

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

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**Strive to enter  
through the  
narrow gate,  
for many,  
I tell you,  
will attempt  
to enter  
but will not be  
strong enough.**

**LUKE 13:24**

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**AUGUST 25, 2019**

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**August 25, 2019 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Old Testament is the story of God and the people of Israel. Today we can also see that other peoples—"the nations"—are important participants in the story. It was a crowded Middle East, and other nations like Egypt, Canaan, and Babylon were often close observers of Israel's encounters with God. They witnessed God's judgment upon Israel and God's restoration of Israel (Ezekiel 36). God's reputation spread widely among them. God ruled them and blessed them (Psalm 47, Psalm 67).

In today's reading from Isaiah, the author presents a vision that all nations will one day be gathered to worship God. They will be accepted in God's house as full members, and blessed with God's salvation (Isaiah 56, Isaiah 19). God's intention all along was to form Israel so as to invite "the nations" to participate in the great plan. When God first called Abraham, God said "I will bless you . . . All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12). We, the Church today, share in this call.

## THE LAST AND FIRST

Jesus' phrase in Luke's Gospel today—"some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last"—also appears in similar form in Matthew (20:16) and Mark (10:31). All are concluding statements of a teaching of Jesus, but each appears in a different context. In Matthew, the phrase concludes the parable of the vineyard workers, upsetting listeners' expectations of work and reward. In Mark, wealth is presented as an obstacle to salvation, again reversing expectations.

In Luke, when asked whether only a few may be saved, Jesus shifts the focus to who is best able to receive God's invitation. Following his healing of a woman on the Sabbath (13:11–17), Jesus emphasizes compassion over a narrow interpretation of Jewish law. To his listeners' surprise, Jesus announces that those who practice compassion, rather than those in religious leadership, are the first to understand and accept God's salvation.

Today's Readings: Is 66:18–21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5–7, 11–13; Lk 13:22–30

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# MASSSES for the WEEK

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**AUG 24**            **SATURDAY**  
8:00 A.M.        **Don McCormick†**  
(Society of St. Vincent dePaul)

**AUG 25**            **SUNDAY**  
8:00 A.M.        **Joseph A. Patrello†**  
(Cathy and Roger Frame)  
12:00 P.M.       **Bob and Bernadine Miller**  
(Miller/Porter Family)

**AUG 26**            **MONDAY**  
8:00 A.M.        **Hilda and Andrew Butchko†**  
(A.J. Farley)

**AUG 27**            **TUESDAY**  
8:00 A.M.        **Geneva Lasure/Henry Richards**  
(A.J. Farley)

**AUG 28**            **WEDNESDAY**  
8:00 A.M.        **Tom and Louise Wise†**  
(Children)

**AUG 29**            **THURSDAY**  
8:00 A.M.        **Paul Baum†**  
(Family)

**AUG 30**            **FRIDAY**  
8:00 A.M.        **Don McCormick†**  
(Ed and Mary Jean Dugas)

**AUG 31**            **SATURDAY**  
4:00 P.M.        **Dorothy Wayman†**  
(Margaret and Bob Shutler)

**SEPT 1**            **SUNDAY**  
8:00 A.M.        **Rodney Kerekes†**  
(Cathy Page)  
10:00 A.M.       **Catrina Williamson†**  
(Patricia Campbell)

## ST JOHN PARISH HOSTS WVU STUDENTS

New or returning WVU students are invited to St. John University Parish in Morgantown. Thursdays are Mountaineer Catholic nights and start with a Mass at 6 p.m. Dinner for a Dollar follows. A speaker or community night comes next at 7:30 p.m. Students can stop by or stay for the evening. Visit our website [mountaineercatholic.com](http://mountaineercatholic.com) or our Facebook page "Mountaineer Catholic."

## 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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULES

### Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

8/31 4:00 p.m. Dave Evans/Mark Klug  
9/1 8:00 a.m. L. Whitelatch/S. Kent  
9/1 10:00 p.m. C. Kesselring/M. Helfer

### Altar Servers:

8/31 4:00 p.m. Frizzell  
9/1 8:00 a.m. Laberde  
8/1 10:00 a.m. Blatt

### Gift Bearers:

8/24 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth/Daunel Gump  
8/25 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt  
8/25 10:00 a.m. Georgia Pettit

### Sacristy Cleaners: Week of August 25, 2019

Linda and Butch Miller

### Greeters:

8/31 4:00 p.m. Cork Potts  
9/1 8:00 a.m. Lottie Durbin  
9/1 10:00 a.m. Sally Vargo

### Bingo: August 30, 2019

Raffle: Diana Barker

Kitchen: Sue Church



## COLLECTION: Aug. 10, 2019

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Attendance - 307

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8 a.m. Mass*

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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, Donna Colucci, Peggy Mysliwicz, Zelma Imhof, Bobby Kleinedler, Barbara Harris, Joe Church.

**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.



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**WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN?**



Our Parish School of Religion (formerly called CCD) will now begin Sunday, Sept. 22, and so far only one family has contacted the parish to sign up their child. We need to hear from families **ASAP** so that books can be ordered and teachers can be fully prepared.

PSR is ongoing religious education for our children who are not enrolled in a school with a daily religion class. The goal of PSR is to help parents continue to raise their children in our shared faith and plan for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We cannot keep our parish strong without the continuing faith and education of our beloved children. Remember that PSR meets every Sunday from 9 – 9:45 a.m. at the former school. Classes continue until early May.

Please contact Linda Beck at 304-843-1166 or return a registration form to the parish office.

**You will find registration forms in the vestibule.**



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- Aug. 27** - Conversion of Lost Souls Mass/Cathedral
- Sept. 1** - Registration Deadline formation seminar
- Sept. 22** - PSR Begins
- Mid October** - Bible Study Group
- Nov. 7** - Bus trip to Lancaster
- TBA** - Catholic Charities Volunteer Trip

**RIO GRANDE GROUP FORMING**

A group from our parish is finalizing travel plans to the southern border of Texas to support Catholic Charities of Rio Grande Valley in its efforts to furnish respite care to refugees. Now we need to pick the date, and we need to do it this week!

So far, we can get round-trip air fare for \$300 per person and double-occupancy lodging that includes breakfast for \$45 a night. Please reach out to friends from other parishes who would like to join us.

The center in McAllen is providing basic needs to an overwhelming 300-600 people daily.

Volunteers perform a variety of duties, such as cleaning, helping families, working in the kitchen or the warehouse, and playing, teaching, or coloring with the children.

If you are willing to join in this endeavor, call the parish office. If you feel you cannot afford to attend, please contact the parish office or Fr. That Son.



**CATHOLIC CAMPOREE UPCOMING**

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is facilitating its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Camporee.

This year's camporee is set for Camp Mountaineer in Morgantown. The cost to attend is \$20 per attendee prior to Sept. 15 and \$30 after.

Highlights of the Camporee include shooting sports, a 65-foot climbing tower, and a one-fourth mile zip line. There also will be a Mass Saturday evening, dinner on Saturday, campfires, and a dutch-oven competition. The event also is a great service opportunity.

Additional information and registration materials can be found at [scoutingevent.com/615-StGeorge19](http://scoutingevent.com/615-StGeorge19).

**FIRST FRIDAY MASSES ONGOING  
AT MT. CALVARY**

All are welcome to the monthly First Friday Masses, which are celebrated at the Bishop's Chapel located in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Wheeling. The next Mass is Sept. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Please invite family and friends to join us for the holy sacrifice of the Mass and to remember our beloved dead who are buried within the cemetery.

**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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