

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



32nd Sunday
In Ordinary Time
08 November 2020

St. Francis Xavier, Acushnet – Diocese of Fall River

Mass Schedule

(November 7th - November 15th)

Sat.	Nov 07	32nd Sunday (Vigil) (Gr) <i>Pro Populo</i>
	4:00 pm	
Sun.	Nov 08	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr)
	7:00am	Rose Emmanuel Medeiros
	9:00am	Robert Latshaw
	11:00am	<i>Month's Mind</i>
Mon.	Nov 09	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Wh)
	9:00am	Seguin Family
Tues.	Nov 10	St. Leo the Great; Pope (Wh)
	9:00am	George & Eugenie Sleight
Wed.	Nov 11	St. Martin of Tours; Bishop (Wh)
	9:00am	George Bevilacqua
Thurs.	Nov 12	St. Josaphat; Bishop (Rd)
	9:00am	Alcino & Maria Ferreira
Fri.	Nov 13	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini (Wh)
	9:00am	Tom Meredith
Sat.	Nov 14	Blessed Virgin Mary (Wh)
	9:00am	Donald, Michael & William Poirier
Sat.	Nov 14	33rd Sunday (Vigil) (Gr)
	4:00 pm	Richard Barrett
Sun.	Nov 15	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr)
	7:00am	Christopher Newett
	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory
	11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Financial Report

Income:

All Saints (Sunday).....	\$4,703.01
All Saints (St. Vincent de Paul)	\$1,355.00

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 Eucharistic Adoration please pray for the following person/s for whose intention the Sanctuary Candle burns this week: **Donald Fahey***

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

THE GREATEST OF GIFTS FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

In this month of November, as nature dies around us, our minds are drawn to the consideration of our own mortality. Connected with this is the remembrance of loved ones who have passed from this life and are no longer with us.

As a people of faith we believe that the soul lives on when our body dies. It bears mentioning that this isn't only a Christian belief: many peoples, cultures, and religions around the world believe the same thing, albeit with differences between them. When we die our soul goes before God for judgement on how we have lived – how we have responded to the guidance and grace He has given us in life. If we have responded perfectly, we are welcomed into Heaven; if we have rejected God's friendship on earth, this decision of ours is made permanent in Hell. If we have lived a good life, but not a perfect one, our soul goes through Purgatory, a place of cleansing and purification in preparation for Heaven.

We believe that our prayers here on earth are able to help those going through the cleansing of Purgatory. We pray for the dead at every Mass, but this is an especial practice during the month of November. One particular act of devotion encouraged by the Church is going to the cemetery to pray for our loved ones and others buried there. Typically, during the 8 days after All Souls' Day (2 Nov.), a plenary indulgence – the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin through a special gift of God's grace – can be spiritually given to a soul when we visit a cemetery and pray for the souls of those buried there. This month, in light of the ongoing restrictions due to the pandemic, Pope Francis has extended the grant of this indulgence throughout the month of November. It can likewise be gained for a soul by visiting a church and praying the Our Father and Creed while there.

The indulgence may be granted by performing either of the above actions, along with the following:

- Going to Confession (on that day, or within 2 weeks before or after)
- Receiving Holy Communion (on the day itself)
- Praying for the intentions of the Pope (also on that day)
- Being otherwise not guilty of any personal sin (which would be the case if we've gone to Confession)

This November, may each of us take the time to remember our loved ones who have passed away, all the faithful departed, and especially those with nobody else to pray for them, and seek for them this special grace.

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

St. Francis Xavier Parish

125 Main Street

Acushnet, MA 02743

tel: (508)-995-7600 fax: (508)-995-1794

email: info@sfxparish.com

Fr. Riley J. Williams, Pastor

[rjw@sfxparish.com]

Deacon David Pepin

[dbp@sfxparish.com]

Mrs. Janine Hammarquist, Rel. Ed. Coordinator

[jilh@sfxparish.com]

[ministry@sfxacushnet.com]

Mr. Steven Guillotte, Director of Pastoral Services

[sng@sfxparish.com]

Mrs. Michelle Russo, Parish School Principal

[mrusso@sfxacushnet.com]

Mrs. Anabela Shaughnessy, Asst. Principal

[ashaughnessy@sfxacushnet.com]

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 9:30am-8:30pm

Tuesday 6:30am-8:45am

Wednesday 6:30pm-8:30pm

Thursday 6:30am-8:30pm

Friday 6:30am-8:30pm

Saturday 6:30 am-2:45 pm

VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Monday & Wednesday: 6:30 pm

EXCEL IN LEARNING AND LIFE: Bishop Stang, a Catholic, college preparatory high school in Dartmouth, MA, welcomes parents and students of all middle school grades to its **Virtual Open House** via Zoom on Sunday, **November 8, at 1:00 pm and Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 pm.** Pre-register for the meeting link at bishopstang.org. Faculty and students are excited to highlight all that makes Bishop Stang an outstanding faith-based, college preparatory program.

ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you to all who have given to our 2020 - 2021 Annual Parish Appeal. Thus far we have collected \$15,505.00 in donations with a total parish pledge at this time of \$22,965.00 Your donation goes a long way these days since the parish collection, while still increasing, is not yet back to pre-COVID status. Please remember that your donation to this appeal is used toward managing our operating expenses, and in good fiscal years is placed in savings. You may still give to this appeal any time between now and June 30, 2021. Thank you.

GROCERY CARDS: Because during this time we want to limit close gatherings and blocked passageways in the parish church, we are continuing to *not* sell grocery cards for Stop & Shop, Trucchi's and Shaw's after the weekend Masses. Still, if you would like to purchase these (the church receives 5% of every purchase) you may still do so through the parish center office. Please email Steve at sng@sfxparish.com or call him at 508-995-7600 at the parish center to request the store of preference and the denomination amounts. These cards come in \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. You can purchase these for your own shopping, for your family members, or for charitable purposes. Please note that our Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be holding another "pop up" fundraiser in the parish east parking lot on Saturday 14 November between 9 am and 11 am during which they will be accepting donations of gift cards for their local clients for Thanksgiving.

MASS COUNT: During this weekend our ushers will begin the annual Mass count for the diocese. Each year the diocese requires that we take a census of Mass attendance during 4 weeks in November. Since we are already operating at a lower church capacity (even with the extra Sunday Mass) we do not expect that this year will compare well with past years, however it should give the diocese a sense of Mass attendance at each parish during this present pandemic. If you see an usher clicking a hand-held counter when you enter the church, you will now know why!

VETERAN'S DAY: is being observed this **Wednesday 11 November.** On this day the parish office will be closed, however we will still have 9:00 am Mass and Eucharistic Adoration which will begin as usual at 6:30 pm with a Holy Hour led by Deacon David Pepin. Come and pray for our veterans and the well-being of our country which our veterans have always sought to

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 8, 2020

Religious

Education



Please pray the St. Gertrude Prayer, as we remember those that have gone before us in the month of November. We can derive great comfort from the hope that our loved ones are enjoying Eternal Life with God, it never hurts to pray for their souls and remember to pray for those that have no one to pray for them.

Wednesday Veteran's Day, please keep all our veterans and active duty service men and women in your thoughts and prayers.

2nd Graders from SFX School receiving the Sacraments here at St. Francis will attend classes with us in the Parish Center on Sundays Nov. 8, 15 & 22. *don't forget your mask, but if you do we have some available.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Sundays in church during our regularly scheduled class times led by Fr. Williams. Every student should have an adult accompany them. This will take the place of the Family Faith Formation Events that we had in prior years. Every grade level will have two scheduled hours of Adoration during our class year from October-May. This will include all Sacramental Students also. **Sunday November 8th will be Level 5 accompanied by a parent in church @ 8:05am.** Please be on time, you will be escorted to a pew by your teacher before we start. Please remember your mask.

On-Line learning: Families, that chose to have their child stay at home, need to check their emails each week for the lesson / power point / videos and return the work and / or activity that is requested of them to be up-to-date for that week.

First Reconciliation is Monday 30th November 7:00pm for those First Communicants names that end B-M and 7:30pm for those ending P-V. Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive their second sacrament the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Stay Safe, Healthy and Holy
God Bless, Mrs. Hammarquist

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
PRESCHOOL - GRADE 8



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS

This coming week our school community will enjoy a Wednesday (Hump Day) surprise as we take a day off to honor our veterans! This middle of the week reprieve will be a welcome change for our teachers, as their full schedules, including both remote and in-person learning, have them working around the clock! During the month of November we also shift our attention and prayers to the souls of our faithful departed. Our school community has submitted the names of dearly departed loved ones, which have been placed on our altar of remembrance and are prayed for daily. May God continue to bless those who have served our country, and may the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

God Bless, Michelle Russo/Principal



The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins
William Blake (1822)

"Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'" (Mt 25:7-9)

MONTH'S MIND MASS

We remember the following individuals
that were deceased or memorialized
in the past month at our
Sunday 11:00 am, Nov 8th Holy Mass

