Gratitude in the Searching and Finding

Our Presenters

Fr. Victor M. Cancino, S.J.,

Fr. Victor lives on the Flathead Indian Reservation in western Montana and is the pastor in residence for St. Ignatius Mission. He received his License in Sacred Scripture (S.S.L.) from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. Victor is also the present columnist for 'The Word,' America magazine's weekly feature on the Sunday Scriptures.



Mayra Martínez

Mayra resides in Arlee, Montana, having been born in Los Angeles, California, where she pursued studies in entertainment arts. After her discernment in religious life, she served at USC Caruso Catholic Center, Dolores Mission Church, and is now serving the communities of St. Ignatius Mission, Sacred Heart Church and Jocko Church. Through her professional experience and personal discernment, she has cultivated a profound appreciation for Ignatian Spirituality and a strong commitment to creating safe spaces of welcome that help support and empower those who are marginalized.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering

O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell



1. O God, you search me and you know me.
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



1. All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
2. You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
3. You have known its mean - ing through and through.
4. Still I search for shel - ter from your light.
5. Gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



1. When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
2. And with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
3. You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
4. There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
5. For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



1. Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
2. In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
3. God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
4. E - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
5. Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 63: Your Love is Finer than Life

Psalm 63

Marty Haugen

O God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for
you, your love is finer than life.

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and follows the text. The first staff contains the first line of text, and the second staff contains the second line. The music ends with a double bar line.

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Gospel Acclamation

Refrain

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, king of end-less glo-ry!

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef. The key signature has two flats (Bb, Eb) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and follows the text. The music ends with a double bar line.

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Gospel

Presider: *The Lord be with you.*

Assembly: *And with your spirit.*

Presider: *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to _____.*

Assembly: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Presider: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Assembly: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Intentions

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Ostinato Chorale

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:

when I call an - answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life. The

Novena of Grace Prayer with Saint Francis Xavier

Most amiable and most loving Saint Francis Xavier, in union with thee I reverently adore the Divine Majesty. I rejoice exceedingly on account of the marvelous gifts, which God bestowed upon thee. I thank God for the special graces He gave thee during thy life on earth and for the great glory that came to thee after thy death.

I implore thee to obtain for me, through thy powerful intercession, the greatest of all blessings--that of living and dying in the state of grace.

I also beg of thee to secure for me the special favor I ask in this novena.

(Here you may mention the grace, spiritual or temporal, that you wish to obtain.)

In asking this favor, I am fully resigned to the Divine Will.

I pray and desire only to obtain that which is most conducive to the greater glory of God and the greater good of my soul.

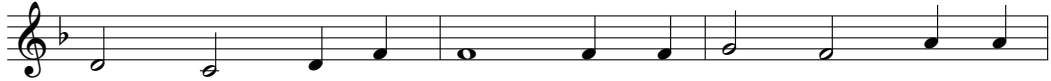
V. Pray for us, Saint Francis Xavier.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

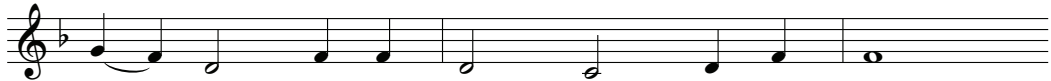
Healing River of the Spirit



1. Heal - ing riv - er of the Spir - it, Bathe the
2. Well-spring of the heal - ing Spir - it, Stream that
3. Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, Make us



wounds that liv - ing brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our
flows to bring re - lease, As we gain our selves, our
chan - nels of your pow'r. All the world is torn by



sad - ness Deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.
sens - es, May our lives re - flect your peace.
con - flict; Wars are rag - ing at this hour.



Wea - ry from the rest - less search - ing That has
Grate - ful for the flood that heals us, May your
Sav - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us, Guide our



lured us from your side, We dis - cov - er in your
Church en - act your grace. As we meet both friend and
wind - ing hu - man course, Till we find our way to -



pres - ence Peace the world can - not pro - vide.
stran - ger, May we see our Sav - ior's face.
geth - er, Flow - ing home - ward to our Source.

