



*“The Mission of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church: 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.”*

Saint Francis Xavier Church 611 Logan Ave Pueblo, CO 81004  
 &  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Mission 8800 Maryknoll Blvd Beulah, CO 81023  
**December 9, 2018**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. — *Baruch 5:7*

**Parish Office: 1725 Spruce St.**  
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Mediterranean Room/Hall Rental rate:  
 \$50/hr for an active, contributing parishioner  
 \$100/hr for non-parishioner  
 There is a \$250 refundable cash damage deposit.

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
 Sunday ~ 8:00 am mass  
 Adoration & Rosary: Sunday ~ 7:25 am  
 Confession: 7:30 am

**St. Francis Xavier**  
 Tuesday - Friday ~ 8:00 am daily mass in The Chapel  
 Tuesday - Friday ~ 8:30-9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration  
 Saturday~4:00-4:45pm Confession, or by appointment

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm vigil mass  
 Sunday ~ 10:00 am mass

**St. Francis Xavier Religious Formation**  
 Preschool - 12th grade + Confirmation Classes  
 Sunday 8:30 am

*A big thanks to all that contributed to the success of the pasta dinner!*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday~ December 8- St. Francis Xavier**

**5:00pm** † JOHN A. & IRENE A. VIGIL by children, grandchildren & greatgrandchildren  
 † HAPPY BIRTHDAY, IN MEMORY OF EDDIE VIGIL by Family

**Sunday ~ December 9- Our Lady of Lourdes**

**8:00am** † FRAN GRADISAR by Robert & Deanna Higgins and Family

**Sunday ~ December 9- St. Francis Xavier**

**10:00am** † PETRA McCULLEY by The McCulley Family  
 † ELI & SOPHIA MASCARENAS by Family

Tuesday, Dec 11: no daily mass intention  
 Wednesday, Dec 12: Feast of Virgin of Guadalupe  
 6 pm † Magdalena Martinez by Richard & Rose Martinez  
 Thursday, Dec 13: no daily mass intention  
 Friday, Dec 14: no daily mass intention`

**Saturday~ December 15- St. Francis Xavier**

**5:00pm** There is no mass intention.

**Sunday ~ December 16- Our Lady of Lourdes**

**8:00am** † FRAN GRADISAR by The Joe & Jonelle Murgel Family  
**FOR THE HEALTH & HEALING OF MIKE MUTZ** by Mike & Marilyn West  
 † JOHN & LUCY ADAMS by Regina Fortune

**Sunday ~ December 16—St. Francis Xavier**

**10:00am PAUL, ERIC, & PHILLIP FIGUEROA** by Kathy & Robert Figueroa  
**JOSEPH MISIASZAK** by Kathy & Robert Figueroa  
 † REFUGIO (CUCA) PEREZ by the grandchildren  
 † PETRA McCULLEY by The McCulley Family

**RICHES**

Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution. —St. Ambrose

Those who have not completed their DMF pledge, please make a payment before December 20 in order to receive a 2018 tax exemption.

Those who have not made a DMF pledge, please make a DMF donation before December 20.

**Weekly Calendar**

Mon	12-10	1:00pm	Living Waters
		6:00pm	Fund Raiser Committee Mtg
Tues	12-11	11:00am	Legion of Mary
Wed	12-12	FEAST of the VIRGIN of GUADALUPE	
		6:00pm	bilingual mass followed by reception
Thurs	12-13	nothing scheduled	
Fri	12-14	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Advent Reconciliation Service</b>
Sat	12-15	4:15pm	SFX Confession
		5:00pm	SFX Vigil mass
Sun	12-16	7:25am	OLOL Rosary & Adoration
		7:30am	OLOL Confession
		8:00am	OLOL Mass
		8:30am	SFX Religious Education classes
		10:00am	SFX Mass

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: 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  
 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: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: International Human Rights Day  
 Tuesday: St. Damasus I  
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Thursday: St. Lucy  
 Friday: St. John of the Cross  
 Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Francis Xavier Ministry Schedule  
 December 15 & 16**

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharist Ministers</u>
<b>Saturday 12/15/18</b>	Paul Valdez	Monica Lucero Conrad Valdez	Paul Valdez Monica Lucero
<b>5:00 p.m. mass</b>			Maria Nunines Pat Muniz
<b>Servers:</b>	<b>Timothy &amp; Chloe Sisneros</b>		<b>Tony Baca/Lead</b>
<b>Sunday 12/16/18</b>	Margaret Siegrist	Madelynn Siegrist Rose Martinez	Deacon Paul Marcy Mravich
<b>10:00 a.m. mass</b>			Juan Casaus Carla Osorio
<b>Servers:</b>	<b>Payton Briseno, Gabriel Allen Gabrielle &amp; Olivia Traverso</b>		<b>Tony Baca/Lead</b>

Our Parish

**St. Francis Xavier celebrates Christmas Around the World**

Mark your calendar for the annual Christmas Around the World Fellowship and Potluck, Sunday, December 23, after the 10:00 mass.

