

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
27 September 2020

St. Francis Xavier, Acushnet – Diocese of Fall River

Mass Schedule

(September 26th - October 4th)

Sat.	Sept. 26	26th Sunday (Vigil) (Gr) <i>Pro Populo</i>
	4:00 pm	
Sun.	Sept. 27	26th Sunday In Ordinary Time (Gr)
	7:00am	Anna Coulombe
	9:00am	Janice Romanowicz
	11:00am	Edite Gomes
Mon.	Sept. 28	St. Wenceslaus; Martyr (Rd)
	9:00am	Roger Beaulieu
Tues.	Sept 29	Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Wh)
	9:00am	Jean Flaherty
Wed.	Sept 30	St. Jerome; Priest (Wh)
	9:00am	George Bevilacqua
Thurs.	Oct 01	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Wh)
	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	Oct 02	FIRST FRIDAY (Wh) Holy Guardian Angels (Wh)
	9:00am	Mary Santos
	6:00pm	Raymond Hamel
Sat.	Oct 03	Blessed Virgin Mary (Wh)
	9:00am	Raymond Hamel
Sat.	Oct 03	27th Sunday (Vigil) (Gr)
	4:00 pm	Paulino & Ana Vieira & Daughter
Sun.	Oct 04	27th Sunday In Ordinary Time (Gr)
	7:00am	Raymond Pinette
	9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11:00am	Steven Cambra

Financial Report

Income:

25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	\$4,460.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$1,817.00

Prayers Please

... for all the sick of our parish: those homebound, in the hospital, and nursing facilities; and for all the souls in purgatory.

Sanctuary Lamp

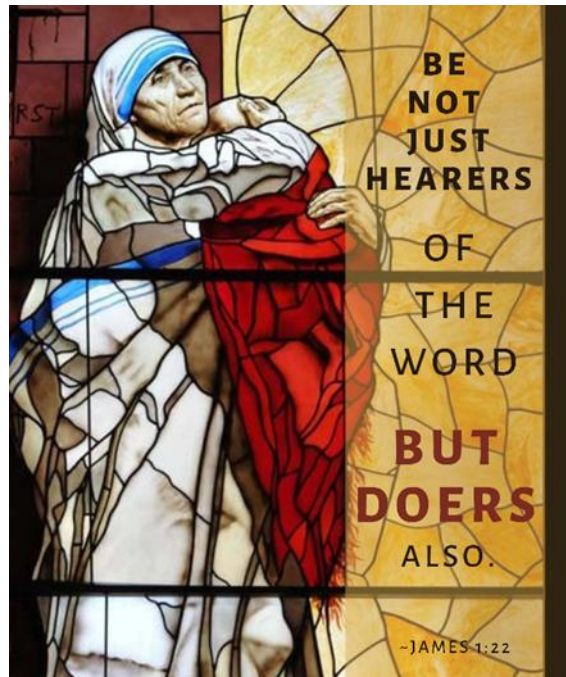
*During this time of our absence away from Eucharistic Adoration please pray at home for the following person/s for whose intention the Sanctuary Candle at the main altar still burns this week: **Janice Romanowicz***

CONFESSION

Monday: 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Saturday: 9:30 to 10:00am
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ANNOUNCING OUR 2020-2021 THEME



BE NOT JUST HEARERS OF THE WORD BUT DOERS ALSO

For the fourth year, our parish and school will have a special focus to our teaching, preaching, and other activities. We are currently following the structure of the Catechism in our themes. Two years ago we reflected on *faith* as we sought the face of the Lord; last year we deepened our appreciation of *grace*, the spiritual help that God gives us, particularly through the sacraments, to live out His teaching.

This year, we move on to the third section of the Catechism, which is focused on the Christian life and morality. It teaches that, “Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, Christians are ‘dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus’ and so participate in the life of the Risen Lord. Following Christ and united with him, Christians can strive to be ‘imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love’ by conforming their thoughts, words and actions to the ‘mind . . . which is yours in Christ Jesus,’ and by following his example” (1694).

