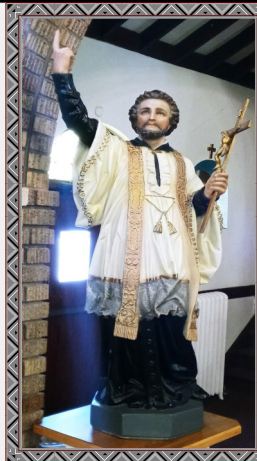


Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025



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OUR MISSION AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER 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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Schedules of Masses/Liturgy

Tuesday through Friday	4:30 p.m. Adoration Confession 5:00 p.m. Vespers 5:30 p.m. Mass
Saturday	4:00 p.m. Adoration Confession 4:30 p.m. Holy Rosary 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass
Sunday	10:00 a.m. Holy Rosary 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Tuesday - Friday	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (closed for lunch)

Religious Ed Office Hours

Tuesday and Friday	9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Call or text: 719-501-2771 If you leave a message or text, you will get a response during their office hours.	

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Peter John Abogado, SSS	Parish Administrator
Cathy Walkup	Secretary
Juan Casaus and Candy Madrill	Rel. Formation CRE
Parish Volunteers	Maintenance
Gypsy Clearo - Parish Volunteer	Music Director

In case of an Emergency, call: **Jim Vigil** 719-369-7658

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. (Fr. Stephen Olamolu)
FIRST FRIDAY MASS 8:30 a.m. followed by Adoration
(Fr. Peter J. Abogado, SSS)

CONFESSION

SUNDAY 7:30 am - 7:55 a.m.

ST. ALOYSIUS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSION

Before Sunday Mass 8:15 a.m.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 9:00 a.m.

Confessions will be heard during Adoration.



"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?"

Luke 16:11-12

**MASS INTENTIONS
for 09/20/25 through 9/26/25**

Saturday September 20th 5:00 p.m.

No Mass Intentions

Sunday September 21st 10:30 a.m.

- +Lucy Castro by Her Children
- +Minnie Martinez by the Martinez Family
- +Barbara Duran by Rose Martinez
- +Dolores Valdez by Rose Martinez

Monday September 22nd 5:00 p.m.

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday September 23rd 5:00 p.m.

No Mass Intentions

Wednesday September 24th 5:00 p.m.

No Mass Intentions

Thursday September 25th 5:00 p.m.

No Mass Intentions

Friday September 26th 5:00 p.m.

No Mass Intentions

"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15)



Catechetical Sunday
September 21, 2025

Prayer for Catechetical Sunday - September 21st

Prayer for Catechists

Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge,

You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations. In your goodness, bless our brothers and sisters who have offered themselves as catechists for your Church. Strengthen them with your gifts that they may teach by word and by example the truth that comes from you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Readings and Feast Days
for 9/21/2025 through 09/27/25**

21 SUN TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
green Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

22 Mon Weekday green Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

23 Tue Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest white Memorial
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

24 Wed Weekday green Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

25 Thu Weekday green Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

26 Fri Weekday green/red [Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs] Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

27 Sat Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest white Memorial Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

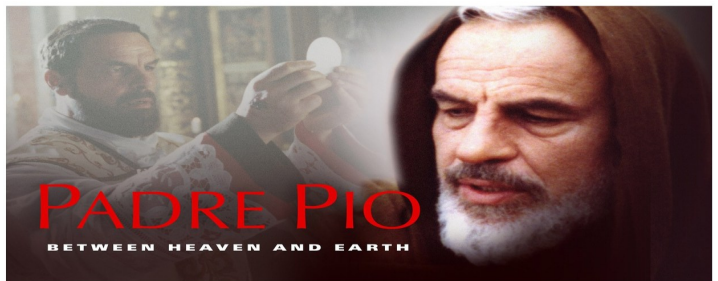
**St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest
Feast Day - September 23rd**

Quotes from St. Padre Pio

"Stop entertaining those vain fears. Remember it is not feeling which constitutes guilt but the consent to such feelings. Only the free will is capable of good or evil. But when the will sighs under the trial of the tempter and does not will what is presented to it, there is not only no fault but there is no virtue."

"Pray, hope and don't worry. Anxiety doesn't help at all. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer."

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Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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September 21st, 2025

St. Francis Xavier
September 14th, 2025
Our Giving to God

Offertory Collection \$ 1,760.00

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MINISTERS September 27th and 28th, 2025

<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
<u>SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m.</u> Pat Muniz	Eric Martinez Lawrence DeHerrera	Eric Martinez
<u>SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m.</u> Paul Montez	Karen Aguilera Juanita McCulley-Santos	Tony Baca

Announcements

- There will be a Lector Formation meeting on September 27th at 10am in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a lector is invited to attend. If you have questions, please see Father or call the office.
- Anyone is interested in becoming a captain to collect signatures for petitions in protecting our kids in Colorado in a ballot initiative through bishop? If so, please see bulletin insert for more information.
- The Catholic Extension Society is working with the Diocese to offer a Catholic Gift Annuity Program. If anyone would like more information, please contact Rich Falsetto.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FIEST DAY- SEPTEMBER 27TH

"Be careful to give no credit to yourself for anything; if you do, you are stealing from God, to whom alone every good thing is due."

"Fear not; calm will follow the storm, and perhaps soon."

