

OCTOBER MAT CAP 27

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



27<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
04 October 2020

## St. Francis Xavier, Acushnet – Diocese of Fall River

### Mass Schedule

(October 3<sup>rd</sup> - October 11<sup>th</sup>)

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Oct 03</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Vigil) (Gr)</b>
	4:00 pm	Paulino & Ana Vieira & Daughter
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Oct 04</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time (Gr)</b>
	7:00am	Raymond Pinette
	9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11:00am	Steven Cambra
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Oct 05</b>	<b>Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos (Wh)</b>
	9:00am	Bill Duggan & John Joseph LaFlamme
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Oct 06</b>	<b>St. Bruno; Priest (Wh)</b>
	9:00am	Robert Vigeant
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Oct 07</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary (Wh)</b>
	9:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Jose DeSousa
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Oct 08</b>	<b>Feria (Gr)</b>
	9:00am	Jose Moniz
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Oct 09</b>	<b>St. Denis &amp; Companions (Rd)</b>
	9:00am	Andre Gaudette
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary (Wh)</b>
	9:00am	Manuel Pereira
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Vigil) (Gr)</b>
	4:00 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time (Gr)</b>
	7:00am	Intentions of the Hammarquist Family
	9:00am	(Open for Mass Intention)
	11:00am	<i>Month's Mind</i>

### Financial Report

**Income:**

26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time .....	\$4,151.75
Cardinal Medeiros Residence .....	\$1,387.50

### 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: **Raymond Pinette***

### 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

#### A LEGACY OF DISCIPLESHIP

In this year of Discipleship, in which we are exhorted to be not just hearers of the Word but also doers, we should ask, what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? A disciple is one who both *listens to the teachings* of the Lord and then *puts them into practice*. A better answer to this question is given not with words but by example, and in our time there is no better example than that of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Born in Albania, she entered the Sisters of Loreto at the age of 18 and was eventually sent to India as a teacher. There, she received what she called “a call within a call” – in other words, the realization of particular way she was called to live the dedication of self to God she had already made in becoming a religious sister. In response to this call she founded the Missionaries of Charity, dedicating the rest of her life to serving the poorest of the poor. She visited New Bedford in 1995 for the opening of a new house of her order. Our parish makes a yearly donation to support the continuing work of her sisters.



Mother Teresa’s life of service to the poor was her response to the call to discipleship that we all receive from our faith. Different saints responded to this same call in different ways - St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton served others as teachers, leading them to a deeper intellectual understanding of God. St. Francis Xavier and Bl. Stanley Rother dedicated their lives to bringing the good news of the Gospel to others as missionaries. St. Anna Schäffer, the patroness of our parish knitting group, suffered a debilitating injury as a young woman, and was an example of holiness and service to others even though she was confined to her bed for the rest of her life.

Whoever we are, whatever our talents and abilities are, we are called to put into the service of God and others as disciples. What kind of saint are *you* going to be?

# 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

*Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir... They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. (Mt 21:37-39)*

Admirers of *The Lord of the Rings* will recall that great line J.R.R Tolkien put into the mouth of Gandalf the White when speaking to the Lord Denethor of Gondor: “*Authority is not given to you, steward, to deny the return of the king*”. Denethor was one in a long line of stewards whose duty it was to keep the kingdom secure until the rightful king would return. But Denethor had grown proud and lustful for power and his response to Gandalf portrays this: “*The rule of Gondor is mine and no other’s*”!

Tolkien, a faithful Catholic, once said that he despised allegory, yet even he could not prevent the Holy Spirit from working through his art to express Christian symbolism. In a way the exchange between Gandalf and Denethor points to the parable we read in this Sunday’s gospel, while along with this parable reaches far back to God’s original providence concerning man’s creation, existence, and purpose.

Recall the words of God to Adam and Eve in the Book of Genesis; how God gave them dominion over the earth; how he commanded them to “cultivate and care for it”. God made them stewards of his magnificent creation and the first fruit of this stewardship was man’s naming all that was created (**Gn 2:20**); for he was made in the image of God’s mind and heart.

