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## Sacred Heart

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## St. Francis Xavier

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## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Sacred Heart	Sunday Morning	9:00 am
St. Francis	Saturday Evening	4:00 pm
	Sunday Morning	11:00 am

### WEEKDAY

Wednesday thru Friday 9:00 AM (Check Parish Bulletin)

## PARISH OFFICE

Office Telephone: **636-1047**  
Office Secretary: Mrs. Tina Hunt

### Office Hours:

Mondy - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

Call Rectory for an appointment

### MARRIAGE

Please contact the Rectory 6 mos.  
prior to your tentative date.

### CONFESSIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church  
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm (Also by appointment)



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Francis 636-1047

Christian Formation:  
Children ages 4-15 years

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sacred Heart 9:00 am Mass

St. Francis 11:00 am Mass

## GENERAL INFORMATION

*New Parishioners, WELCOME!* Please call our Parish Secretary as soon as possible to register.

# The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2026

Jesus is enlisting support. His heart is touched by the crowds he encounters: the tired, the abused, the sad and those abandoned by their shepherds. Alone, he will never be able to accomplish the task of



ministry. He needs help. He enlists twelve apostles, for the twelve tribes of Israel, for the whole world. The enormity of this work seems out of proportion to the resources at hand: a few fishermen, a tax collector, a freedom fighter, a traitor-in-waiting, and a few about whom we know nothing. Their only source of unity was the person of Jesus.

To beg the harvest-master is the first necessity. The disciples are called to continue the Lord's work, not their own. Without prayer, it is impossible to give ourselves to the mission. We risk

preaching ourselves rather than Christ, making the apostolate our own rather than the kingdom's, being engaged in the harvest for our own profit.

The apostles are commissioned to "go after the lost sheep of the house of Israel" because of the urgency of their distress. The universal mission will come later. Both in Israel and beyond, the fundamental command is to seek the lost. Compassion is at the heart of every pastoral strategy. It reaches the most inaccessible places where the flock has wandered. At that frontier, Jesus struggles side by side with his disciples to heal, to liberate and to forgive. To cast our lot with the most deprived is already by the tenderness of a God who freely gives all, even the life of his Son. (*St. Andrew Bible Missal*)

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We could characterize Christian life precisely as a life of freedom. For freedom is ultimately an openness to everything, to everything without exception: openness to absolute truth, to absolute love, and to absolute infinity of human life in its immediacy to the very reality which we call God. In St. Paul's theology, too, freedom is a word which should characterize Christian existence, for Paul declares that through Christ we are made free for freedom. Ultimately, this freedom is not the absence of forces which determine our existence. We can strive for this kind of freedom to a certain extent; that is also possible and it is a real task in human life. But for

us who were born without being asked, who will die without being asked, and who have received a quite definite realm of existence without being asked, a realm which ultimately cannot be exchanged, there is no immediate freedom in the sense of an absence of any and every force which co-determines our existence. But a Christian believes that there is a path to freedom which lies in going through this imprisonment. We do not seize it by force, but rather it is given to us by God insofar as he gives himself to us throughout all of the imprisonments of our existence. (Karl, Rahner, *Foundations of Christian Faith*, Crossroad, 1978, pp. 402-403)



# Bringing Home the Word

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
June 14, 2026

## Bucket List Questions

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

**T**he Bucket List is a movie about two men, played by Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, who find themselves sharing a hospital room, each diagnosed with terminal cancer. As they talk about the days that remain for each of them, they begin to discuss what they would yet hope to experience before they die. Hence, the title of the film.

At one point, amid their many escapades together, Freeman suggests that God is going to ask two questions when they stand before the pearly gates. Nicholson hears this and grows edgy,

suspecting his eternal future may be at risk. Freeman then tells him that the first question will be, "Have you ever experienced joy in life?" At that, Nicholson beams with a silly grin that suggests he is thinking more of pleasure than he is of joy. Nonetheless, he decides his lock on eternal bliss is halfway there. Then, Freeman reveals the second question: "Have you ever brought joy to the lives of others?" With that, Nicholson's face drops, realizing his life has been more about himself than about others.

Religion is not just about "going to church," but also about "going from church into the world." That, in a sense, is what Jesus did when he named the Twelve Apostles and sent them out to heal, bring life, and overcome evil. It is also what we find ourselves sent to do amid the scattered events of every week—to bring joy into the lives of others. †

## Sunday Readings

**Exodus 19:2-6a**

[The LORD said to Moses:] You will be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

**Romans 5:6-11**

God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

**Matthew 9:36-10:8**

At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.

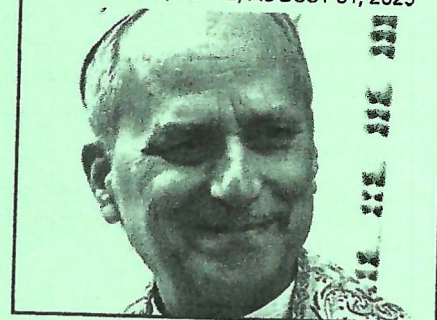


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## A Word from Pope Leo XIV

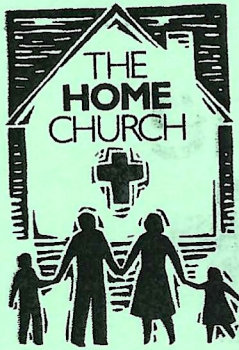
Humility is really freedom from ourselves.... Those who exalt themselves generally think that nothing is more interesting than themselves; yet, deep down, they are quite insecure.... Dear friends, today let us pray that the Church will always be a school of humility for everyone, a home where all are welcome, a place where rivalries are set aside and where Jesus...teaches us to imitate his own humility and freedom.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 31, 2025



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- When did I experience joy this week?
- Did I bring joy to someone else?



