

*Saint Francis Xavier Church*  
 611 Logan Avenue † Pueblo, CO 81004  
*Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*  
 Beulah, CO 81023



Our Mission at the Catholic Church of St. Francis is, to promote spiritual growth, religious formation, fellowship and stewardship within our parish. We shall give witness to Christ by ministering and living the word of God.

*December 3, 2017*

*First Sunday of Advent*

**Parish Office:** 1725 Spruce St.

**Hours:** Monday thru Friday 9am-12noon to 1pm-3pm

**Parish Office Phone:** 564-1125

**Parish Office Fax Number:** 564-1141

**Emergency Phone:** 564-2806

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**Web Address:** www.sfxavierpueblo.org

**Staff**

**Administrator:** Rev. X. Selvakumar

**Proctor:** Rev. A. Prabhu

**Deacon:** Paul Villegas

**Bookkeeper:** Mari Boyd

**Secretary/Bulletin Editor:** Jessica Dominguez

**Music Director:** Alex Craciun

**Religious Formation CRE:** Elizabeth "Bebe" Mestas

**Maintenance:** David Carpenter

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Monday through Saturday ~ 8:00 AM Masses - In Chapel

Monday through Saturday ~ Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 AM

**Saturday ~ 5:00 PM Mass**

**Sunday ~ 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Sunday ~ 8:30 AM Mass

Rosary Sunday ~ 8 AM

**Religious Formation Class Times**

Preschool - 12th grade & Confirmation Classes

Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance):**

Saturdays from 4:00PM to 4:45PM or by appointment.

**Sacramental Preparation:**

A two-year preparation process is required for the reception of the Sacraments of First Communion and First Penance (third grade) and Confirmation (junior year).

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

We welcome new members into our parish through Baptism. Preparation classes; are held four times a year. All parents must attend; Godparents are strongly urged to attend. Call the Parish Office for particular dates. for classes.

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

Registered members are asked to contact the pastor six months to one year prior to the wedding. Participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is required.

**Sacrament for the Sick/Homebound:**

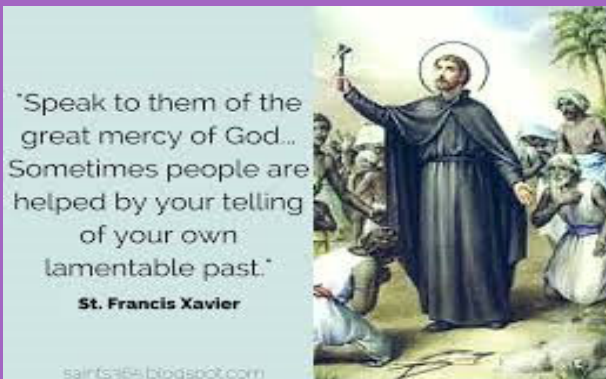
Please notify the Parish Office for household members who are elderly, disabled, ill or scheduled for surgery so that they may receive the Sacrament.

**Hall Rental:**

**Parishioners-** \$50.00 per hour. **Non-Parishioners** -\$75.00 per hour **Damage Deposit-**\$150.00 cash. Refundable damage, deposit

**St Francis Xavier Feast Day Programs**

Sunday December 3rd join us before the 10:30am Mass for vespers. After Mass we will have a procession and rosary followed by benediction.



**St Francis Xavier Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

December 3, 2017 in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall.

Please join us! \$10 adult and \$5 for Children

Carry out available.

All Proceeds will be matched by the KSKJ Catholic Slovenian Lodges #7 & #104 and go towards building our Bell Tower.



