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Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or
upon request.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.



Nov. 19 4:00 p.m.	SATURDAY Semon Prado+ <i>Cynthia Lewis Reasbeck</i>
Nov. 20 8:00 a.m.	SUNDAY Mary Prado Gaudi <i>Prado Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Jim Regiec+ <i>Jerry & Lottie Durbin</i>
Nov. 21 8:00 a.m.	MONDAY Rocco & Helen Rich+ <i>Karen Eisenhower</i>
Nov. 22 8:00 a.m.	TUESDAY Giuse Mai Van Ho+ <i>Jordan Vo</i>
Nov. 23 8:00 a.m.	WEDNESDAY Kathy Swift + <i>Jane Klug</i>
Nov. 24 9:00 a.m.	THURSDAY Maria Dang Thi Hoi+ <i>Jordan Vo</i>
Nov. 25 8:00 a.m.	FRIDAY Mike Baron+ <i>Carla & Mike Gasser Family</i>
Nov. 26 4:00 p.m.	SATURDAY Semon Prado+ <i>Dean & Eugenia Hoops</i>
Nov. 27 8:00 a.m.	SUNDAY Steve Eisenhower+ <i>Karen Eisenhower</i>
10:00 a.m.	Urban & Alberta Klug+ <i>Jane Klug</i>



Eucharistic Adoration
will be every Wednesday
after daily Mass:
8:30 to 10 a.m.
Please join us!

*The Sanctuary Candle
Beside the Tabernacle
Burns this week for
Kathy Jo Swift*

Report Suspected child sexual abuse to law enforcement of Child Protective Services at 880-352-6513

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently sick: Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland, Joe Church, Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Jim Barker, Kathryn Helfer, Loretta Saporito, Chester Sobutka, Earl Richards, Lewis Bee, Mike Rice.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekas, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yanen.

Offering November 6

Envelopes	\$3371.00
Loose Offering	\$372.00
Xavier Hall	\$512.00
All Saints	\$200.00
All Souls	\$90.00
Online Giving	\$589.95
Memorial Gifts	\$1035.00
Attendance	259

Thank you for your generosity!

A reminder that our Thanksgiving Day collection benefits St. Vincent dePaul Society and their ongoing support for those in need.

2023 Lector workbooks
Are here.
Lectors please pick them up from the Sacristy entrance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

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

CALENDAR

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27

PARISH LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 NOON
Covered dish

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Xavier Hall. Monetary and toy donations ages 2 - 12 needed. Thank you to those who have already donated!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 3 P.M.

SCHEDULES

Nov. 26 & 27

4:00 p.m. Saturday

Lector: Alice Wise

Eucharistic: M. Taskalines

Servers: Please Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Lector: L. Whitelatch

Eucharistic C. Frame

Servers: Please Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Sunday

Lector: L. Freeland

Eucharistic: L. Yoho

Servers: Please Volunteer

Sacristy Cleaners

Linda & Butch Miller



PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A Communal Reconciliation Service will be on Sunday, December 11 at 3 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Father That Son, Father Doney, Father Cyprian and Father Michael will be hearing confessions.

Our Parish School of Religion First Communion Students will also be making their first confessions.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instruction beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



Thank you to our amazing spidermen who installed the Christmas Lights on the church: Mark Hedrick, Dillon Mangino and Kyle Pytlak.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF TOYS
for Breakfast with Santa.
Please deposit them in the bins located in the church vestibule. Shop for boys and girls ages 2 to 11 and spend no more than \$20 on each gift. Monetary donations are also appreciated.
Thank you for your generosity.



ADVENT COMMUNAL PENNANCE
will be offered Dec 11 at 3 p.m.
Fr. That Son, Fr. Doney,
Fr. Cyprian and Fr. Michael will be hearing confessions

OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS
are a highlight of the holiday season!
Please be sure to call the parish office to say your children and grandchildren will take part.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT AT SFX
will be closed Thanksgiving Day. It will reopen Thursday, Dec. 1.

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND
is a special way to remember loved ones during the holidays while helping decorate the altars for Christmas. If you would like to honor someone, consider a donation to the fund in their names. Loved ones's names will be published in the Christmas bulletin. **Donations deadline is Monday, December 19th**

WE ARE RENEWING OUR CALL
for lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and altar servers. Our Sunday celebration of Mass involves so many people; we are particularly grateful for those who assist. All ministries allow us to offer up our talents, however small, our time, and our love to our Lord and to our brothers and sisters at St. Francis Xavier. Please call the office to say you will serve.

SIGN UP FOR PARISH LUNCHEON
to be held Sunday, December 4th in Xavier Hall at noon. You will find a sign up sheet in the vestibule. Mary Taskalines and Libby are looking for help decorating the Hall on Saturday, December 3rd at 9 a.m. Please help!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Thanksgiving week.



Saturday December 10
11 to 2

NEW THIS YEAR
Living nativity !
including stable animals!
Beginning at 10 am.

