



“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 16, 2018
The Third Sunday of Advent

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. — *Zephaniah 3:15b*

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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 sincere thank you to the following Pasta Dinner Sponsors: * Safeway @ Praire & Northern * Southwest Motors *
 * Mr/Mrs.Aragon * Dottie Cullen * The Festival Committee * Cindy Latka * The McCulley Family * Mr/Mrs Montoya *
 * John Salas * Mr/Mrs. Valdez * The Wolf Family * all helpful saints and anyone that was inadvertently omitted *

Mass Intentions

Saturday~ December 15- St. Francis Xavier
5:00pm † **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF MARY** by the present members of The Legion of Mary

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

There are no daily mass intentions: December 18-21

Saturday~ December 22- St. Francis Xavier
5:00pm † **JOHN A. & IRENE A. VIGIL** by children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren
 † **JENNIFER DELACRUZ SCHILL** by Patty DelaCruz

Sunday ~ December 23- Our Lady of Lourdes
8:00am † **TOM LUCZAK** by Marilyn West
 † **MARIA MENDICELLO** by Regina Fortune

Sunday ~ December 23—St. Francis Xavier
10:00am **BEN & MIKE LUCERO** by Family

WITNESSES

Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.
 —Anonymous

IMPRESSIONABLE

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.
 —Ancient Chinese proverb

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	12-17	1:00pm	Living Waters
		6:00pm	Fr. John Powers B-Ball Banquet
Tues	12-18	11:00am	Legion of Mary
Wed	12-19		No Divine Mercy Mtg
Thurs	12-20		nothing scheduled
Fri	12-21		nothing scheduled
Sat	12-22	4:15pm	SFX Confession
		5:00pm	bilingual SFX Vigil mass
Sun	12-23	7:25am	LOLO Rosary & Adoration
		7:30am	LOLO Confession
		8:00am	LOLO Mass
			Christmas Break: no SFX Religious Education classes
		10:00am	SFX Mass
		11:00am	Christmas Around the World Potluck, Raffle, and children's Christmas Play

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent; Las Posadas begins
Monday:	_____
Tuesday:	International Migrants Day
Wednesday:	_____
Thursday:	_____
Friday:	St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Saturday:	_____

St. Francis Xavier Ministry Schedule December 22 & 23

Mass	Commentator	Lectors	Eucharist Ministers
Saturday 12/22/18	Pat Muniz	Carmen Peralta(Spanish)	Deacon Paul
5:00 p.m. bilingual mass		Rita Franklin	Liz Villegas
			Jamie Vigil
			Pat Muniz
Servers:	Terra Salazar		Tony Baca/Lead
Sunday 12/23/18	Margaret Siegrist	Marva Armijo	Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m. mass		Juanita McCulley-Santos	Paul Montez
			Antoinette Garcia
		Juanita McCulley-Santos	
Servers:	Kimberly Siegrist, Natalie Alfonso		Tony Baca/Lead
	Seferina Coultrip, Toby Coultrip		

Our Parish

St. Francis Xavier celebrates Christmas Around the World Fellowship, Potluck, and Raffle Sunday, December 23 after the 10:00 mass

Christmas Eve OLOL: 5:00 pm mass
 SFX: 7:30 pm Christmas Play; 8:00 pm mass
Christmas Day SFX: 9:00 am mass

Christmas Prayer Guide Day 4 Obey A life of obedience to Christ is the best witness! Christians often use the name "Christ follower" without incorporating that statement into the depths of their daily lives. There is a powerful saying "Preach the Gospel at all times; use words only when necessary." Actions always speak louder than words! *Pray about how the Lord may be prompting your heart towards deeper obedience. As God to forgive your non-obedient ways of the past. Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 5:18-19; John 13:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:3-4 **Day 5 Consider** Consider your Christmas traditions and how they could reflect Christ even more than they do now. Elves, Santa, and sugar plum fairies aren't necessarily bad; they also aren't necessarily good, even if they're fun. By fostering Christ-honoring-traditions, you are passing on a heritage that is eternal to your family, and future generations. *Pray about the best way to honor The Lord in your celebrations; share Him with the children in your family. Read: Deuteronomy 11:19-21; Deuteronomy 4:9-10; Psalm 34:11-14; Psalm 78:5-7, Isaiah 38:19 **Day 6 Guard** Guard your heart from the worldliness of gifting and decorating that detracts from Christ as the Center. Guard against letting the stress & pressure of the season rob you of love, joy, peace and patience.

Our Giving to God
St Francis Xavier
December 9, 2018

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,522.00
Currency & Checks	\$ 354.40
Immaculate Conception	\$ 307.21
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 534.00

Our Lady of Lourdes
December 16, 2018

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 475.00
Currency & Checks	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 133.00

\$14,000 is needed, each month, to cover SFX expenses. \$ 5,079.08 has been collected in the December offertory. December expenses will only be covered if \$ 8,920.92 is raised by month-end.

News within The Diocese of Pueblo

Additional Advent Reconciliation Services

St. Michael (Canon City)
 Friday, Dec 21 @ 7:00pm

Our Lady of the Meadows
 Friday, Dec 21 @ 7:00pm

Christmas Prayer Guide Day 6 continued: In the middle of all of the hustle and bustle (+ selfishness and rude behavior that accompanies it) ask that the Holy Spirit's love, joy, peace & patience in your life be a testimony of Christ to those around you. *Pray for the Lord to reveal where you let stress and pressure distract you. Pray for forgiveness in any way you have revealed covetousness, greed, or jealousy. Pray with repentance for any idols you have created out of material or superficial things. Ask God to come boldly into your life and guard against all temptation to selfishness. Ask God to give you a *true Christmas spirit*-one full of joy, peace, and hope. **Day 7 Adopt** Pray about "adopting" a compassion child or sponsoring a child's Christmas gifts through a charitable organization; it is not too late. As a family you can pray about the child and make personal sacrifices together in order to minister to the little one. Doing so could create the best Christmas gift you could ever give or receive. *Pray for God to open your heart for the neediest and vulnerable among us. Pray to have eyes that see, and ears that hear the neediness around you. Pray for the courage to respond with love and compassion. Read: Micah 6:8; James 1:27; Isaiah 1: 16-17; Matthew 23:23 **Day 8 Serve** Look for ways to serve your family above and beyond what is "expected". Especially if you visit with those that do not know Jesus; pray that God shows you opportunities to serve them. *Pray for God to reveal how you can serve others cheerfully, wholeheartedly, and with compassion. Pray for eyes to see and ears to hear the needs around you. Pray for God to create opportunities so you can practice selflessness. Read: Matthew 20:28; Galatians 5:13-14, John 13:14-18. **Day 9 Listen** Read the Gospels and notice how Jesus listens to people. Listening can be a great act of service to others. As you listen, hear the heartfelt needs and respond with an open heart. Without listening, these opportunities are often missed. Make a pledge, today, to speak less and listen more. *Pray for God's gentle reminders to listen more each day. Pray that you can be slow to speak and slow to anger. Pray to be abounding in love, and ask that the only words you speak are loving. Read: James 1:19; Proverbs 18:13; Proverbs 18:2; James 1:26

Diocesan Ministry Fund as of Dec.10

Thank you for your generous commitment to the DMF campaign.

Our Lady of Lourdes has currently paid \$6,319; the goal is \$6352. Twenty-two families have pledged; twenty families have fully paid their pledge.

St. Francis Xavier has currently paid 26,845; the goal is \$31,290. Sixty-five families have pledged; fifty-seven families are fully paid. \$4,445 is needed to pay the 2018 DMF commitment in full.

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.