

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.

January 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office: 1725 Spruce St.

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

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Emergency Phone: 564-2806

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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: Bradford Funkhouser

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.

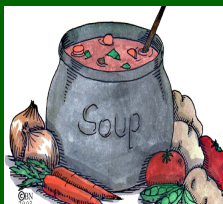
Sacrament for the Sick/Homebound:

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

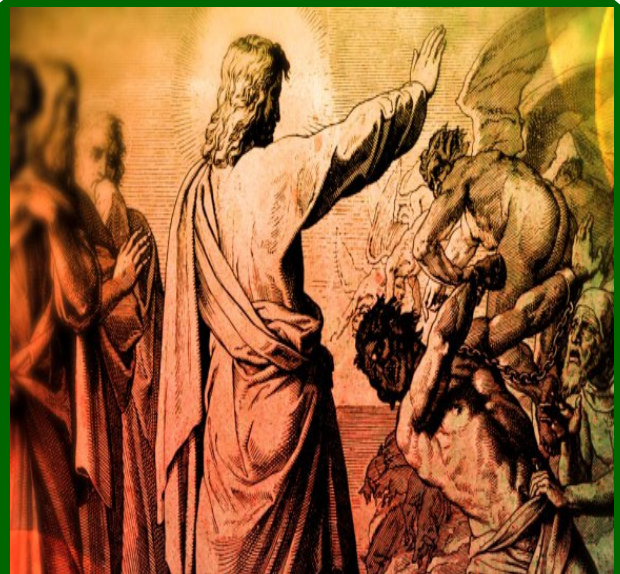
**Lucy's Soup and Chile
Fundraiser**



\$6.00 for all you can eat!

**February 11, 2018
From 11am-2pm**

**Donations are needed!
Contact: Judy Carder
719-406-5215**



Mass Intentions

Saturday ~ January 27th
5:00pm † **Monica Valdez** By Family
 † **Alice Carpenter** By Family
Sunday ~ January 28th
8:00am For the Parish Communities of St Francis Xavier and
 Our Lady of Lourdes Beulah
Sunday ~ January 28th
 † **Kimberly Mondragon**
10:30am Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ January 28th
8:30am Health & healing of Priscilla Smith

Monday~1/29 No Scheduled Intention
 Tuesday~1/30 No Scheduled Intention
 Wednesday~1/31 No Scheduled Intention
 Thursday~2/1 No Scheduled Intention
 Friday~2/2 No Scheduled Intention
 Saturday~2/3 No Scheduled Intention

Saturday ~ February 3rd
5:00pm No Scheduled Intention
Sunday ~ February 4th
8:00am No Scheduled Intention
Sunday ~ February 4th
10:30am No Scheduled Intention
Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ February 4th
8:30am Health & healing of Priscilla Smith



Palms from last year are now being collected in preparation for our Ash Wednesday celebration. You can bring them to the parish office or leave them in the designated areas in the Church.



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.

Offertory Envelopes

Do you receive offertory envelopes through the mail and don't use them? Would you like to receive offertory envelopes in the mail? Please contact the office @ 719-564-1125 be added or taken off the mailing list.

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.

Weekly Calendar

Mon	1/29	1:00pm	Living Waters
Tues	1/30	6:00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	1/31	6:00pm	Divine Mercy
Thurs	2/2	6:00pm	RCIA
		6:00pm	R.E. Meeting
Fri	2/3	10:00am	Legion of Mary
Sat	2/4	4:15pm	Confessions
		5:00pm	Mass
Sun	2/5	8:00am	Mass
		8-8:30am	OLoL Beulah Confessions
		8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass
		10:30am	Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
 Wednesday: St. John Bosco
 Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary



Tired of dull weekends? Try the **Super Weekend!** A Worldwide Marriage Weekend is a positive, simple, common sense experience for a husband and wife who want to put the "SPARK" back into marriage. As the old saying goes, "Try it, you'll like it"! For more information contact Glen and Toni Gallegos 719-591-9045 or socowwmerg@gmail.com. Or to sign up online, visit our website at wwme.org. Hurry, as space is limited.



