

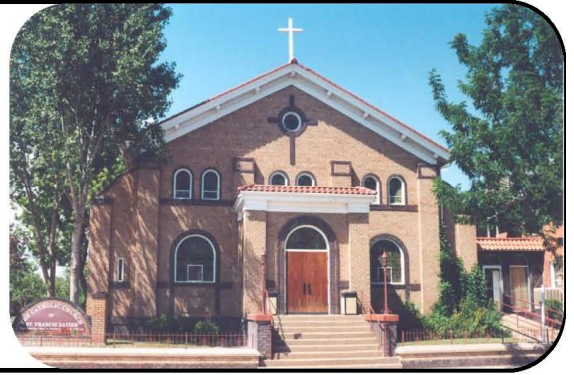
Saint Francis Xavier Church

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.



December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Office: 1725 Spruce

Hours: Monday thru Friday 9am-12noon to 1-5pm

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Staff

Administrator: Rev. Uju Patrick Okeahialam, CSSp

Deacon: Paul Villegas

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Music Director: Sonia Tucker

Religious Formation CRE: Elizabeth "Bebe" Mestas

Maintenance: Ray Montoya

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Communion Service 8:00 AM

Tuesday through Friday ~ 8:00 AM Masses - In Chapel

Fridays ~ Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 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 - 8th grade, 9th - 12th grade & Confirmation
Classes

Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance):

Saturdays from 4:00PM to 4:45 PM 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; (two) are held four times a year. All parents must attend; Godparents are strongly urged to attend. Call the Parish Office for particular dates.

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.

Altar Society: Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 11:30am

Knights of Columbus #557: 1200 Acero, 564-9620

Legion of Mary: Meets each Friday at 1:15pm in classrooms.

Hall Rental: Parishioners- \$50.00 per hour.

Non-Parishioners -\$75.00 per hour \$150.00 cash damage deposit

Religious Education

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Classes are every Sunday at 9am-10:15am.

Reminder: Sacraments are received **only** if satisfactory completion of instruction for **two** years.

12-14 John Powers Tournament at Roncalli 11am-??

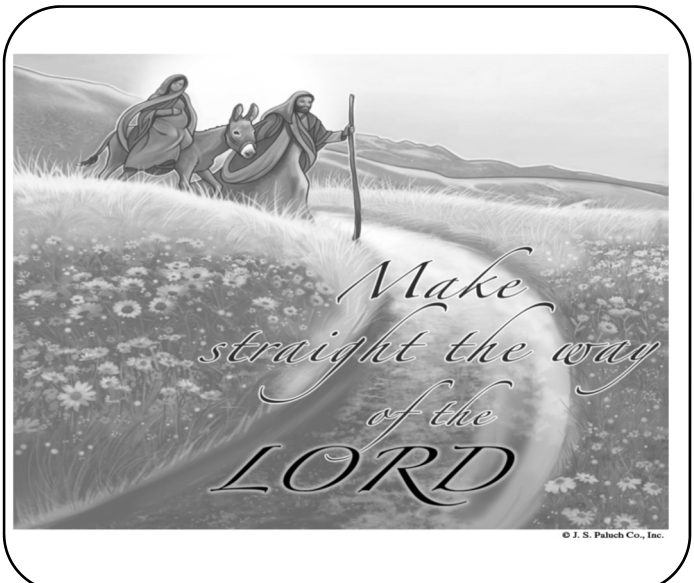
12-14 Last Day Religious Education Classes for 2014

12-20 Adult Confirmation Class 9-12noon

12-21 Youth Confirmation Rite Entrance 10:30am

Attention: Religious Education Parents:

Due to safety precautions and church policy, all children need to have a current registration form on file in the R. E. Office.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday ~ December 13th – 5:00pm

† Deceased members of Lucero Family By Lucero Family
 Gregorio & Gary John Lambert By Flora Lambert
 For Bollinger Family

Sunday ~ December 14th- 8:00am

† For the Parish Communities of St Francis
 Xavier And Our Lady of Lourdes
 Ruben Santistevan By Family
 Petra McCulley By Charles McCulley & Family