The living of this call – the living of the Christian life – is captured in the word *Discipleship*. A disciple is one who learns from the teacher to the point at which they live what they have learned. Being a Christian is not simply about believing certain facts, or even just participating in the life of the sacraments: all of this leads to the fullness of the Christian life in which *our faith guides us and grace strengthens us to live what we believe* in our daily lives.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Please make an appointment to meet with

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Religious Education: 508-998-7445

School: 508-995-4313

School Fax: 508-995-0456

ACCESSIBILITY

- Open for Prayer Every Day
- Wheelchair Lift
- Cry-room

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HOLY MASS

Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Monday-Saturday 9:00am

First Friday 9:00am & 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday 5:30-6:30pm

(9:30-10:00am Monday Holidays)

Saturday 9:30-10:00am

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

First Fridays 6:45-7:15pm

Any Time by Appointment

ADORATION

Monday 6:30am-8:30pm

Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday 6:30am-8:30pm

Friday 6:30am-8:30pm

Saturday 6:30 am-2:45 pm

VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Monday & Wednesday: 6:30 pm

ON THE COVER

“A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went.” (Mt 21:28-29)

Man has free will. It is one of the two excellent powers in the human soul besides the intellect which God has given to man to form him in the divine image and to distinguish him from the animals. The great Greek philosopher Aristotle called man “rational animal” to indicate that man, although a physical creature needing nourishment and having material appetites, is also capable of reasoning beyond his basest desires to pursue a life of virtue.

Man’s freedom allows him to say in his heart and with his lips, “I will” or “I will not”, and then to act accordingly. However, because man struggles interiorly within his conscience he will sometimes act differently than what he has spoken. A person may say that he will help with some activity then in a moment of selfishness decide not to show up. The same person may at another time say firmly that he will not assist, but later does so because he knows how much his assistance is needed.

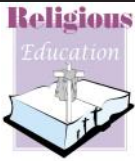
In today’s gospel reading God uses this deviation in man’s will to explain something important about the spiritual life: that it is the one who not only changes his mind, but the one who changes his life deliberately by following Jesus that finds the path to “righteousness”.

For this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time we place on our bulletin cover a work by the Austrian Romantic painter, **Ferdinand Georg Waldmuller** entitled *The Day Laborer with His Son* (1823). Waldmuller painted in a style known as *Biedermeier*. While this style seems to display a realism because of its pastoral scenes, it lacks the serious and often somber expression of the bucolic life of say the realist Jean-Francois Millet. This is because Biedermeier is fundamentally romantic and its works portray an optimism, a cheer, and even a pious communal revelry that is thoroughly indicative of this Austrian movement.

In our work we see the father in today’s parable after a long day at work in the vineyard enjoying bread, meat, drink, and pipe. He is joined there by his son who for our purpose is the same son in the parable that came out to work with his father after initially saying that he would not. The father looks toward us with satisfaction and pride in his son. His young son places his right hand on his father’s left arm to get his attention to show him the butterfly he has caught in the field. The son has the look of one who wants to please his father in the same way that Jesus set out to please His. Behind them is a vast landscape of greenery signifying that their work has produced much fruit. The other son who said that he would come (but did not) is not in the scene. In a way that son is like the prodigal son of another parable who we can only hope at a later time will change his mind and return to his father’s vineyard.

If we have said “I will not” to God our Father in any way, there is still time to change our mind and say “I will” and then to do it. We have a perfect example of how to do this in Jesus, the one and only divine Son.

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Religious Education Registrations: If you did not register your child prior to the start of classes you will need to see Mrs. Hammarquist before entering into our program. **Classes start today Sunday September 27th.** Catholic

School families will be receiving information soon for our Sacramental years.

