



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

March 29th, 2026

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my
hope. Let me never be confounded.*

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday April 2nd **6pm** St Francis Xavier

Good Friday April 3rd **3pm** St Francis Xavier

Easter Vigil April 4th **7:30pm** St Francis Xavier

Easter Sunday April 5th

No Mass **7:30am**

English Mass **9:00am** St Patrick's

Latin High Mass **11:00am** St Francis Xavier



final Mass of Thanksgiving at St Patrick's April 10th

Offered by Bishop Thomas A. Daly

Mass **5:30pm** St Patrick's



**Following Mass on April 10th there will be a
Potluck in St Patrick's Parish Hall.**

Cake and Punch will be provided. Please bring your favorite Casserole or salad (No Desserts). The Hall will be open till 5:20pm before Mass and after Mass to drop things off. Questions call: 206-261-0286

“All is Fulfilled” : Reflection for Palm Sunday

“All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel (see Matthew 26:56).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Matthew 27:31), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Matthew 27:35), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Matthew 27:39–44).

He remains faithful to God’s will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading, “The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will (see Romans 5:12–14, 17–19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion realizes today, that truly this is the Son of God (see Matthew 27:54).

Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Jim Moore, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

3pm – Confessions (St. Francis Xavier)

4pm – Vigil Mass (St. Francis Xavier)

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass,
(St. Francis Xavier)

9:00am – Holy Mass (St. Patrick)

11:00am – Holy Mass,
(St. Francis Xavier)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

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Office Hours.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH

5:30pm Mass *Priests in our Diocese*

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

8:00am Mass *Religious*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

6:00pm Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

3:00pm Mass of the Presanctified

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

7:30pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

9:00am English Mass St. Patick Parish

11:00 am, Latin Mass St. Francis Xavier

Easter egg hunt after 11am Mass



Seven Sisters Apostolate

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the “Seven Sisters Apostolate.” This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at (509) 362-8646



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Women of St Francis Xavier

In an effort to cultivate more community at St Francis Xavier, the women of the parish have formed the group: the “Women of St X”.

All women - retired, widowed, single and married - are invited to join.

If you are interested in taking an active role in creating a vibrant parish community, please email women.of.st.x@gmail.com.

You are invited to join St Francis of Assisi Parish-Spokane in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday

Beginning on April 3rd, Good Friday with the Rosary and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy from 12-3 in the church. Continuing daily with the Novena at 2:45pm until April 11th.

Divine Mercy-April 12th Schedule

10am Mass followed by Anointing of the Sick

1pm Rosary

1:15 Confessions available during Rosary

2:30pm God’s Mercy talk by Fr Raj

3pm Hour of Divine Mercy-Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Solemn Benediction

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit April 2nd

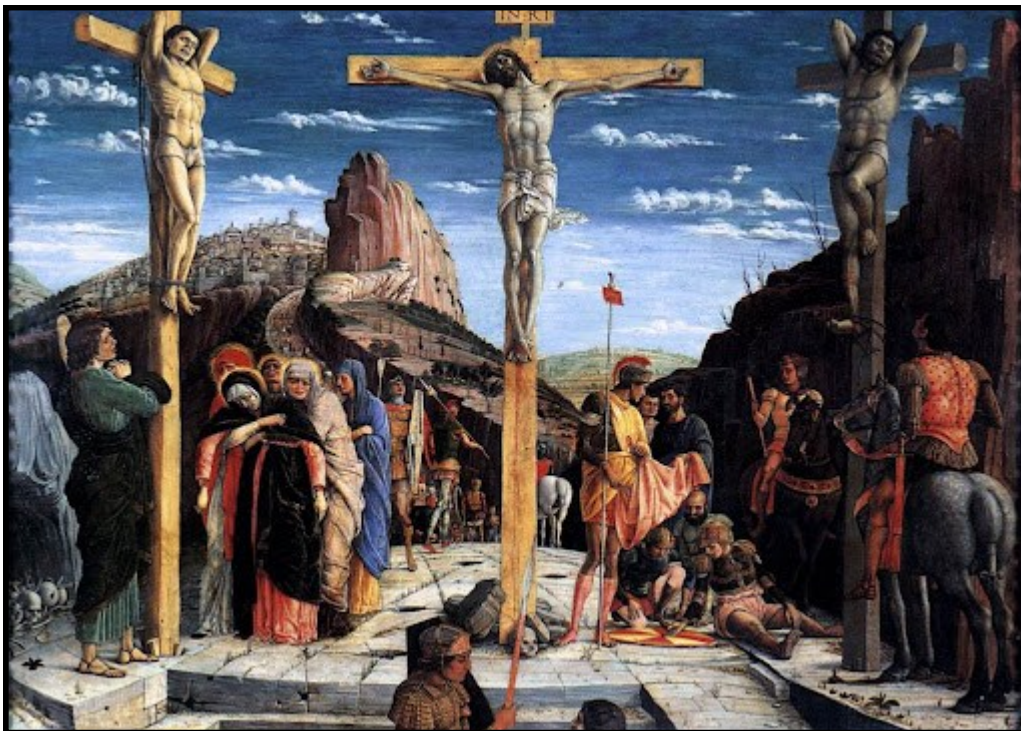
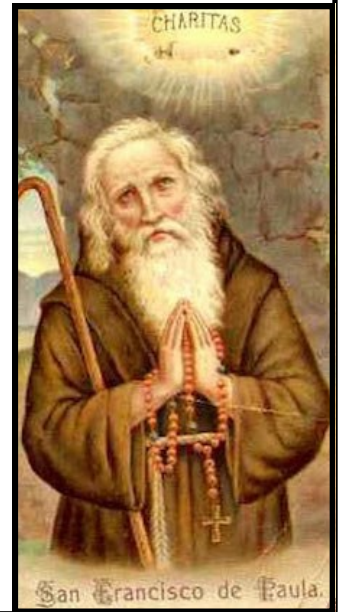
St. Francis was born about the year 1416, at Paola, a small city Calabria. His parents were very poor, but virtuous. He learned to read in the Franciscan convent at St. Mark's, a town in the same province. After spending a year with the Franciscans, he took up his abode in solitude about half a mile from Paola in 1432.

Before the Saint was twenty, two others joined him to share in his devout exercises. The neighbors built them three cells and a chapel, in which a priest from the parish church said Mass for them. This is looked upon as the beginning of the Order of Minims, the foundation of which is placed in 1436.

The Order was confirmed by a bull of Sixtus IV in 1474, with St. Francis as Superior General. The first monastery had been built in 1454 and was followed by several others. In 1482, he went to France by command of Sixtus IV, at the request of Louis XI, whose entire conversion he effected before the latter's death in 1483. St. Francis now established his Order in France, and Charles VIII and Louis XII became its special benefactors.

When his long life of penance was drawing to a close, St. Francis spent the last three months in his cell to prepare for death and eternity. He fell sick on Palm Sunday, 1507, and died shortly thereafter at ninety-one years of age. He was canonized in 1519 by Pope Leo X.

PRAYER: God, the exultation of the humble, You raised St. Francis to the glory of Your Saints. Through his merits and example, grant that we may happily obtain the rewards promised to the humble. Amen.



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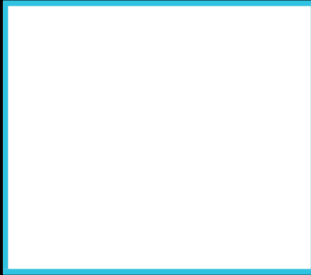
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