**Mass Intentions**

**Weekly Calendar**

**Saturday ~ December 2nd**

**5:00pm Members of the Altar Society**  
 † Frank Kogovsek By Del Kogovsek & Family  
 † Freda McLeod By Family

**Sunday ~ December 3rd**

**8:00am For the Parish Communities of St Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Lourdes Beulah**  
 † John A. & Irene A. Vigil By Children & Grandchildren

**Sunday ~ December 3rd**

**10:30am † Aunt Vicki Martinez By Richard & Rose Martinez & Family**  
 † Ann Mravich Hegler Laura Sanchez & Family  
 † Petra & Charles McCulley By Richard & Rose Martinez & Family

**Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ December 3rd**

**8:30am Health & healing of Priscilla Smith**  
 † Bea Newbold By Mike and Marilyn West

**Monday~12/4 No Scheduled Intention**  
**Tuesday~12/5 No Scheduled Intention**  
**Wednesday~12/6 No Scheduled Intention**  
**Thursday~12/7 No Scheduled Intention**  
**Friday~12/8 No Scheduled Intention**

**Saturday ~ December 9th**

**5:00pm † Johnny Rivera By Russel & Jo Cacciatore**  
 † Sandy Rivera By Russel & Jo Cacciatore

**Sunday ~ December 10th**

**8:00am For the Parish Communities of St Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Lourdes Beulah**

**Sunday ~ December 10th**

**10:30am † Ben Archuleta By Russel & Jo Cacciatore**

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Mon	12/4	1:00pm	Living Waters
Tues	12/5	6:00pm	Holy Communion Class
Wed	12/6	6:00pm	Divine Mercy
Thurs	12/7	6:00pm	RCIA
Fri	12/8	10:00am	Legion of Mary
Sat	12/9	4:15pm	Confessions
		5:00pm	Mass
Sun	12/10	Burrito Sunday	
		8:00am	Mass
		8-8:30am	OLoL Beulah Confessions
		8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass
		10:30am	Mass

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: St. John Damascene  
 Wednesday: St. Nicholas  
 Thursday: St. Ambrose;  
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
 Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

**Youth Group**

Middle school and high school youth are invited to join the St. Francis Xavier Youth Group. Come enjoy fellowship and fun projects with other youth of the community. Youth Group continues every Wednesday. For more information call Larry Alfonso 719-406-8089 or Rae DeLaCruz 719-671-0292

**Help Wanted at St. Francis Xavier Church**

Position: Maintenance, Part-time: 20 hours, Job Description: \*Cleaning the Church, parish hall/kitchen, school building & Parish offices (including all bathrooms) Cleaning includes sweeping, mopping, vacuuming & washing windows \*Clean parish hall/kitchen & bathrooms after the hall is used for events (includes rentals) \* Grounds Maintenance includes pulling weeds & snow removal. Note: The above job description is intended to be a list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel. Applications are available: Go to the parish office or visit this website: [www.dioceseofpueblo.org](http://www.dioceseofpueblo.org) Resume is optional

**Religious Education**

December 3rd — St. Francis Xavier Feast day!  
 10am Vespers — 10:30am Mass, 12Noon Rosary & Procession, 11am-5pm—Spaghetti Dinner  
 December 5th — 1st Holy Communion Special Class 6:00pm  
 December 16th — Adult Sacramental Class #2 9:00am

**Attention: Religious Education Parents:**

Due to safety precautions and church policy, all children need to have a current registration form on file in the R. E. Office.

**Prayer Chain**

Are you in need of prayers? Do you know someone who does? The prayer chain request book is located at the main entrance or you may call 719-561-9052 or 719-994-2131.

\*To become a part of this praying ministry please call one of the above numbers.