Sadly, we recall how our first parents were cast from their preternatural garden for being unfaithful stewards. Adam and Eve were caretakers of two holy trees – one for them (Life) and one for God (Knowledge or Revelation which belongs to God alone), but they forgot their stewardship and tried to usurp God’s tree for themselves. This was the first sin and man’s first failure of his stewardship which would be as a curse and harbinger to all men through all time who would, fallen from grace, make themselves kings of God’s domain in which they were meant tenderly to be children and heirs.

For this **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** we place on our bulletin cover a work by the Flemish painter **Marten van Valckenborch** entitled *Parable of Wicked Husbandmen* (1590). Valckenborch lived through the *Beeldenstorm* or the mob destruction of Catholic sacred images that occurred in 16<sup>th</sup> century Europe. Thus, he left Belgium for Aachen, France where he continued his landscape painting while taking up also religious allegory and symbolic painting of biblical parables.

Our painting is too panoramic for us to see the far left of the image where Valckenborch has painted the father in the parable sending off his son to take authority over the vineyard. In the right portion of the painting we see two workers carrying the plentiful fruit of the vineyard. In the bottom right of the image there are the tenants of the vineyard murdering the beloved son of the planter and owner of the vineyard. They are like those who to this day take from creation without sharing and who murder inside and outside of the womb.

Such self-proclaimed kings have declared themselves enemies of God and his Church. Let us pray for these enemies that they will remember that they were first made to be beloved children and heirs of the Creator.

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### Religious Education



**Classes Have Started!** If you still have not registered visit our parish website Faith Formation/Religious Ed Program page, scroll to the bottom and click on link for 2020 Registration Form. If you are not planning on returning to in-person classes please fill out the form and Mrs. Hammarquist will contact you. No “in -person” Classes on Sunday October 11th.

*Catholic School families will be receiving information soon for 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](http://www.sfxparish.com).

If you have any questions please email Mrs. Hammarquist at [jlh@sfxparish.com](mailto:jlh@sfxparish.com)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
PRESCHOOL - GRADE 8



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS

The glorious fall weather has been such a gift from God! Our students have thoroughly enjoyed socially distanced outdoor playtime and recreation as a break from mask wearing! While fall field trips have all been put on hold for this school year, the beauty of the season is still being celebrated with fun nature walks directed by Father Williams, right in our own school backyard! We are so blessed to be able to enjoy and to appreciate the beauty in God's creation! As always, thank you for your continuing support and ongoing prayers for our school community.

**God Bless, Michelle Russo/Principal**

### UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Building Fund  
**October 11<sup>th</sup>** - Bishop's Disaster Relief  
**October 18<sup>th</sup>** - Propagation of the Faith



### *Parable of the Wicked Tenants*

Anonymous - France (1499)

(Harvard Art Museum)

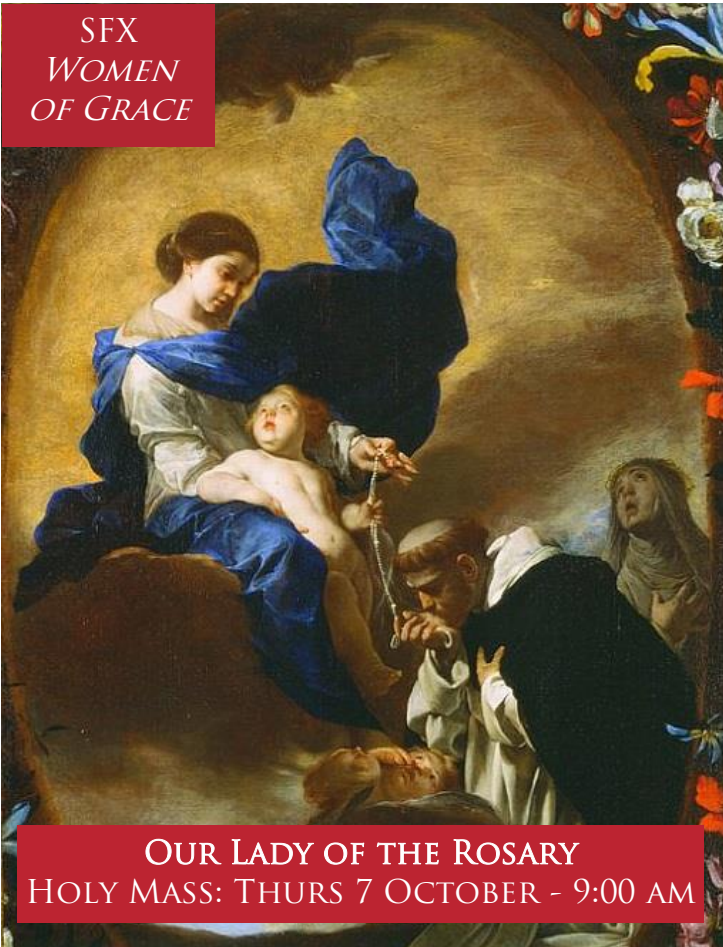
*“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.’ They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” (Mt 21:38-40)*

