

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

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THE PRESENTATION OF

## THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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**Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel,  
and to be a sign that will be contradicted.**

**LUKE 2:34**

### THE LIST GOES ON

Today's readings reflect on something close to the heart of every human person: the fulfillment of our deepest desires. Without exception, each of us feels unfulfilled in some way. Despite advances in law, technology, and medicine, every person experiences the frustration of "not yet" or "not enough." Our hearts always want more.

God plants this desire in our hearts. God knows how we ache. What most of us fail to believe, deep down, is that God alone satisfies all our longing. We know, theoretically, that the Creator of the universe provides everything we need, but we could all use more quality time with God to consider the question, "What exactly do I need to be happy, Lord?" Perhaps we can spend more time in prayer and service, asking the Lord to show us what is truly important in life.

We often think, "Once I get *this*, or once *that* happens, *then* I will be happy." But the Gospel shows a better way. All four adults in today's Gospel long deeply for the Messiah and "the consolation of Israel" he will bring. Human temptation might obsess over the promise of future peace and prosperity, leaving only anxiety and resentment for present suffering. But Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna leave the saving of the world to God; for their part, they focus on Jesus. Each of them keeps busy with daily details of the various lifestyles they have chosen. Mary and Joseph concern themselves with raising a family, while Simeon and Anna dedicate their lives to prayer in the temple. They find peace enough in fulfilling the obligations of their stations in life, maintaining a lively prayer life to be attentive to God's action in the world. In today's Gospel, their focus is literally and spiritually on Jesus. They model for us how to be happy and holy: performing their daily duties peacefully, always ready to recognize Jesus as he reveals himself.

Today's Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]



**FEB. 1 SATURDAY**  
 4:00 P.M. **Theresa Baum†**  
*(Family)*

**FEB. 2 SUNDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **John & Dorothy Wayman†**  
*(Bob & Margaret Shutler)*  
 10:00 A.M. **Pat Kleinedler†**  
*(Stan & Kitty Pazyk)*

**FEB. 3 MONDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **John Pollock†**  
*(Joanne Ray)*

**FEB. 4 TUESDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Margaret Estep†**  
*(Maggie Yeater)*

**FEB. 5 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Howard Rosenbauer†**  
*(Patricia Lucia)*

**FEB. 6 THURSDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Frank & Jenny Novel†**  
*(Robert & Theresa (Novel) Baker)*

**FEB. 7 FRIDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Josephine Ferris†**  
*(Libby G. Magnone)*

**FEB. 8 SATURDAY**  
 4:00 P.M. **Pat Kleinedler†**  
*(Don & Agnes Gray)*

**FEB. 9 SUNDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Phillips Eddy†**  
*(Melanie Madden)*  
 10:00 A.M. **Jack Helfer†**  
*(Kathryn Helfer)*

Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the families of:

**John Edward Davis**  
*Father of Heather (Daniel) Blatt*  
 and  
**Dale C. Cunningham**  
*Father of Larry (Alma) Cunningham*  
 May they rest in peace.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULES

### Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

2/8 4:00 p.m. A. Wise/J. Fecat  
 2/9 8:00 a.m. T. Wise/C. Frame  
 2/9 10:00 a.m. C. King/C. McDonald

### Altar Servers:

2/8 4:00 p.m. Frizzell  
 2/9 8:00 a.m. Laberde  
 2/9 10:00 a.m. Blatt

### Gift Bearers:

2/8 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick  
 2/9 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan  
 2/9 10:00 a.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

### Sacristy Cleaners: Week of February 3, 2020

Linda & Butch Miller

### Greeters:

2/8 4:00 p.m. Dave & Celeste Evans  
 2/9 8:00 a.m. Phil & Loretta Remke  
 2/9 10:00 a.m. Kuskey Family

### Bingo: February 7, 2020

**Raffle:** Mark Hitt

**Kitchen:** Jenny Ingram

### COLLECTION: January 19, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 2612.00
Loose Offering	\$ 725.00
Building Repairs	\$ 120.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 10.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 270.00
Pennies for God	\$ 28.80

Attendance - 289

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

On Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m., the Cathedral of St. Joseph will celebrate a Mass with the communal Anointing of the Sick.