*Reflections of Fr. Prabhu*

The Advent season begins on December 03, 2017. The day is called the First Sunday of Advent or Advent Sunday and is the first day of the liturgical year in the Western Christian churches. Advent Sunday is the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. Today's readings touch upon a number of spiritual issues. They reveal to us that God is faithful, His Word being unchanging. They teach us the end result of righteousness. They tell us that although we presently dwell in our present sinful physical bodies that seek to oppose what is spiritual, we can still be blameless before God on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. First Reading shines in the grace of God. It echoes Divine love that is forgiving towards those who live righteously. As we heard, God gladly meets those who do right, those who remember Him and His Holy ways. But for those who turn their hearts away from the Lord, God treats them as children, disciplining them as a loving Father. [Heb. 12:8] Allowing all to enjoy their free will, the Lord permits them for some time to stray away from His ways, hardening their hearts so that they do not fear Him. When some deliberately turn to sin, the Lord is angry. He hides Himself from them because they are like filthy cloths. Like a leaf, the sinners are taken away by the wind to fade away at a distance. Having turned from the ways of the Lord, no longer calling on His Holy Name, the sinners are left to their own iniquities. The Gospel Reading reminds us that while Heaven and earth shall pass away, the Words of the Lord shall not pass away. Every promise that He has made shall be fulfilled. God shall prove His faithfulness to all by His Divine actions. But there is a catch! Everyone must remain consistent in his living faith. He must keep alert for no one but the Father knows when the time shall come, when the Son of God shall return or when each individual person will be called to experience physical death. Jesus said to keep awake, in the evening, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or at dawn. By this, He meant to be spiritually active and consistent. Do not take a break in your spiritual lives to relapse into sin. For that sinful moment may be the moment when you will be called and judged according to the actions of your heart at the moment of physical death. Some may say, 'That is not fair!' Consider it similar to when you buy a house and have to make monthly payments. What happens if you miss a monthly payment? You lose your house! In His infinite grace, God patiently awaits for all to live according to His Holy ways, not suddenly calling everyone who misses on a payment. If He did so, He would not have any children left because we are all sinners, weak in the human nature. In His infinite mercy, God seeks to build up His Heavenly Kingdom through Jesus Christ. He seeks to have millions of saints to populate the eternal world of love, joy, peace and glory. To do so, He will blot out the sins of those who sincerely persevere in their living faith. But to inherit the faithfulness of God, one must hear and live by the Words of Jesus, "And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake" for His words shall not pass away. My brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be thankful to the Lord for His persistent reminder that we keep awake so that we will not miss out on our inheritance as children of God. Let us encourage one another in Christ so we may all share into the eternal glory that awaits all those who faithfully answer their calling.

**Ministers— December 9th & 10th**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharist Minister</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 12/9/17 <b>5:00pm</b>	Pat Muniz	Conrad Valdez Eric Martinez	<b>Pat Muniz</b> Gabby Greer Arlene Vigil Eric Martinez Jamie Vigil
<b>Servers:</b> <b>Sunday</b> 12/10/17 <b>8:00am</b>	Kathy Figueroa	Linda DelaTorre Maribela Lopez	<b>Kathy Figueroa</b> Deacon Paul Linda DelaTorre Jeremy Gallegos Margie Gallegos
<b>Servers:</b> <b>Sunday</b> 12/10/17 <b>10:30am</b>	Margaret Siegrist	Madelyn Siegrist Rose Martinez	<b>Jessica Dominguez</b> Deacon Paul Maribeth Romero Crystal Valles Catrina Valles

**DMF**

It is time again to make your pledge to our annual DMF fund drive. We pray for those who make new pledges this year, that God will repay each one a hundred fold.

Thank You and remember God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Cor. 9, 6-7)

**2017**

**Goal \$31,927 # of pledges 92 Amount Paid:\$20,744.01**

**Adult Sacramental Completion**

Invitation for adults 17 years and above who are Baptized in the Catholic Church and may/not have received their First Eucharist but have not been Confirmed. The first class will be December 2nd in the Parish school from 9:00 to 12noon. The cost for the class is \$75.00. Take the chance and complete your Sacrament of Initiation. For more information, feel free to call the office at 719-564-1125.



**The Parish Rosary Program**

As you pray the rosary, for the intentions of the Pope, for world peace, for an end to abortion etc... Please keep track of how many rosaries you prayed during the week and put your total in the collection basket at Mass. [ Hopefully this will encourage more of us to pray the rosary more often!]

**65 prayed over the last week 5659 total**

**St Francis Xavier**

*November 19, 2017 Collection*

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,617.00
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 252.09
Children Collection	\$ 10.00

*November 26, 2017 Collection*

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,203.00
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 166.58
Children Collection	\$ 0.71

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

*November 26, 2017 Collection*

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 515.00
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 56.00