

*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.

*March 11, 2018*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**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

**Deacon:** Paul Villegas

**Bookkeeper:** Mari Boyd

**Secretary/Bulletin Editor:** Jessica Dominguez

**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.

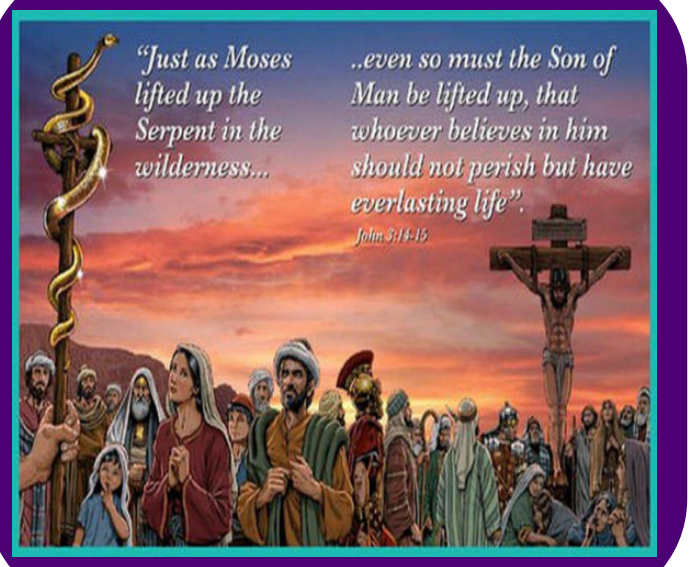
**Sacrament for the Sick/Homebound:**

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

Join us Sunday March 11, 2018 for Burrito Sunday hosted by the Altar Society. Enjoy a burrito for only \$1 next Sunday and stay and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners. Green Chile and menudo are also available.



**Mass Intentions**

**Weekly Calendar**

**Saturday ~ March 10th**  
 5:00pm † **Dr. Lucia Rivera** By Family  
**Sunday ~ March 11th**  
 8:00am † **Ann Andrade** By Patty DeLaCruz  
**Sunday ~ March 11th**  
 10:30am † **Bertha Yengich** By Mary Kay Oreskovich  
**Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ March 11th**  
 8:30am **Health & healing of Priscilla Smith**

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**Monday~3/12** No Scheduled Intention  
**Tuesday~3/13** Theresa Romero By Husband Lee Romero  
**Wednesday~3/14** Jolene Aragon & Ambrose Rodriguez By Family  
**Thursday~3/15** No Scheduled Intention  
**Friday~3/16** No Scheduled Intention  
**Saturday~3/17** No Scheduled Intention

Mon	3/12	1:00pm	Living Waters
		5:30pm	Baptism Preparatory
Tues	3/13	11:00am	Legion of Mary
Wed	3/14	11:30am	Altar Society
		5:30pm	Youth Group
		6:00pm	Divine Mercy
Thurs	3/15	Open Date	
Fri	3/16	5-5:30pm	Confessions
		5:45pm	Stations of The Cross
		6:00pm	OLoL Stations of The Cross
Sat	3/17	4:15pm	Confessions
		5:00pm	Mass
Sun	3/18	8:00am	Mass
		8-8:30am	OLoL Beulah Confessions
		8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass
		10:30am	Mass

**Saturday ~ March 17th**  
 5:00pm † **Dr. Lucia Rivera** By Carmen Peralta  
**Sunday ~ March 18th**  
 8:00am † **John A. & Irene A. Vigil** By Children & Grandchildren  
 † **Paul, Eric, Phillip Figueroa & Joseph Misiaszek** By Robert and Kathy Figueroa  
**Sunday ~ March 18th**  
 10:30am † **Frances Romero** By Richard & Rose Martinez  
**Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday ~ March 18th**  
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**Want a great Justice Retreat? Try FOOD FAST**