Levels 1-6 classes at 8:05am-8:55am

Levels 7-9 classes at 10:05am-10:55pm

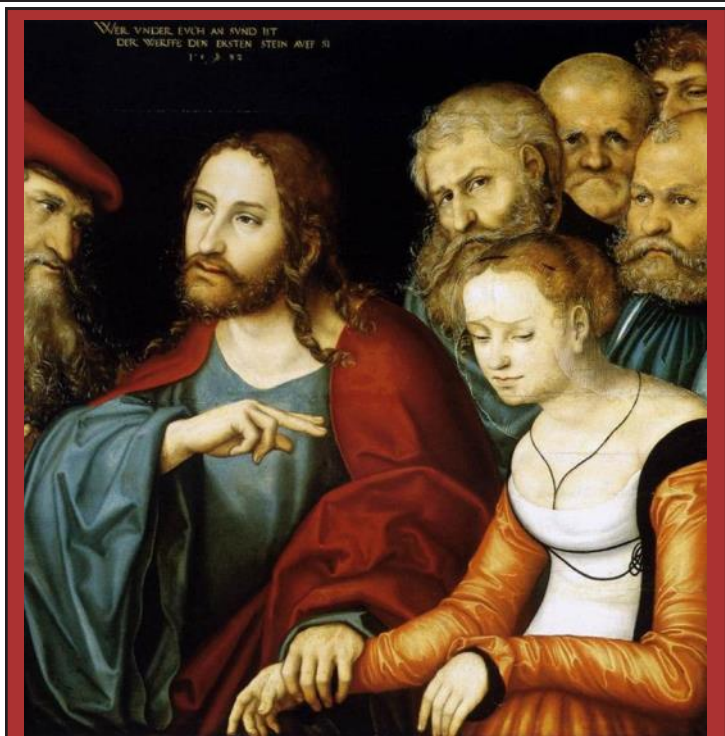
Please only **enter by the back door** near the fire escape on the rectory side of the parking lot. We will only **exit** by the main Parish Office door. Please read the signs instructing you on guidelines and expectations.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Will take place on Sundays in church during our regularly scheduled class times. Every student should have an adult accompany them. This will take the place of the Family Faith Formation Classes. Every grade level will have two scheduled hours of Adoration during our class year from October-May. This will include all Sacramental Students also.

Those that have decided to take part in on-line learning or homeschooling will receive emails this week. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

To keep informed of important dates please visit our Parish Master Calendar on our website at www.sfxparish.com.

If you have any questions please email Mrs. Hammarquist at jlh@sfxparish.com
Stay Safe, Healthy and Holy
God Bless, Mrs. Hammarquist



Christ and the Adulteress
Lucas Cranach the Elder (1532)

"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31)

OPEN POSITION AT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Bishop Stang High School has an opening for a **full-time Custodian position** Please share this posting with anyone you know who may be interested. Applicants should send their resume and cover letter to Assistant Principal of Students, Mr. Michael O'Brien, at mobrien@bishopstang.org.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY: The parish office will be closed on Monday 12 October for observance of **Columbus Day**. There will be no vespers that evening. Confessions will move to Monday morning and Eucharistic Adoration will go on as usual through the day and overnight.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Bishop Edgar da Cunha has passed onto his parishes a message from him and other bishops of the United States that they all desire the dioceses to assist those other dioceses in our nation who have suffered recently from natural disasters, for example in Louisiana from Hurricane Laura and in **California** due to the many wild fires. Because our collection schedule is already full for September, we will hold a collection for Disaster Relief on **Saturday, 10 October and Sunday, 11 October**. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
PRESCHOOL - GRADE 8



