

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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AUGUST 11, 2019

**Be like
servants
who
await
their
master's
return from
a wedding.**

LUKE 12:35

**Nineteenth
Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

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THE MASTER WHO SERVES

In Luke's Gospel today, Jesus places a strong emphasis on being alert, watchful, and vigilant. Similar passages recur throughout the Gospels, but here the call to vigilance is placed distinctly in the context of living in profound trust in God. It is not a vigilance based on fear, of "getting caught" doing something bad. This vigilance is based on confident hope that God will bring healing and justice. Exactly when and how God will intervene is not known to us. We need to be alert for God's activity and expect to be surprised and disrupted, but primarily we need to live faithfully.

How can we practice vigilance? Regular patterns of prayer and reflection, works of charity and justice, and everyday kindness help us to stay alert. We can practice listening to others, especially to those we perceive as different from us. We can let go of excessive distractions. We might loosen our busy schedules to provide space for spontaneous generosity. We can learn to live in the present moment, listening for God's voice within.

In his parable of the master and the servants, Jesus pulls a surprise on his listeners. When the master returns, he will "proceed to wait on them." Jesus disrupts expectations of what masters and servants are supposed to do. The hierarchy of master and servant was foundational to the social order. Yet Jesus, summing up his ministry later at the Last Supper, underlined this radical overturning in Luke 22:27: "I am among you as one who serves."

Jesus reveals the shocking humility of God, who humbly attends and tenderly cares for us human beings. Jesus' humility, in his life and death, clarified for his disciples what it meant to follow him. Imitating Jesus means placing others' needs first. Joining in God's work means being vulnerable to others. Authority is authentically exercised only within service. In these ways, Jesus invites his followers to participate in God's humility.

Today's Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22;
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

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MASSSES for the WEEK

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AUG 10 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Don Gordon† <i>(Gordon Family)</i>
AUG 11 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Dorothy Wayman† <i>(Margaret and Bob Shutler)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Bob and Bernadine Miller† <i>(Miller/Porter families)</i>
AUG 12 8:00 A.M.	MONDAY Living and deceased† members Gardill and Reynolds families <i>(Tex and Theresa Reynolds)</i>
AUG 13 8:00 A.M.	TUESDAY Shad Fromhart† <i>(Ed and Mary Jean Dugas)</i>
AUG 14 8:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY Don McCormick <i>(Roger and Cathy Frame)</i>
AUG 15 8:00 A.M.	THURSDAY Sue Brubach† <i>(Lois Storch)</i>
7:00 P.M.	Mike Dugas† <i>(Bob and Mary Marsh)</i>
AUG 16 8:00 A.M.	FRIDAY Don Leonard† <i>(Sandina Leonard)</i>
AUG 17 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Martha Lynne Rogers Anderson† <i>(The Board family)</i>
AUG 18 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Thunder Storch† <i>(Lois Storch)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Inez A. Rakoskie† <i>(Arch and Joanne Blair)</i>

*This week's daily Masses will be celebrated by
Fr. Harry Dunn at 8 a.m.*

*In the event of emergency, please contact
Fr. Arul Anthony: 304-281-4644*

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

8/15 7:00 p.m. Mark Hitt/Jane Klug
8/17 4:00 p.m. Paula Whitwam/Mark Klug
8/18 8:00 a.m. Rose Hess/John Hess
8/18 10:00 a.m. Larry Freeland/Mark Helfer

Altar Servers:

8/15 7:00 p.m. Please Volunteer
8/17 4:00 p.m. Frizzell
8/18 8:00 a.m. Laberde
8/18 10:00 a.m. Swift

Gift Bearers:

8/15 7:00 p.m. Please Volunteer
8/17 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
8/18 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt
8/18 10:00 a.m. Georgia Pettit

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of August 18, 2019

Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Greeters:

8/17 4:00 p.m. Gina & Mark Hedrick
8/18 8:00 a.m. Kitty Pazyk & Roger Frame
8/18 10:00 a.m. Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Bingo: August 16, 2019

Raffle: John & Sheree Leonard

Kitchen: Jenny Ingram



COLLECTION: July 27, 2019

Envelopes - \$ 2748.00
Loose Offering - \$841.00
Building Repairs - \$70.00
Memorial Offerings - \$45.00
Diocesan Offerings - \$40.00
Attendance - 254

*Please welcome Fr. Titus Thomas, missionary
priest from Tanzania, who is celebrating our
Masses this weekend.*

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Marjolea DeBold, Linda Anderson, Sharon McGee, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Carolyn Harris, Donna Colucci, Peggy Mysliwicz, Zelma Imhof, Joe Church, Bobby Kleinedler.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick, Rachel Kerekes.

Nursing Home: Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the Shutler family upon the death of

Mr. John Wayman.

May he rest in peace.

BISHOP'S INSTALLATION MASS SET

The installation Mass for the Most Rev. Mark Brennan will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling on Aug. 22 at 2 p.m.

While the Mass is open to the public, general seating at the Cathedral will be limited because of the great number of invited guests. Those who cannot be seated at the Cathedral are invited to watch the Mass at WesBanco Arena, where the diocese is hosting a public reception following the installation.

Each diocese parish will receive two tickets for the Mass, which will be honored at the Cathedral until seating there reaches capacity. Free parking will be provided in the garage next to the arena.

FALL RCIA CLASSES FORMING

A reminder that we are planning fall RCIA classes now. If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who has not yet been fully initiated in the faith, please encourage them to talk to father or office staff. RCIA classes are also ideal for those who want to learn about the faith.



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- Aug. 15** - Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug. 22** - Turn in raffle tickets to the office
- Aug. 25** - Parish Picnic
- Nov. 7** - Bus trip to Lancaster
- TBA** - Catholic Charities Volunteer Trip

PSR SESSIONS READYING

With the beginning of the new school year comes the beginning of Parish School of Religion classes, otherwise known as PSR. Teachers and parish organizers need to hear immediately from parents who wish to enroll their children so preparations to serve them can be finalized.

Classes will begin Sept. 8 and meet Sundays until early May in the former school from 9 - 9:45 a.m. Teachers are ready to greet your children! All they need now is to hear from you.

PSR classes are designed to assist families of public school children in grades 1 through 12 with their religious education. Students seeking to take the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are also served.

Please contact Linda Beck at 304-843-1166. ***You will find registration forms in the vestibule. Please return to the parish office by Aug. 25.***

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKING CAO

Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a full-time Chief Advancement officer. The position can be located in Wheeling, Charleston, or Martinsburg. The CAO is responsible for a team of professionals that advance the organization's philanthropic work through fundraising, marketing and communications, volunteerism and parish relations. Visit www.dwc.org for additional information and to apply.

WVU STUDENTS INVITED TO ST JOHN PARISH MOUNTAINEER NIGHT

Any new or returning students to WVU should be sure to come check out St. John University Parish in Morgantown. Every Thursday the parish holds Mountaineer Catholic nights, which begin with a Mass at 6 p.m. followed by Dinner for a Dollar, which is a home-cooked meal that is a break from the dining hall food, followed at 7:30 p.m. with a speaker or community night. Students can just stop by or stay the entire evening. For more information, visit our website mountaineer-catholic.com or our Facebook page "Mountaineer Catholic."

Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, contact local law enforcement, or contact WV Child Protective Services: 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese, contact this diocesan number: 888-434-6237.

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