

*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 31, 2017*

*Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

**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

**E-Mail Address:** stfrancisxavierpueblo@yahoo.com

**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.

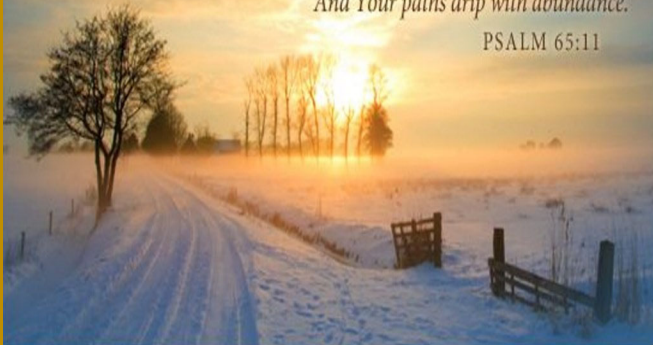
**Hall Rental:**

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

*Happy* **NEW YEAR**

*You crown the year with Your goodness,  
 And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11



**Mass Intentions**

**Weekly Calendar**

**Saturday ~ December 30th**

**8:00am** For all religious who have ever served in the Diocese of Pueblo By Margaret & John Moorcroft

**5:00pm** † Adeline Valdez By Debbie Monnet

**Sunday ~ December 31st**

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

† John A. & Irene A. Vigil By Children and Grandchildren

† Ben Archuleta By Family

† Audrey Gomez & Ann Andrade By Tony & Louise Baca

For all religious who have ever served in the Diocese of Pueblo By Margaret & John Moorcroft

**Sunday ~ December 31st**

**10:30am** No Scheduled intention

**5:00pm** † Carl Piatek By Family

**Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ December 31st**

**6:00pm** Health & healing of Priscilla Smith

† Christopher Shewokis By Priscilla Smith

**Monday~1/1** For all religious who have ever served in the Diocese of Pueblo By Margaret & John Moorcroft

**Tuesday~1/2** For all religious who have ever served in the Diocese of Pueblo By Margaret & John Moorcroft

**Wednesday~1/3** No Scheduled Intention

**Thursday~1/4** No Scheduled Intention

**Friday~1/5** No Scheduled Intention

**Saturday~1/6** No Scheduled Intention

**Saturday ~ January 6th**

**5:00pm** † Frank Kogovsek By Del Kogovsek & Family

† Freda McLeod By Family

† Esther Urioste By Rita Franklin

**Sunday ~ January 7th**

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

Deceased & Present members of the Altar Society

**Sunday ~ January 7th**

**10:30am** † Elisa Gonzalez By The Casaus Family

**Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ January 7th**

**8:30am** Health & healing of Priscilla Smith

Health & healing of Arlene Sanders By Priscilla Smith

Mon	1/1	1:00pm	Living Waters
Tues	1/2	Open Date	
Wed	1/3	6:00pm	Divine Mercy
Thurs	1/4	6:00pm	RCIA
		6:00pm	R.E. Meeting
Fri	1/5	10:00am	Legion of Mary
Sat	1/6	4:15pm	Confessions
		5:00pm	Mass
Sun	1/7	8:00am	Mass
		8-8:30am	OLoL Beulah Confessions
		9:00am	Catechism Class Resumes
		8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass
		10:30am	Mass

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;

World Day of Prayer for Peace;

New Year's Day

Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Friday: St. John Neumann; First Friday

Saturday: St. André Bessette; First Saturday

**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!]

**71 prayed over the last week 5981 total**

**Religious Education**

December 30-31— Feast of the Holy Family Masses 5pm, 8am & 10:30am New Years Eve Mass 5:00pm

January 1st—New Year Day Mass 9am

January 4th—R.E. Meeting

January 7th—Catechism Resumes

January 8th—Baptism Preparatory Class 5:30pm

January 9th—1st Holy Communion Preparatory Class 6:30pm

The **Divine Mercy food pantry** is in need of some items. Items like rice, beans, ramen, or can foods. Please bring what you are able to share with the hungry in our community and place it in the basket at the back of the church or bring to the Parish 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.



December 31, 2017

Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

*Reflections of Fr. Prabh*

Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses. Background on the Gospel Reading Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative. Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth. According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering. Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor. Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, Nunc Dimitis, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours. On this day, Wish you all a happy feast. May God bless us. Amen

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

--Luke 2:30-31

*Ministers-- January 6th & 7th*

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharist Minister</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 1/6/17 <b>5:00pm</b>	Pat Muniz	Conrad Valdez Eric Martinez	<b>Pat Muniz</b> Gabby Greer Eric Martinez Arlene Vigil Jamie Vigil
<b>Servers: John Delacruz, Jamie Lopez</b>			
<b>Sunday</b> 1/7/17 <b>10:30am</b>	Karl Aguilera	Karen Aguilera Deandra Manzanaras	<b>Karl Aguilera</b> Deacon Paul Tony Baca Agnes Mascarenas Maria Nunines
<b>Servers: MariAna &amp; Michaela Santistevan</b>			
<b>Sunday</b> 1/7/17 <b>10:30am</b>	Youth Commentator	Youth Reader Youth Reader	<b>Margaret Siegrist</b> Deacon Paul MaryBeth Romero Crystal Valles Catrina Valles
<b>Servers: Toby Coultrip, Seferina Coultrip, Caleb Sanchez, Rihana Avila</b>			

**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.*

**Help Wanted at St. Francis Xavier Church & Our Lady of Lourdes (Mission Parish in Beulah)**

**Position: Bookkeeper**

**Part-time: 12-15 hours/week**

**Salary: Minimum wage**

**Applications are available at the parish office or visit the**

**Diocesan website: [www.dioceseofpueblo.org](http://www.dioceseofpueblo.org)**

**Resume is optional**

**For more information call the office at: 564-1125**

**TIME**

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

--Benjamin Franklin

**St Francis Xavier & Our Lady of Lourdes**

*December 24, 2017 Collection*

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*December 31, 2017 collection*

*Will be in our next bulletin*