



ST.  
**FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

April 5th, 2026

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my  
hope. Let me never be confounded.*  
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

## EASTER SUNDAY

### No Daily Mass this week

### 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



### CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

*Easter Day*

After the 11am Mass  
on the St X Lawn  
All Ages Welcome!



## “Seeing and Believing” : Reflection for Easter Sunday

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today’s Gospel tells us that Peter and John “saw and believed.”

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn’t been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word “tomb”—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His “witnesses,” today’s First Reading tells us, the Apostles were “commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify” to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God’s saving plan—to know how “all the prophets bear witness” to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44).

Now they could “understand the Scripture,” could teach us what He had told them—that He was “the Stone which the builders rejected,” that today’s Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for “Christ our life,” as today’s Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives “hidden with Christ in God.” We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles’ witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too “will appear with Him in glory.”

*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

NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

5:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving at St Patrick  
Potluck after the Mass in St Patrick Parish  
Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

3:00pm Confession

4:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

7:30 am Latin Mass

9:00am English Mass

11:00 am Latin 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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### A message from the Office of Vocations:

**Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026**

“He is not here; for He has risen.” (Matthew 28:6)

Christ’s resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations,  
Fr. Ratuiste 509-313-7100 or  
contact; <https://spokanevocations.org/contact/>.

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

### 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. John Baptist de la Salle, April 7th

Patron of Teachers and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Redeemer

Founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, St. John Baptist de la Salle is called the father of modern pedagogy. After completing his education he desired to enter the priesthood. He was ordained in 1678 and received his Doctorate in Theology in 1680.

Observing that the poor of his day were grossly neglected as far as their education was concerned, St. John became the first to set up training colleges for teachers who would instruct the poor. Thus became the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, whose first novitiate was founded at Vaugirard in 1691. St. John exhorted its members to have a father's love for their pupils, be ready to devote all their time and energies to them, and be as concerned to save them from wickedness as to dispel their ignorance.

In 1695, John drew the Rule for his Brothers (which he later revised in 1705) and also wrote *The Conduct of Christian Schools*, which set forth his pedagogical system and has become a classic in the field of education. He died On April 7, 1719, and was canonized on May 24, 1900, by Pope Leo XIII.

PRAYER: God our Father, You chose St. John Baptist de la Salle as an educator of Christian youth. Give Your Church good teachers today, who will dedicate themselves to instructing young people in human and Christian disciples. Amen.



Confirmation and First Communion

**Monday April 13 at 5:30pm**



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