

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 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Office: 1725 Spruce St.

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

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Staff

Administrator: Rev. X. Selvakumar

Proctor: Rev. A. Prabhu

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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 Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped work this event especially all those who donated to and organized this fundraiser. Special thanks to Paul Montez & David Styduhar along with KSKJ Catholic Slovenian Lodges #7 & #104. & The WSA Working together for the glory of God!



Prepare the way of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Weekly Calendar

Saturday ~ December 9th
5:00pm † **Johnny Rivera** By Russel & Jo Cacciatore
 † **Sandy Rivera** By Russel & Jo Cacciatore
 † **Adeline Valdez** By Bill & Nancy Montoya

Sunday ~ December 10th
8:00am For the Parish Communities of St Francis Xavier and
 Our Lady of Lourdes Beulah
 † **Rudy Vigil** By Phil & Loretta Vigil

Sunday ~ December 10th
10:30am † **Ben Archuleta** By Russel & Jo Cacciatore
Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ December 10th
8:30am Health & healing of **Priscilla Smith**
 † **Elizabeth Reyes Krasovec** By Priscilla Smith

<i>Mon</i>	12/11	1:00pm	Living Waters
<i>Tues</i>	12/12	6:00pm	Mass
<i>Wed</i>	12/13	11:30am	Altar Society
		6:00pm	Divine Mercy
<i>Thurs</i>	12/14	6:00pm	RCIA
<i>Fri</i>	12/15	10:00am	Legion of Mary
<i>Sat</i>	12/16	9:00am	Adult Sacrament #2
		4:15pm	Confessions
		5:00pm	Mass
		6:00pm	Christmas Around the World
<i>Sun</i>	12/17	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 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of
 The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent;
 International Human Rights Day
 Monday: St. Damasus I
 Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe;
 Hanukkah begins at sunset
 Wednesday: St. Lucy
 Thursday: St. John of the Cross
 Saturday: Las Posadas begins

Religious Education

December 16th — Adult Sacramental Class #2 9:00am
 —Christmas Around the World 6:00pm
 December 17th —Last day of Catechism before Christmas
 December 24th —Sunday Liturgy 8am Mass & 10:30am Mass
 Christmas Eve Liturgy 5pm Mass & 10pm Mass
 December 25th—Christmas Mass 8am & 10:30 am

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, mop-
 ping, 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
 Resume is optional

Monday~12/11 No Scheduled Intention
Tuesday~12/12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
6pm Mass **Madalena Martinez** By Richard & Rose Martinez &
 Family
Leo & Adeline Valdez By Jess, Jenna & Juliet
Rodriguez, Santos, and Peralta Families By Family

Wednesday~12/13 No Scheduled Intention
Thursday~12/14 No Scheduled Intention
Friday~12/15 No Scheduled Intention

Saturday ~ December 16th
5:00pm † **Adeline Valdez** By Frank & Mary Aragon

Sunday ~ December 17th
8:00am For the Parish Communities of St Francis Xavier and
 Our Lady of Lourdes Beulah
 † **Paul, Eric, Phillip Figueroa & Joseph Misiaszek** By
 Robert & Kathy Figueroa
 † **Refugio Cuca Perez** By Grandchildren
 † **John A. & Irene A. Vigil** By Children & Grandchildren

Sunday ~ December 17th
10:30am † **Joseph E. Armijo** By Theresa Armijo & Family
Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ December 17th
8:30am Health & healing of **Priscilla Smith**

Advent Penance Service Schedule

Sacred Heart Cathedral —December 13 12:00pm
 Holy Family—December 14th 4pm-7pm
 St. Pius—December 14th 6:30pm
 St. Mary's—December 16th 8:45am
 St. Francis Xavier—December 18th 6:30pm
 Christ the King—December 19th 6:30pm
 Our Lady of the Meadows—December 19th 7:00pm

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. Prabh

Today's Gospel (Mk 1: 1_8) is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John. Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. May God bless us.

Ministers– December 16th & 17th

Mass	Commentator	Lectors	Eucharist Minister
Saturday 12/16/17 5:00pm	Paul Valdez	Patty Delacruz Irene Gomez	Paul Valdez Deacon Paul Mona Martinez Rosalie Farias Irene Gomez
Servers: Michaela & MariAna Santistevan			
Sunday 12/17/17 8:00am	Karl Aguilera	Tony Baca Michael Manzanaras	Karl Aguilera Maria Nunines Agnes Mascarenas Tony Baca Arlene Raigoza
Servers: Jamie Lopez			
Sunday 12/17/17 10:30am	David Styduhar	Juanita McCulley-Santos Rose Martinez	Jennifer Dominguez Jessica Dominguez Tom Dominguez Juliet Dominguez Paul Montez
Servers: Kimberley Siegrist, Makayla Garcia, Gabriel Allen, Olivia T.			

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: \$21,364.01

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

December 3, 2017 Collection

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,593.00
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 151.39
Building Fund	\$ 668.98
Children Collection	\$ 10.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 695.00
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 30.00