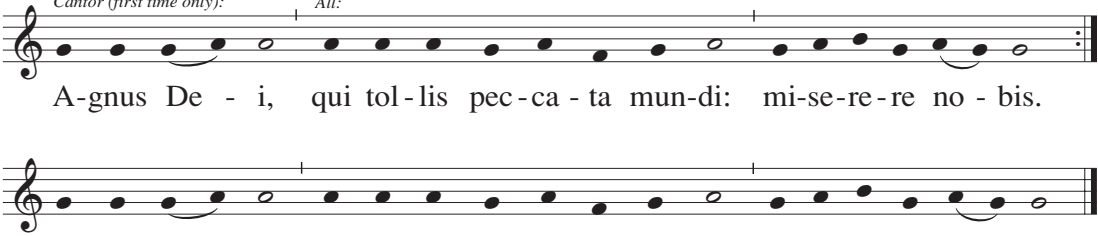
Sign of Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: *And with your spirit.*

Agnus Dei

Cantor (first time only): *All:*



A-g-nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.

A-g-nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Agnus Dei XVIII, Vatican Edition; acc. by Robert J. Batastini



Invitation to Communion

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God, ...
...Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward today. If you are in a faith practice in communion with the Catholic Church, come forward in the usual way to receive the Eucharist. If you choose not to receive, you are invited to receive a blessing from the minister of the bread. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by placing your hand over your heart.

Communion Song

Lord, When You Came

Verses



1. Lord,	when you came to the sea - shore
2. Lord,	you knew what my boat car - ried:
3. Lord,	have you need of my la - bor,
4. Lord,	send me where you would have me,
1. Tú	has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,
2. Tú	sa - bes bien lo que ten - go,
3. Tú	ne - ce - si - tas mis ma - nos,
4. Tú	pes - ca - dor de o - tros, ma - res,



You weren't seek - ing	the wise or the wealth - y,
Nei - ther mon - ey	nor weap - ons for fight - ing,
Hands for serv - ice,	a heart made for lov - ing,
To a vil - lage,	or heart of the cit - y;
<i>no has bus - ca - do</i>	<i>ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos,</i>
<i>en mi bar - ca</i>	<i>no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das,</i>
<i>mi can - san - cio</i>	<i>que a o - tros des - can - se,</i>
<i>an - sia e - ter - na,</i>	<i>al - mas que es - pe - ran.</i>



But on - ly ask - ing	that I might fol - low.
But nets for fish - ing,	my dai - ly la - bor.
My arms for lift - ing	the poor and bro - ken?
I will re - mem - ber	that you are with me.
<i>tan só - lo quie - res</i>	<i>que yo te si - ga.</i>
<i>tan só - lo re - des</i>	<i>y mi tra - ba - jo.</i>
<i>a - mor que quie - ra</i>	<i>se - guir a - man - do.</i>
<i>A - mi - go bue - no,</i>	<i>que a - sí me lla - mas.</i>

Refrain



O Lord,	in my eyes you were gaz - ing,
<i>Se - ñor</i>	<i>me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos,</i>



Kind - ly smil - ing,	my name you were
<i>son - ri - en - do</i>	<i>has di - cho mi</i>



say - ing;
nom - bre,

All I treas - ured,
en la a - re - na



I have left on the sand there;
he de - ja - do mi bar - ca,

Close to
jun-to a



you,
ti

I will find oth - er seas.
bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

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Concluding Rites & Final Blessing:

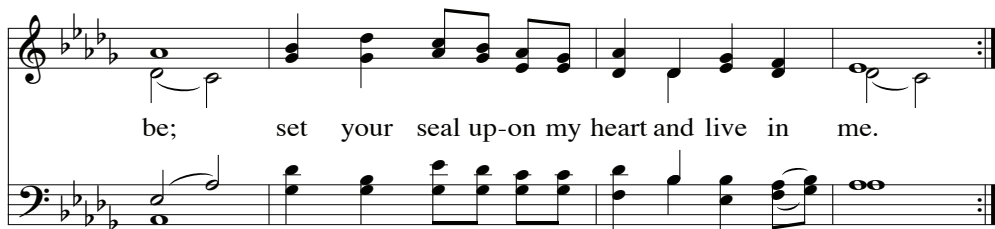
Closing Song

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Ostinato Refrain



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall



be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Following the closing song, those who wish may come forward to receive an individual blessing with the relic of St. Francis Xavier. At that time, please mention your prayer intention to those at the altar.



GOODWILL OFFERING

In order to provide this enriching experience, St. Francis Xavier Parish relies on the generosity of all those who have been touched by this Novena of Grace. You are invited to make a good will offering. Please consider a donation reflective of your ability to give and of your gratitude for this special nine day retreat. Donations cover Novena expenses. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

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