Christmas Carol meeting, Sunday, December 9 @ 11:00 a.m in the Parish Hall

Stop by the Parish Hall after 10:00 mass, this Sunday, to support a **fresh egg fundraiser** for DMF. You just can't beat a dozen (or more) fresh eggs...unless you want them scrambled!



This Wednesday, December 12, is the Feast Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe. St. Francis Xavier will celebrate a bilingual mass @ 6p, followed by a reception in The Parish Hall.

There will be a Committee for Fundraising meeting on Monday, December 10 @ 6p. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring your ideas!



News within The Diocese of Pueblo

Additional Advent Reconciliation Services

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| <b>Cathedral of the Sacred Heart</b><br>Wed., Dec 12 @ 12:30pm   | <b>Our Lady of Assumption (Westcliff)</b><br>Wed., Dec 12 @ 5:30pm |
| <b>St. Mary of Sorrows (Walsenburg)</b><br>Wed., Dec 12 @ 6:00pm | <b>St. Benedict (Florence)</b><br>Thursday, Dec 13 @ 6:00pm        |
| <b>Shrine of St. Therese</b><br>Thursday, Dec 13 @ 6:00pm        | <b>St. Francis Xavier</b><br>Friday, Dec 14 @ 6:00pm               |
| <b>St. Mary Help of Christians</b><br>Saturday, Dec 15 @ 8:45am  | <b>St. Michael (Canon City)</b><br>Thursday, Dec 20 @ 6:00pm       |
| <b>Our Lady of the Meadows</b><br>Friday, Dec 21 @ 7:00pm        |  |

**Christmas Prayer Guide Day 1 Less of me, more of others.** This Christmas Season work on a selfless attitude. Human nature spends a lot of time focused on self, which makes us miss the people God has put in front of us. With that, we could miss seeing God, himself, when we are too caught up in the hustle & bustle. \*Place reminder cards where you will see the names of people to pray for throughout the month.\*Read: John 1:9-13; Matthew 5:14-16; Mark 12:30-31; Ephesians 4:2; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 3:16-18 **Day2 Be ready** 1 Peter 3:15 tells us to have an answer ready when someone asks why we hope in Christ. Study, pray, and if God leads, fast for opportunities God has prepared for you to share Him. \*Pray and reflect on your own testimony. Thank God for it, and pray for opportunities to share your testimony this Christmas season.\* Read: 1 Peter 3:15; Proverbs 22:17-18; Matthew 24:44; 1 Timothy 6:18-19; Titus 3:1-2 **Day 3 Care** People don't care how much (or what) you know until they know how much you care. Ask The Lord to show you ways to be His hands and feet, to reflect His caring heart to those who always need Him—all year long. When we care about others in practical, tangible ways it reflects the Lord's heart for them. \*Pray, again, for the people you wrote down on Day 1. Ask God to reveal specific ways you can live out Christ's caring concern for these people, from this Christmas Season and into 2019. Thank God for His care towards you.\*Read: Genesis 2:15; Psalm 95:7; Proverbs 12:10; Proverbs 29:7; Matthew 10:29-31; Psalm 103:13-14; Isaiah 30:18; Matthew 9:36; Colossians 3:12-13.

**Diocesan Ministry Fund as of Dec.4**

**Thank you for your generous commitment to the DMF campaign.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes has currently paid \$5,969; the goal is \$6352. Twenty-two families have pledged; twenty families have fully paid their pledge. (No change since the last report.)**

**St. Francis Xavier has currently paid 24,120; the goal is \$31,290. Sixty-three families have pledged; fifty-two families are fully paid. \$7,170 is needed to pay this year's DMF.**

**Prayer Chain** Give and receive benefits from the power of prayer. Enter all prayer intentions in The Prayer Chain Request Book located at the front doors of the Church, or call 719-561-9052 or 719-994-2131. Your prayers are heard.

Our Giving to God  
St Francis Xavier  
December 2, 2018

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,810.75
Currency & Checks	\$ 782.22
Retired Religious Fund	\$ —
Building Fund	\$ 302.50
DMF Fundraiser (pasta dinner)	\$ 1,100.00

Our Lady of Lourdes  
December 2, 2018

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 500.00
Currency & Checks	\$ 47.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 56.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00

\$14,000 is needed, each month, to cover SFX expenses. \$ 2,895.47 has been collected in the December offertory. December expenses will only be covered if \$ 11,104.53 is raised by month-end.