February 3—Adult Sacrament Class # 4 pam
 February 4—Youth Confirmation with Pastor 12:00Noon
 February 10-11—Pueblo Diocesan Youth Festival
 February 11—Lucy's Soup & Chile Fundraiser 11am-2pm

Reflections of Fr. Prabhu

...He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

The people in today's Gospel passage are astonished at Jesus' teaching, "for He taught them as one having authority". Towards the passage's end, all are amazed at this "new teaching with authority". This "authority" is worth our reflection. In ordinary use, the word "authority" has a meaning much weaker than the way it's used in today's passage. A police officer has authority to make an arrest within his jurisdiction. A judge has the authority to pass sentence in her courtroom. A colonel has authority to issue commands within the range of his commission. But in each case, this authority has been handed down from a higher authority: the chief of police, the governor, or the colonel's commanding officers. Yet those higher authorities themselves report to others, within chains of commands that reach upwards. By contrast, the amazement in the Gospel passage is that Jesus is leap-frogging over all human forms and chains of authority. This is testified to by the novelty of his teaching. His teaching doesn't seem to have been "handed down" from anyone. It just appears seemingly out of nowhere. Perhaps part of the amazement at Jesus' teaching is the contrast between Him and Judaism's long tradition of prophets. In today's First Reading, we hear the first Jewish prophet, Moses, prophesy about the fulfillment of a strange request from the Jewish people: "Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die." Apparently, God's self-revelation was too much for them to accept. Perhaps they thought that that same revelation when handed down to them by prophets would be more palatable, or at least watered-down. In any case, Moses explains that God will indeed fulfill their request. Yet one ought to be careful about what one requests from God. Jesus Christ is more than only a prophet, of course, but He does fulfill the role of prophecy that began with Moses. It was Him of whom Moses prophesied in today's First Reading. Why, then, are the Jewish people so surprised at Jesus' teaching? Wasn't Jesus' teaching in line with that of Moses? Wouldn't those listening to Jesus have heard Him echoing the prophecy laid down by Moses in the first five books of Scripture? We might consider two reasons for the confusion caused by Jesus' teaching. First, so many centuries after Moses prophesied, his teaching was clouded by the legislation taught by the scribes. The Jews could no longer see the Law for the laws. St. Mark the Evangelist points specifically to this contrast: Jesus "taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." So if the revelation originally given Moses had become obscured, it's not surprising that one who fulfills Moses' prophecy would also seem obscure. The scribes, for one, weren't wanting what Jesus had to offer. Second, even those such as the Pharisee Nicodemus, who perceived in Jesus someone well worth listening to, had difficulty grasping the fullness of Jesus' words. Even for those persons who had a clear belief in Moses' prophecy, something seemed out of order in Jesus' teaching. With the hindsight of 2000 years of the Church's history, we can see what even faithful Jews like Nicodemus could not: namely, the order of Jesus and Moses. It wasn't that Jesus echoed Moses, but that Moses had echoed Jesus. Before Moses was, Jesus is. Jesus' authority comes from the simple fact that He is Who is: He is the eternal God who authored all of creation in the beginning. Jesus does not come to us, though, in thundering voice or in great fire on Mt. Sinai, but in the silence of Mt. Calvary and the fire of the Upper Room on Pentecost- Amen.

LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time.
--Anonymous

Ministers— February 3rd & 4th

Mass	Commentator	Lectors	Eucharist Minister
Saturday 2/3/18 5:00pm	Jamie Vigil	Monica Lucero Eric Martinez	Eric Martinez Deacon Paul Arlene Vigil Jamie Vigil Mari Boyd
Servers: MariAna & Michaela Santistevan			
Sunday 2/4/18	Kathy Figueroa	Linda DelaTorre Maribela Lopez	Kathy Figueroa Arlene Raigoza Margie Gallegos Jeremy Gallegos Linda DelaTorre
Servers: Jamie Lopez, Gabriel Allen			
Sunday 2/4/18 10:30am	Youth Commentator	Youth Reader Youth Reader	Margaret Siegrist Deacon Paul MariBeth Romero Carla Osorio Paul Montez
Servers: Natalie & Lorenzo Alfonso, Makayla Garcia, John Delacruz			

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 96 Amount Paid:\$22,008.01

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 next class will be January 27th 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.



Mardi Gras Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction

Tickets on sale now!
For the Sacred Heart Cathedral at the Union Depot.
February 9, 2018
5:30pm—11pm
For more information contact Janelle at 719-544-5175

St Francis Xavier

January 21, 2018 Collection

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,943.00
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 179.44
DMF Collection	\$ 475.35

Our Lady of Lourdes

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,495.00
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 46.00