WEEKLY OFFERING/DONATION

Make your weekly offering or a donation by scanning this QR Code.



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PARISH INFORMATION

Legion of Mary Meets every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the classroom

Divine Mercy Meets every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the classroom

Finance Committee Meets every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council Meets every 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Hall Rental Call Jamie Vigil 719-250-6630

Knights of Columbus #557 1200 Acero Ave 719-564-9620

Our Lady of Lourdes
September 14th, 2025
Our Giving to God

Offertory Collection \$ 430.00
AMD \$ 25.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This coming Saturday, we celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. Vincent was born in 1581 in France and was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity. Because of Vincent's example, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was established in 1833 by French university students. A beacon that shines today in the world, the Society flourishes in our country. St. Vincent is a reminder to us to extend our generosity to the poor and needy in our community, especially at the Los Pobres Center.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MINISTERS September 28, 2025

<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Kathy Serena	Wayne Huber Regina Fortune	Anna Concialdi Rich Concialdi
	<u>Altar Server</u> Ken Montoya	

Formation Class led by Fr. Peter

This class is for lectors, commentators, Eucharistic ministers & altar servers.

Date Change:

SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 10AM IN THE PARISH HALL

Please RSVP to Fr. Peter or Pat Muniz.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for classes has now begun for the 25 - 26 catechetical school year. Religious Ed. Office Hours are Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. (719-501-2771). The classes have begun, but it is not too late to register.

Catechists are needed for 3rd through 5th grade, OCIC, and Youth Confirmation. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Candy or Juan.

NO FOOD OR DRINKS IN THE CHURCH

Please respect the sanctity of Our Church and do not bring any food or drinks with you to the Mass. Thank you so much for your understanding.

How to Make the Sunday Liturgy More Welcoming for Newcomers

The Sunday liturgy is the heart of parish life, where God's people gather to hear His Word, celebrate the Eucharist, and be renewed in their mission. Yet for many newcomers—whether they are first-time visitors, those returning to the Church after years away, or seekers curious about Catholic faith—attending Mass can feel intimidating or unfamiliar. Creating a welcoming environment is not only a matter of hospitality but also an act of evangelization, reflecting the love of Christ and the openness of His Church.

Hospitality at the Door

First impressions matter. Before a word of Scripture is proclaimed or a note of music sung, newcomers encounter the people of the parish. Greeters and ushers play a vital role in extending warmth and kindness. A genuine smile, a word of welcome, or simple assistance in finding a seat can set the tone for the entire liturgical experience. Parishes can train hospitality ministers to be attentive not only to regular parishioners but especially to those who may appear unfamiliar with the church setting.

Providing easily accessible worship aids—such as hymnals, Mass guides, or simple leaflets with responses—also helps newcomers feel included. Clear signage to restrooms, cry rooms, or the parish office can make the environment less daunting.

The Power of Music and Participation

Music has a unique ability to open hearts. Choosing hymns that are singable, familiar, and joyful can help newcomers feel less like observers and more like participants. Parish choirs and music leaders can encourage active participation without overwhelming the assembly. When the community sings with enthusiasm, it communicates a sense of belonging that words alone cannot achieve.

Similarly, fostering active participation in the responses, prayers, and gestures of the Mass is essential. Priests and liturgical ministers can gently guide the assembly through the liturgy, explaining transitions when appropriate—especially during special seasons or solemnities. This catechetical approach helps both newcomers and longtime members deepen their understanding.

Preaching That Connects

The homily is a key moment to reach newcomers. A welcoming homily should not assume extensive theological knowledge but instead connect the readings to everyday life. Preachers who speak with clarity, warmth, and authenticity can bridge the gap for those who may feel distant from the Church. Sharing stories, offering practical applications, and highlighting God's mercy can create an atmosphere of invitation rather than obligation.

The Role of the Assembly

The welcoming spirit of a parish is not the responsibility of greeters and clergy alone; it belongs to the entire assembly. Parishioners who introduce themselves, share a hymnbook, or greet a neighbor with kindness during the Sign of Peace embody the hospitality of Christ. Small gestures go a long way in making someone feel noticed and valued.

After Mass, opportunities for fellowship—such as coffee and donuts, parish socials, or faith-sharing groups—provide newcomers with a chance to build relationships. When parishioners intentionally reach out and invite newcomers into these gatherings, they strengthen the bond between liturgy and community.

Accessibility and Inclusion

A truly welcoming Sunday liturgy also considers accessibility. Providing spaces for parents with small children, accommodations for those with disabilities, and translations or bilingual resources for those who speak other languages ensures that all feel included. The goal is not perfection but attentiveness, showing that the parish cares for the diverse needs of its people.

Therefore, making the Sunday liturgy more welcoming for newcomers is not about changing the essence of the Mass but about ensuring that everyone can encounter Christ within it. From warm hospitality and clear guidance to inclusive preaching and active participation, every detail communicates the love of God and the openness of His Church. When newcomers experience a community that is joyful, prayerful, and welcoming, they are more likely to return, to grow in faith, and eventually to become active members of the parish family. The Sunday liturgy, then, becomes not only the celebration of the Lord's Day but also a powerful moment of evangelization—an invitation to discover the beauty of Christ and His Church.

St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!