



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

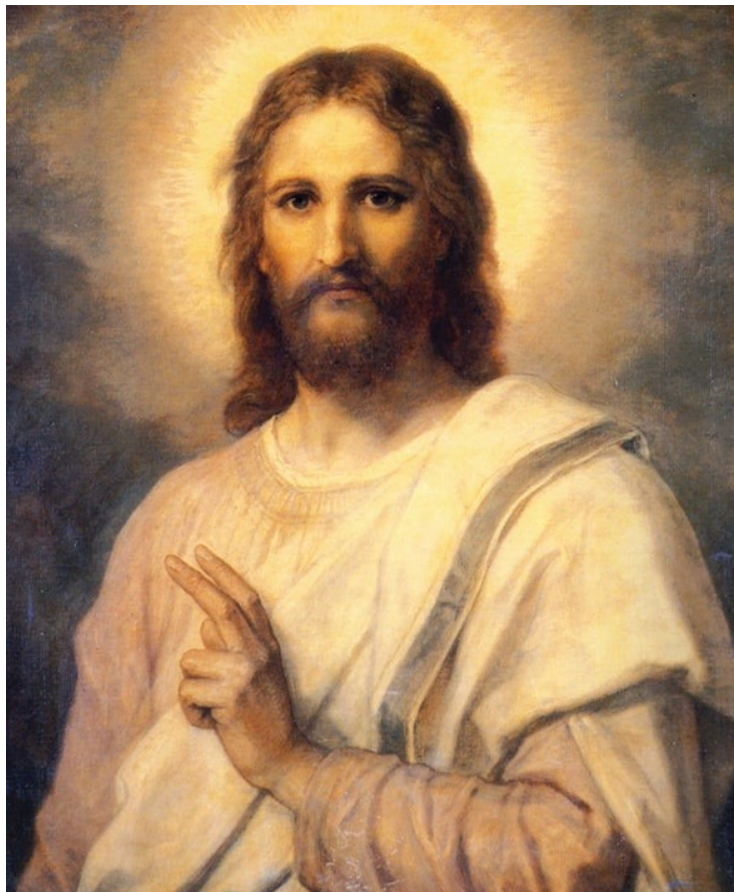
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OFFICE HOURS ~ HORAS DE OFICINA: Mon.– Wed. & Fri. 8:30am ~ 12:30pm



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

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GOSPEL MEDITATION – A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away. Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be. In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them. The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes. We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?). We don't always know if we should (It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all). We don't even know if we want to (It's nighttime! He might be angry!). Everything is working against us. It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough. So knock. ©LPI

Sunday Mass~ 9:30 AM English

Misa Dominical- 11:30 AM Español

Confessions/Confesiones: 30 min. before Mass

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Have you ever wondered what the best way to pray is? Perhaps the answer is "in many ways." Perhaps you will explain the different ways of praying. Each person has their own experience of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in number 2564, helps us better understand what it means to pray: "Christian prayer is a relationship of Covenant between God and man in Christ. It is the action of God and man; it springs from the Holy Spirit and from us, directed entirely to the Father, in union with the human will of the Son of God made man." Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, in her autobiographical manuscripts, said about her experience of prayer (C25 r.): "For me, prayer is an impulse of the heart, a simple glance toward heaven, a cry of gratitude and love both from within trial and from within joy."

Now Enrolling for the 2025-2026 Religious Education Program!

We invite all parents to register their children for this year's Religious Education program. Registration packets can be found in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Karina directly or call the parish office.

First Day of class is Tuesday August 19th at 6:00pm

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
— Matthew 19:14

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MASS INTENTIONS-INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday, July 27th, 2025

9:30 AM

† Rhonda & Roxane Maestas (by Cathy & Antonio)

† Arthur Anaya Jr. (anniv.) (by family)

† Albert & Helen Griego (by Jeanette Jaramillo)

11:30 AM

† Guadalupe Sandoval Nunez (de Luz Gaytan)

† Cesar Cruz Rios Ramirez (de sus papas)

Por las animas benditas (de AR)

JULY/AUGUST WEEKLY READINGS

Sun. 27th: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32, Ps 138:1-3, 6-8, Col 2:12-14, Lk 11:1-13

Mon. 28th: Weekday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34, Ps 106:19-23, Mt 13:31-35

Tues. 29th: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28, Ps 103:6-13, Jn 11:19-27 or

Lk 10:38-42, I Jn 4:7-16

Wed. 30th: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 34:29-35, Ps 99:5-7, 9, Mt 13:44-46

Thur. 31st: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38, Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11,

Mt 13:47-53, 1 Cor 10:31—11:1, Lk 14:25-33

Fri. 1st: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37, Ps 81:3-6,

10-11b, Mt 13:54-58, Rom 8:1-4, Mt 5:13-19

Sat. 2nd: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Lv 25:1, 8-17, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8, Mt 14:1-12

MINI REFLECTION: Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.