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS

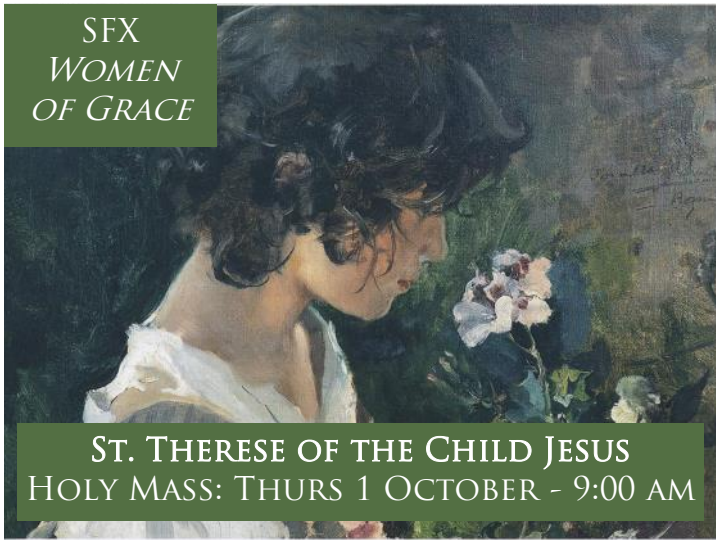
I am so grateful for your continued prayers for our school as we come close to the September finish line! I am filled with pride as our school remains fully operational, healthy and happy. Our outstanding faculty has truly "stepped up to the plate" to embrace the school year in the midst of challenging guidelines and expectations. As we enter into the Month of the Rosary, we will turn daily to Our Lady, praying our traditional Decade-a-Day. We pray in thanksgiving for our numerous blessings and in petition for our continued health and well-being. May we be enveloped with Our Blessed Mother's mantle in the coming days and weeks! Please keep our staff and students in your prayers!

God Bless, Michelle Russo/Principal

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

September 27th - Cardinal Medeiros Residence
October 4th - Parish Building Fund
October 11th - Bishop's Disaster Relief

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WOMEN
OF GRACE



ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS
HOLY MASS: THURS 1 OCTOBER - 9:00 AM

GRATITUDE TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS

When is the last time you thanked your guardian angel in prayer? **On Friday 2 October at 5:30 pm** (prior to 6 pm First Friday Mass) our Director of Pastoral Services, Steven Guillotte, will lead us in a **St. Michael's Chaplet** before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the main altar. St. Michael is God's head archangel and his intercession is invoked in Nine Salutations in this chaplet which runs about 15 minutes. We are holding this chaplet in honor of our Guardian Angels whose feast day we will also celebrate at Holy Mass that evening. There is no need to bring any "chaplet beads" etc. because an easy-to-follow prayer guide will be provided. Come thank your angel before Jesus, the Lord of Angels, in the Blessed Sacrament!

SPECIAL MARIAN EVENT: On the 1st Saturday in October, **Saturday, October 3rd**, Saint Anne's Shrine will host "*The Everlasting Message of Fatima*". The program is similar to A Day With Mary however there is a shorter program time of 9 am to 1 pm. This event will include a video, "Fatima the Great Sign" followed by questions and answers, a procession of Our Lady of Fatima statue, the Holy Rosary and Holy Mass at 11:30 am. Confession will be available throughout the day. Please note that the video will be shown outdoors so please bring a lawn chair. For more information contact Dennis Onofrey at (508) 994-6252.

Local Parish Job Opening

The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts, Fairhaven, has an opening for a **One Person Office Manager**. The position includes all aspects of an office, Quickbooks-Online, Payroll Processing a plus, Human Resources and varied other responsibilities. 30 hours per week with salary based on qualifications.

For more information email mgray@sscc.org or call 508-993-2442, ext. 208

SFX PRAYER LINE

Please call 508-850-6649 between 8am & 8pm
Or email your prayer request to:
sfxprayerline@gmail.com

JOIN US ON SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER
IN ATTLEBORO

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
PRAY TO END ABORTION

More Information and Sign up to follow!

READINGS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

9 am
& 6 pm



FEAST OF GUARDIAN ANGELS
2 OCTOBER

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THE SACRED LITURGY FOR 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 27 SEPTEMBER

Proclamation Hymn: Alleluia Sing to Jesus

*Alleluia Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, thunder like a
mighty flood,
Jesus out of every nation, hath redeemed us by His
blood.*

1st Reading: Ez 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Responsorial Psalm: *Remember your mercies,
O Lord*

2nd Reading: Phil 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name...

2nd Reading: (continued)

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading: Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

Offertory Hymn: Prayer of Saint Francis

**Communion Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling**

**Recessional Hymn: Holy God We Praise
Thy Name**

*Holy God we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow
before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above
adore thee;
Infinite they vast domain, Everlasting is they reign.
Infinite they vast domain, Everlasting is they reign.*