**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.

As Columbus Day approaches, please consider reading an article on-line in *The Catholic Thing* by EWTN contributor Robert Royal entitled “Lying for Justice”. This insightful and fair article can be found at <https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2020/09/21/lying-for-justice/>. Let us balance with wisdom the needs to increase justice and to preserve a truthful history.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** We will hold a special national collection **next Saturday, 10 October and Sunday, 11 October** to assist those suffering from natural disasters, such as in Louisiana from Hurricane Laura and in California due to the many wild fires. Thanks in advance for your generosity

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OF GRACE



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY  
HOLY MASS: THURS 7 OCTOBER - 9:00 AM

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD - AGAIN!** The state legislature has extended its session to 1/5/2021. Please remind the members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary that you oppose the expansion of abortion in MA. Call them at **617-722-2396** to tell them you oppose H3320 and S1209 - the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps! These bills would remove the requirements for young girls to obtain consent before an abortion and for saving a living baby who survives abortion. The bills would also allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy. Visit [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org) for more information.

**RECYCLING IS BACK:** We have begun accepting bottles and cans again in our container near the fire escape in the East parking lot. However, as some of the guidelines of the redemption centers have changed since we suspended this collection due to the pandemic, we ask you to consider the following if you are using our recycling container. The redemption center we use is not taking loose glass bottles any more, in fact they are only taking glass bottles that are brought to them in the same package the bottles were purchased in. **So please save the package and put the glass bottles back into the original package before placing them in the parish recycling bin.** As always please be sure to properly rinse each bottle/can so that it will not drip its sticky content into the packaging etc.

We thank you in advance for your assistance with this and appreciate your donations, the proceeds of which go to activities for our parish youth groups!

SFX PRAYER LINE

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

READINGS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2020

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/  
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43  
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk  
10:25-37  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/  
Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5  
-13  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-  
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OCTOBER - DEDICATED TO LIFE

Once again our parish commits the month of October to the cause of human life.

Every time this year we hold our annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** to raise funds for *A Women's Concern* (Options Medical) of Fall River that provides pregnancy counseling, ultrasound exams, and maternity support to women locally in need. Unfortunately because of COVID 19 we will not have access to the usual baby bottles for collecting our spare coins. Instead, we told Options Medical that we would still like to hold our drive to support their cause and they followed our suggestion to supply us with donation envelopes which will be in the church entrance beginning this weekend. The envelopes are "home made" in that the clinic staff affixed pictures of baby's feet and other short messages on the envelopes for us. Please take home an envelope and return it in the collection basket or in the parish center drop box.

Also, we will be traveling to Attleboro on **Saturday 24 October** to hold our vigil of prayer across the street from the last abortion clinic in our diocesan territory during the fall campaign for the *40 Days for Life*. Please begin signing up this weekend.

**MASSES IN ROME:** We are once again able to offer Masses prayed in Rome. We had to suspend this parish apostolate because Father Luke Sweeney left Rome for a new assignment. We have already sent four (4) Mass intentions to **Father James Oliver**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who last week began saying Masses for us in the various shrines in Rome.. Father Oliver is assigned to the Vatican's Congregation of the Clergy. Please pray for him as he certainly will be praying for your loved ones each time he celebrates Mass for one of your Mass intentions!

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 4, 2020

### THE SACRED LITURGY FOR 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 04 OCTOBER

#### **Processional Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

*Love divine all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down; Fix in us they humble dwelling, All they faithful mercies crown. Jesus thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is 5:1-7**

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

**Responsorial Psalm: *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel***

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Phil 4:6-9**

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: (continued)**

...on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

#### **Gospel Reading: Mt 21:33-43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

#### **Offertory Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine**

#### **Communion Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus**

#### **Recessional Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*