Brian O'Malley
Alice Soares
John Luis Miranda

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING FUNDRAISER:

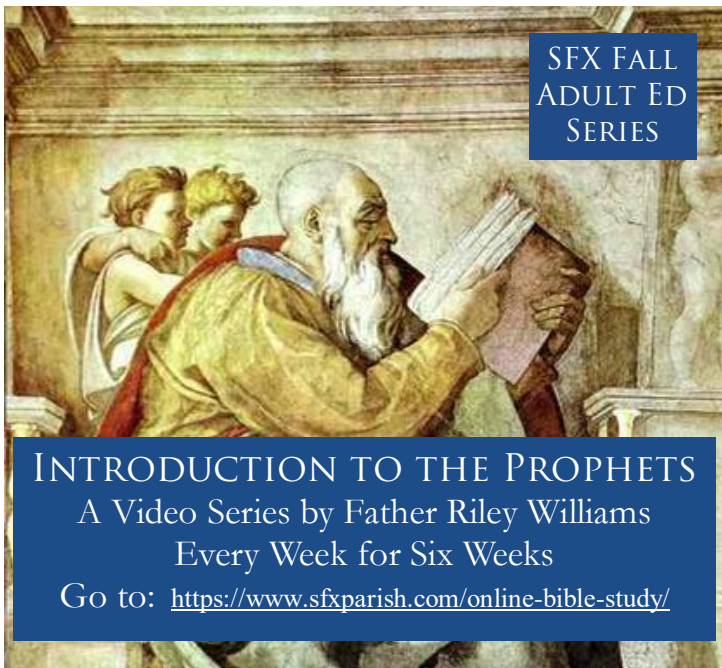
Our own parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is planning another "pop up" fundraiser on **Saturday 14 November** after the 9 am Mass and until 11:00 am. Due to the COVID restrictions and the desire to not collect and distribute canned goods etc. from one household to another, the focus of this "pop up" fundraiser in our east parking lot (elevator side) is to receive donations of grocery food cards so that our local poor can either go shopping or their family members or SVDP members can shop for them for the Thanksgiving dinner this year. As always, thank you for your great generosity to the local poor.

SFX
Women of
Grace



HOLY MASS - 9 AM - 13 NOVEMBER
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CABRINI

SFX FALL
ADULT ED
SERIES



INTRODUCTION TO THE PROPHETS
A Video Series by Father Riley Williams
Every Week for Six Weeks
Go to: <https://www.sfxparish.com/online-bible-study/>

READINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

November 8th - Building Fund
November 15th - Diocesan Assessment

SFX PRAYER LINE

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

RCIA - or the *Rite of Christian of Initiation of Adults* is for those who are interested in becoming Catholic. We will once again hold instructional sessions beginning in January and running through March 2021 to prepare those desiring to receive the **Holy Sacraments** of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. If you know of anyone interested in entering into the Catholic faith or those seeking a return but who are lacking some sacraments, please call Steve in the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS: Most likely due to COVID-19 we have taken fewer Mass Intentions than in previous seasons. You have already responded by taking most of the dates in January 2021 but there are other Mass intention openings through June 2021. If you cannot come to the parish office, please call us with the intention for your loved ones, at 508 995-7600 and we will be glad to reserve it for you. You may then mail in the \$10 offering (per Mass).

WREATHES ACROSS AMERICA: Once again we are facilitating the opportunity for parishioners to donate to a wreath for a veteran they do not know or one that they do know and is interred at **Bourne National Cemetery**. A \$15 donation buys one wreath. If you have a loved one in the cemetery and would like to have a wreath laid please contact Steve in the parish office. On **Saturday 19 December** our Confirmation Students (9th grade) will go to the cemetery to lay wreaths in the cemetery.



May Perpetual
Light Shine
Upon Them...

**IN NOVEMBER -
PRAY FOR ALL SOULS**

ON THE COVER

On this Sunday's bulletin cover is a work by Flemish artist **Adam de Coster** entitled *Young Woman with Lit Candle*. (courtesy Wikipedia). This image allows us to reflect on the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins related in this Sunday's gospel.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 8, 2020

THE SACRED LITURGY FOR 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 08 NOVEMBER

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: Wis 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

Responsorial Psalm: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God*

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

Gospel Reading: Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Offertory Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Communion Hymn: O Jesus, We Adore You

Recessional Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising

*O God beyond all praising, We worship you today,
And sing the love amazing, That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder At every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end;
We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word
We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.*