**2018: High school students, young adults, and adults, April 6-7** at the Search Retreat Center, St. Leander's Parish, 1402 E. 7<sup>th</sup>, Pueblo, CO. Come fast in solidarity with those who do not have adequate food. Learn more about our Catholic response to world hunger, care for creation, dignity of life, homelessness, immigration issues, social justice issues. Take part in service projects! Break the fast with a light soup supper. For further information and applications call 542.6513, or email sandyrosehansen@gmail.com.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday  
 Friday: Abstinence  
 Saturday: Saint Patrick

**Youth Group Meetings**

Come join the fun every Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30pm with other youth of the community playing fun games, and enjoying fellowship. For more information contact RaeAnn DeLaCruz 719-671-0292 or Larry Alfonso 719-406-8089

**Youth Group needs your help!**

We are in need of yard cleaning and work supplies. We are accepting donations of trash bags, gently used rakes, shovels and equipment that will aid us in cleaning yards of those in the community that cannot do so.

**Spring Tea Luncheon**

The Altar Society of St. Francis Xavier Church requests your presence. April 22, 2018 @ 1:00pm 1725 Spruce St. Mediterranean Room Anyone interested in membership is encouraged to attend and bring a friend. R.S.V.P by April 19th # 719-320-3452 or 719-561-9052 and please leave a message.



**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.



March 13—1st Holy Communion Class 6:00pm  
 March 17—Adult Sacramental Class # 7 9:00am  
 March 19—Lenten Penance Service 6:30pm

The FESTIVAL CORE COMMITTEE will be meeting on Tuesday, Mar 13 @ 6 pm.

*Reflections of Fr. Prabhu*

Fourth week of Lent The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter. Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus. In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection. The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation. In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit\_ Amen

**NOT ENOUGH**

It is not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor does not love God.  
--St. Vincent de Paul

*Ministers– March 17th & 18th*

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharist Minister</u>
<b>Saturday</b> 3/17/18 <b>5:00pm</b>	Pat Muniz	Gabby Greer Conrad Valdez	<b>Pat Muniz</b> Mari Boyd Arlene Vigil Gabby Greer Deneane Sisneros
<b>Servers:</b> <b>Sunday</b> 3/18/18	Debbie Monnet	Kristi Martinez Arlene Raigoza	<b>Debbie Monnet</b> Karl Aguilera Rodney Westhoff Jeremy Gallegos Margie Gallegos
<b>Servers:</b> <b>Sunday</b> 3/18/18 <b>10:30am</b>	Margaret Siegrist	Marva Armijo RaeAnn DeLaCruz	<b>Margaret Siegrist</b> Deacon Paul Carla Osorio Paul Montez Antoinette Garcia

**Lenten Schedule**

St Francis Xavier **Daily Masses** Monday-Saturday 8:00 am in the Queen of Peace Chapel on Spruce.  
**Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 5:45pm followed by Lenten Fellowship in the Parish Hall  
**Confessions:** Every Friday before Stations of The Cross and Saturdays at 4:15pm or by appointment

**Lenten Penance Service 2018**

- St. Leander March 13, 2018 @ 6:00pm
- Shrine of St. Therese March 15, 2018 @ 6:00pm
- St. Mary Help of Christians March 17, 2018 @ 8:45am
- St. Francis Xavier March 19, 2018 @ 6:30pm
- Our Lady of The Meadows March 27, 2018 @ 7:00pm

**Lenten Dinner Schedule for Friday evenings**

Fellowship/dinner is for all parishioners at no charge (except March 23-K of C fish fry dinner \$7)  
Parishioners may bring a dish if they choose to do so  
Each group is asked to: bring a meatless dish, bread, or soup \*Help set-up & clean-up  
On the scheduled date listed below  
5:00 p.m. set-up      6:15 dinner served  
March 16 Altar Society & Divine Mercy Prayer Group  
March 23 Knights of Columbus #557 Fish Fry-\$7/person  
March 30 Good Friday Service at Noon-no meal served

**St Francis Xavier**

*March 4, 2018*

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,404.00
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 276.80
Building Fund	\$ 273.90

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

*February 25, 2018*

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 345.00
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 57.00

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

*March 4, 2018*

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,655.00
Loose coin & Currency	\$ 57.00