Esther Urioste By Charles McCulley & Family
 Helen & Ray Aguirre By Aguirre Family

Sunday ~ December 14th -10:30am

† In Thanksgiving to Santo Nino de Atocha & St Anthony
 By Ernie Gurule
 Rose Passanante By Altar Society
 Rose Ann Vannehurst By Isabella Quiles-Rosa

Sunday ~ December 14th - 8:30 am

Our Lady of Lourdes

† Anna Koncilija By Marjorie Chandler
 Elizabeth Reyes Krasovick By Priscilla Smith

Monday~ December 15th - 8:00am

† No Scheduled Intention

Tuesday ~ December 16th - 8 :00am

† Anna Marie Koncilija By Sally Stricca

Wednesday ~ December 17th – 8:00am

† Cecilia Piatek By Family
 Madeline Casaus By Joyce Turbyfill

Thursday ~ December 18th – 8:00am

† Neola Doyle By Sally Stricca

Friday ~ December 19th - 8:00am

† Charles Solano By Clara Solano

Saturday ~ December 20th – 5:00 pm

† Vicenta Bessie Garcia By Family
 Richard F. Trujillo By Trujillo Family
 Jennifer Delacruz-Schill By Family
 Decease Members of Leo Valdez Family By Family

Sunday ~ December 21st - 8:00am

† For the Parish Communities Of St Francis Xavier
 And Our Lady of Lourdes
 Petra McCulley By Charles McCulley & Family
 “Queen Esther” Urioste By Charles McCulley & Family
 Helen Butkovich By Joseph & Ron
 Helen & Ray Aguirre By Aguirre Family

Sunday ~ December 21st - 10:30am

† Avalos & Godinez Families By Family

Sunday ~ December 21st - 8:30 am

Our Lady of Lourdes

† Health & Healing of Delanee McKenna By Francis Davis

St Francis ~ Weekly Calendar

Mon	12-15	6:00pm	Living Waters
Tues	12-16	No Schedule	
Wed	12-17	6:00pm	Divine Mercy
Thurs	12-18	6:30pm	RCIA
Fri	12-19	12:00 Noon	Advent Penance Service
Fri	12-19	10:00am	Legion of Mary
Sat	12-20	4:00pm - 4:45pm	Confessions
		5:00pm	Mass
Sun	12-21	8:00am	Mass
		10:30am	Mass

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
 Tuesday: Las Posadas begins;
 Hanukkah begins at sunset

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Watching and Waiting

In His love Christ has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate His birth, so that when He comes at the end of time He may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

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BIBLE STUDY

Our Adult Bible Studies are on going. We invite any adults to join us as we continue our journey in studying our biblical history. We meet every Sunday at 9am and end at 10:15am, same as the children's class. Classes end Dec. 14, 2014

Advent Penance Services

December 17th at 12 Noon **St. Joseph (Pueblo)**
 December 17th at 6pm **St. Aloysius (Rye)**
 December 18th at 6:30pm **Shrine of St. Therese**
 December 19th at 12 Noon **St Francis Xavier**
 December 20th at 8:45am **St Mary Help of Christians**
 December 22nd at 7pm **Our Lady of the Meadows**

Adult Sacramental Completion

Classes for adults 17 years and above who have been Baptized in the Catholic Church but may not have received their First Eucharist and/ or Confirmation have just started in the Parish. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, December 20th from 9:00 to 12noon. The cost for the class is \$50.00. Take the chance and complete your Sacrament of Initiation.



Please keep in your prayers the families of Virginia Jimenez, Rafelita Duran and Veronica Trujillo who were buried this past week.