# First Things First

Scott Czarnopys

I was listening to a reflection that quoted C.S. Lewis from his book *God in the Dock*: “You can’t get second things by putting them first; you can get second things only by putting first things first.”

What is first? Perhaps what is the closest and most reachable take priority. For me, this is my wife, my children, my immediate family, and my colleagues. These are the people I encounter daily, and if I strive to live a life of meaning and to be impactful, I need to take the first steps with these people.

Too often, I let myself become entangled in issues over which I have no influence. Why do I spend so much time worrying about problems that I have no ability to fix? I meet with a men’s group weekly, and I realize I’m not alone; other men also spend their time and energy worrying about foreign policy, wars, and other matters over which they have no control. To what end does such fretting take us? I have come to realize that it is nothing more than anxiety-inducing behavior

and a use of energy that does not bear fruit or allow me to impact the issues directly in front of me or appreciate the immense beauty surrounding me.

C.S. Lewis understood the importance of prioritizing what truly matters in life. When we dedicate ourselves to the most important things, the secondary things often fall into place. But if we prioritize what is secondary, we risk losing sight of what truly matters and may even miss out on the relationships and the work to which we are called. Take time in prayer to reflect on proximity. Who is closest to you? Where can you have the greatest effect? What holds the most significance? Then, and only then, will the secondary things fall into place. †

**When we put first things first, secondary things fall into place.**

From “Face to Face” by Scott Czarnopys, *Liguorian*, May/June 2025. For more information, call 800-325-9521 or visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).

## Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “Humility Is Still a Virtue” by Christopher M. Bellitto

Humility is the first step in self-reflection. It makes us have second thoughts. It opens us up to our blind spots and ignorance, our flaws and weaknesses. It tells us that it’s fine to have doubt. Pope Francis put it this way in an interview with Fr. Antonio Spadaro, SJ: “If a person says that he met God with total certainty and is not touched by a margin of uncertainty, then this is not good. For me, this is an important key. If one has the answers to all the questions—that is the proof that God is not with him.... You must leave room for the Lord, not for our certainties; we must be humble.”

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## PRAYER

Compassionate God, inspire us to speak gently, act kindly, and share generously so that everyone we meet may feel safe, valued, and loved. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

### WEEKDAY READINGS

June 15–20

**Monday, Weekday:** 1 Kgs 21:1–16 / Mt 5:38–42

**Tuesday, Weekday:** 1 Kgs 21:17–29 / Mt 5:43–48

**Wednesday, Weekday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14 / Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

**Thursday, Weekday:** Sir 48:1–14 / Mt 6:7–15

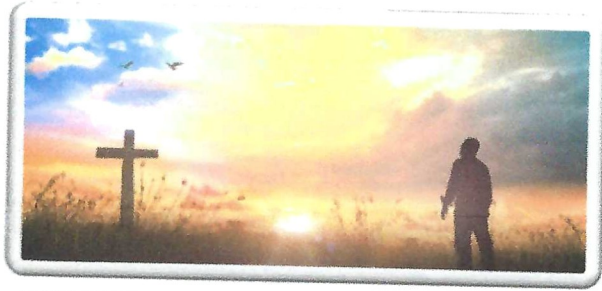
**Friday, Weekday:** 2 Kgs 11:1–4, 9–18, 20 / Mt 6:19–23

**Saturday, Weekday:** 2 Chr 24:17–25 / Mt 6:24–34



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**Mass Intention's**

**Sacred Heart**

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

9:00 AM † **Walter Papstine**- req. by Susan.

**St Francis Xavier Church**

**Wed, June 17, 2026**-No Mass

**Thursday, June 18, 2026**

9:00 AM † **Mass**

**Friday, June 19, 2026,**

9:00 AM † **Mass**

**Saturday, June 20, 2026**

4:00 PM † **For the intention of all Parishioners**

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

11:00 AM † **Robert Beliveau**, req. by Rita & Don.

† **Deceased Members of Community**

**Affairs**, req. by Shirley Berube.

**The Sanctuary Lamp**

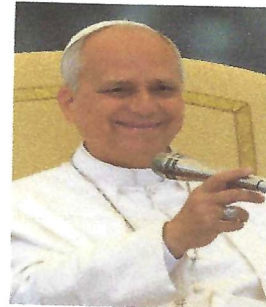
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The recommended donation is \$10.00

Next weekend our Special Collection will be for our Parish **Development Fund** 6/21/2026

Thank you for you continued support.

-Fr. Dan



**Next Weekend's collection will be for Peter's Pence, on Sunday June 28, 2026**

Next week we will be taking up this collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity.

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**Happy Father's Day**

*Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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**New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**

**Summary Report Grand Total as of 6/8/2026**

**\$ 4450.00** collected.

Our Parish goal is \$ 15,440.00

There's still time to give!

**Parish Financial Report**

For the week ending 6/7/2026

**St. Francis Xavier**      **Sacred Heart**

Offertory: \$ 1338.00      \$ 180.00

Debt: \$ 666.00      \$ 110.00

Fuel Fund: \$ 5.00

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