

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

DECEMBER 8, 2024

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



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 ---

**Fr. Dan Powers, SJ, Nancy Lavoie, Mary Baerlocker
and Douglas Sellner**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2024

Saturday 12/7	Jessica Mack*
Sunday 12/8	Giada Rose Hertz* Landon Dobak For the People
Monday 12/9	Joe Hansen
Tuesday 12/10	Doreen Campbell
Wednesday 12/11	<i>No Intention</i>
Thursday 12/12	Richard Hurst
Friday 12/13	Mike Coughlin*
Saturday 12/14	Diane Parker
Sunday 12/15	Laura Himes Bob Colvin For the People

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

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 DECEMBER, 2024

Saturday 12/7	Isa. 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps. 147 Matt. 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8	ST. AMBROSE
Sunday 12/8	Bar. 5:1-9 Ps. 126 Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday 12/9	Gen. 3:9-15, 20 Ps. 98 Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Tuesday 12/10	Isa. 40:1-11 Ps. 96 Matt. 18:12-14	
Wednesday 12/11	Isa. 40:25-31 Ps. 103 Matt. 11:28-30	
Thursday 12/12	Zech. 2:14-17 Jth. 13 Luke 1:26-38	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Friday 12/13	Isa. 48:17-19 Ps. 1 Matt. 11:16-19	ST. LUCY
Saturday 12/14	Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps. 80 Matt. 17:9a, 10-13	ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Collections for December 1, 2024 Regular - 6405.00 Loose - 1953.60 Online - 3805.41
All Saints - 50.00 Black & Indian Missions - 50.00 CCHD - 55.00 Christmas Flowers -5.00
Maintenance - 15.00 Thanksgiving Aid to the Needy - 1136.18 **Thank you for your generosity!**

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ASSISTING OUR NEIGHBORS

Christmas Giving Tree

Support to: Mountain Home, Council Groves, Essential Eats Distributors, International Rescue Committee and Family Promise



Thank you for providing a bit of cheer this this holiday season!

We kindly ask that you return your Giving Tree envelopes to the parish office no later than December 17th so that these organizations have time to distribute in time for Christmas!

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!

- **Sacred Art** - recent VOX SFX podcast with Fr. Tom Lankenau *‘Widely appreciated by both the faithful and the secular world, sacred art holds a place of special significance to our Church and society. Art speaks where words fail, imparting emotions in a way that unites us all in the appreciation of its beauty. It can take one’s breath away with a glimpse of the divine and bring our stories to life. Fr Tom Lankenau shares his profound love of this subject with Nicholas as we learn a bit more about our faith through sacred art.’*
- **LSH Choir & Instrumental Ensemble concert- December 18th at 7:00 pm here at St. Francis Xavier**
- **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
- **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 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.