December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

Reflections of Fr Uju

In the Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 4, Jesus went as was His custom, to the Synagogue and they handed Him the scroll from Isaiah. Opening it He read out what we have today in our first reading. The details there became the mission mandate that consumed the life and time of Jesus. During this Advent the same mandate is brought for our reflection and admiration. However it is not that we sit and read but to see how we can put them into action. They are equally our mission mandate as followers of Jesus. The question is how many of us are doing so. Last week we reflected on the fact that we are called to do things to make ourselves worthy to merit the gift God gives us at the end of this season. If you are still oblivious of what to do, the prophet Isaiah gives you a lot to chew on. Are there no poor people in your neighborhood? Are there no persons you know that are imprisoned? Is there anyone you know who can benefit from the good news? There are plenty of them. So let's get to work. However, like John the Baptist, sometimes our ministry can bring us some accolades and followership. When this happens there is always the temptation to think that we are our own masters. Insinuating that the ministry of John the Baptist was it, the people rushed to Him. However John the Baptist set for us an example in ministerial humility. He said I am only a voice. Each of us is only a voice. We are not the word. The word is Jesus and what we say and do should bring people to Him. Likewise during this season, many people want to be politically correct in the things we say and where we say them. Anything we say about the season that does not point and lead to Jesus is an evidence that we want to be the word and no longer the voice. Are you involved in this Religious Crime? Are you one of those taking Jesus out of Christmas? If you are please change.

World Youth Day- Poland ~ 11 Days
Krakow ~ Lagiewniki ~ Wadowice
July 24th-August 3, 2016

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Cost: \$3,499 (Airfare and All-Inclusive)
Proximo Travel—Your Catholic Tour Company

Thanksgiving to God

We want to Thank all who participated in our Special Thanksgiving offering to God. A total of \$21,795.00 was received. We thank you for your generosity to YOUR Church. A total of 31 families participated.

Our Gift To God
December 7, 2014
St Francis Xavier

Offertory Envelopes \$ 2887.00
Loose Coin & Currency \$ 286.60
Children's Offering \$ 40.11

Our Lady of Lourdes

Offertory Envelopes \$ 490.00
Loose Coin & Currency \$ 68.00

Ministers- December 20th and December 21st

Table with 4 columns: Mass, Commentator, Lector, Eucharist Minister. Rows for Saturday 12-20-14 and Sunday 12-21-14.

Mediterranean Room Hall
Rental for All Occasions

Holiday Parties
Anniversaries ~ Birthdays ~ Baptisms
Quinceaneras ~ Graduations~ Retirements
Special Occasions

\$50.00 hour for members \$25.00 cleaning fee
\$75.00 hour for non-members
\$150.00 cash damage deposit

Holiday Raffle

This is to remind everyone to return your raffle tickets by this Friday, Dec. 19th as the drawing is on Saturday the 20th at 8pm during our "Christmas around the World" Celebration which will start after the 5pm Mass. We also need to know how many nationality food tables to set up for so sign the sheet in the back of Church or call the office and we will sign you up.

Basic Requirements For First Eucharist
And Reconciliation Class

(1) At least 80% attendance to Catechism Classes from January 2013. (2) A 100% (except for cogent excuse communicated to the R.E. Director prior to meeting) attendance to Sacrament Classes as will be set-up. (3) A 100% (except cogent excuse communicated to the Priest prior) attendance to the 10:30am Mass from March 3, 2015 to the day the Sacrament is received. At this the children are expected to sit together in the front pews where they are expected to be attentive and show a sense of active participation. The child must be able to know the things that happen at Mass and the Responses at Mass. (4) The child must be able to know how to pray the Rosary (Chaplet) and recite the mysteries and participate in leading the recitation of the Rosary before Mass in the month of May. (5) The child must be able to recite, in order, the 10 Commandments which is a basic tool in preparing for Confession. (6) The child must know how to go to Confession. (7) The child must know some basic prayers like Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, I Believe, Act of Contrition, Act of Faith, Act of Hope, Act of Charity, I Confess, Grace before and after Meals. (8) The child must show a manifest desire to receive the Sacrament as can be attested to by the Parents. Fee for the Sacrament is \$40.00 for books and materials. Starting on March 1st Father Uju will be taking the roll for the children who are preparing for their Sacraments.