



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

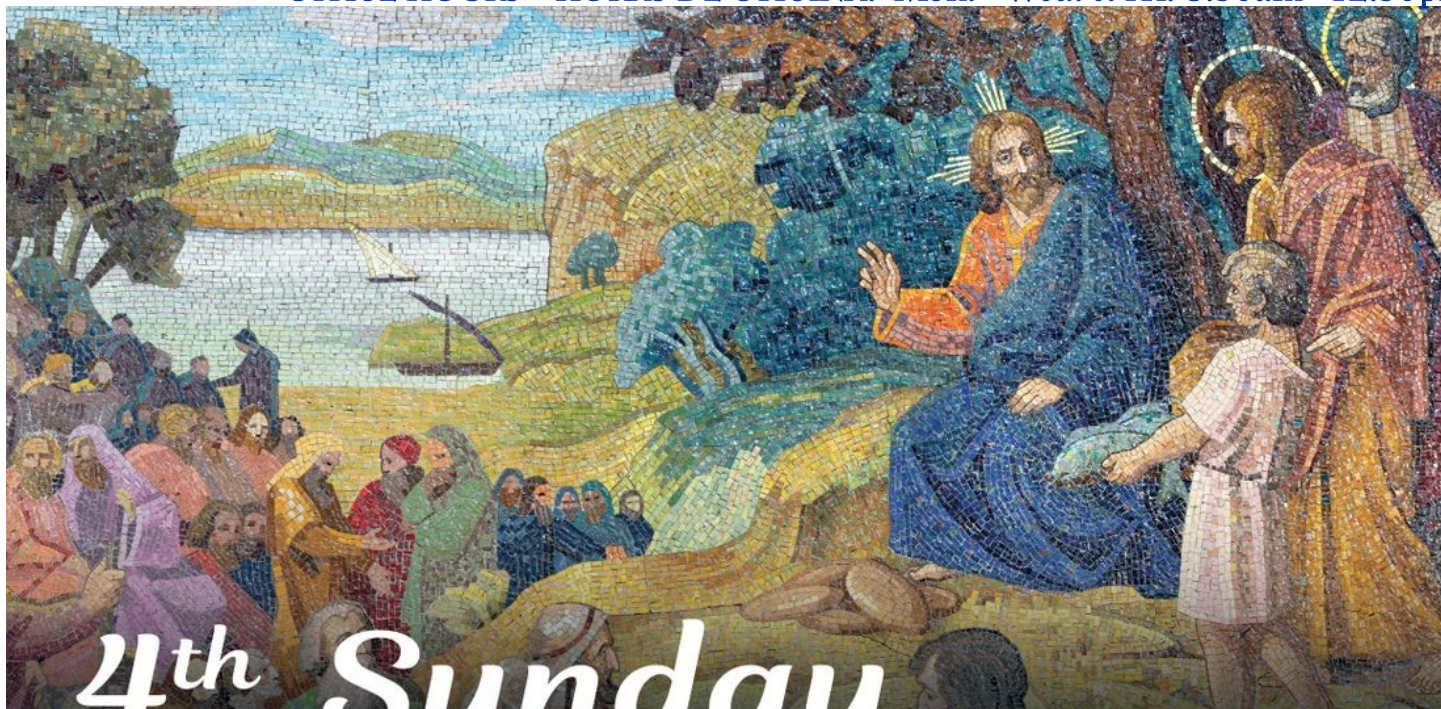
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OFFICE HOURS - HORAS DE OFICINA: Mon. - Wed. & Fri. 8:30am - 12:30pm



4th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1

GOSPEL MEDITATION – A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

This Sunday's readings are so powerful in their message about poverty and humility that they seem out of step with today's society. There are certain realities in the world where the poor, the humble, and immigrants have no place in the plans of the rich and powerful. However, for our consolation in this situation, this was already happening in the time of the prophet Zephaniah. Let us consider his words: "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, you who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the Lord's wrath" (Zephaniah 2:3). It is the poor and the simple who are always seeking and trusting in God. Choosing poverty is a true gift of the Holy Spirit, which involves serving and working for the Kingdom of God. Poverty of spirit must permeate the world with God's tenderness and mercy. Every baptized person must assume the responsibility of making this happen. The Beatitudes proclaimed by Jesus in today's Gospel are a key teaching for daily life. By listening to his Word, we feel blessed and also committed to saying "yes," like Mary, to the Father's will. "We must together seek how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges of dialogue, always open to receiving with open arms all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love" (Pope Leo XIV). This will make us happy as a community and as a society. Happy in the style of Jesus! ©LPi

Sunday Mass- 9:30 AM English

Misa Dominical- 11:30 AM Español

Confessions/Confesiones: 30 min. before Mass

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VOCATION OR CALLING

Question: Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer: A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call. ©LPi

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALING

If someone in your family is facing challenges—whether they're physical, emotional, or financial—please don't hesitate to reach out to the parish office. We also encourage you to inform us if there's a need to remove a family member from the prayer list. Keeping us updated is important to us. Thank you, and may God bless us all with health and well-being.

“Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.”

— Mt 5:7-8

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MASS INTENTIONS-INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday, February 1st, 2026—9:30 AM

† Ramon Rodriguez (by family)

† JH Darling (by Norma Darling)

Domingo 1 de enero, 2026—11:30 AM

† Antonio & Alejandro Vasquez H. (de familia)

† Socorro Ordonez De Munoz (de Gloria Perez)

Por la salud de Angelica Lopez (de familia)

Wednesday, February 4th, 2026—8:00am

† Cheryl Larson (by Angela & Connie)

First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist 8am-10:30am

FEBRUARY WEEKLY READINGS

Sun. 1st: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13, Ps 146:6-10, 1 Cor 1:26-31,
Mt 5:1-12a

*Mon. 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for
Consecrated Life*

Mal 3:1-4, Ps 24:7-10, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40,
or 2:22-32

Tues. 3rd: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3, Ps 86:1-6,
Mk 5:21-43

Wed. 4th: Weekday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17, Ps 32:1-2, 5-7, Mk 6:1-6

Thur. 5th: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12, (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12,
Mk 6:7-13, 1 Cor 26:31, Lk 9:23-26

Fri. 6th: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Sir 47:2-11, Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51, Mk 6:14-29

Sat. 7th: Weekday; BVM on Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13, Ps 119:9-14, Mk 6:30-34