Following the Mass, those present are invited to join in a candlelight procession to the side altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary where the celebration will conclude with a Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes and the singing of the Salve Regina.

### **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

**Church Office Phone:** 304-845-1593

**Church Hall Phone:** 304-845-9238

**Xavier Hall Phone:** 304-845-7080

**Rev. That Son Cell:** 408-858-7467

**Parish Office Email:**

[sfxmoundville@comcast.net](mailto:sfxmoundville@comcast.net)

**Website:** [sfxmoundville.org](http://sfxmoundville.org)

#### **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 PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

**Prayer Request:** Karen Eisenhauer, Christine McDonald, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Joanne Potts, Tex Reynolds, Dave Williams, Bobby Kleinedler. **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Ron Jaworski.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Feb. 6** - Mass at Cameron Nursing Home  
**Feb. 9** - Family Fun Afternoon  
**Feb. 18** - Mass at Moundview Nursing Home  
**Feb. 20** - Sister Act Cooking Class 11am  
**Feb. 26** - Ash Wednesday  
**Feb. 26** - Fish Fry (Ash Wednesday)  
**Feb. 28** - Fish Fry (Lenten Friday)  
**Feb. 29 & Mar. 1** - Gifts from the Holyland sale at Masses  
**Mar. 5** - Community Taco Fiesta

## SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

### Feeding Body & Soul in the Basement of Simpson Church

On any given Saturday, you may find parishioner, Kevin Britt, surrounded by vegetables, cooking a meal for 200. On the 2nd Friday of each month, he is joined by several other volunteers from our church.

*When did Feeding Body & Soul start?* It began at the Ash Avenue Church of God in June 2010. They served 35 meals per day every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. As demand grew, volunteers from Simpson United Methodist Church stepped forward to begin serving lunch on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in their kitchen. Eventually demand simply became too much to handle at the small kitchen at the Ash Avenue Church, so the decision was made to shift the entire operation to Simpson. The Simpson kitchen is overseen by Sandye Yoho, who is supported by a nearly all-volunteer workforce.

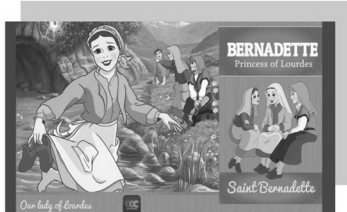
*How many does it serve?* On average, 185 meals are served daily, or over 1100 per week.

*Where does the food come from?* The food is secured through several sources. Some is received (free) through the United States Department of Agriculture via the Mountaineer Food Bank. The kitchen also receives food donations and is the recipient of leftover food provided by individuals and families following weddings, funerals, festivals and fish fries. The majority of the food is purchased with funds provided through grants and individual and corporate donations. Fortunately, the kitchen receives discounts from most vendors as well.

*What is the time commitment for a typical volunteer?* The kitchen is open six days a week. Food preparation begins at 8:00 AM and clean up typically concludes around 1:30 PM. Lunches are served from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM. Some volunteers come and stay the entire time, while others choose to work only an hour or two at a time. All are welcome for whatever time they can participate.

*Does the kitchen need volunteers?* Yes, ALWAYS!

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### VBS Planning

## FROM BISHOP BRENNAN

We received a letter of Congratulations from Bishop Brennan for reaching 173% of our CSA parish goal. He asked Father to "please extend my gratitude and prayers to your parishioners and to all of those who have helped with this effort."

He included this handwritten note:

*God bless you and your people for their fine response to the Appeal. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to St. Francis last Sunday.*

### Office of Safe Environment

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