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Sacred Heart

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St. Francis Xavier

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Pastor:

Rev. Daniel R. Deveau

Deacon:

Rev. Mr. Michael Johnson

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:

Monday - 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.

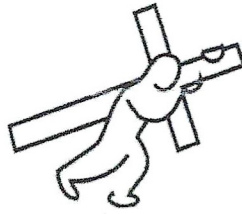
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Twenty-second Sunday Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

In the narrative of the profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi, the principal figure is Peter rather than Jesus. The next episode in the gospel confirms this impression. Just as we were impressed with Peter's walk on the water, here we are equally impressed by the juxtaposition of his faith with his lack of faith.

Peter has just acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. But he sees messiahship as the glory of a royal triumph. The master however, presents himself as the suffering servant of Isaiah who will redeem his people through his passion, death and resurrection. The disciples understand what it means to be put to death, but they do not comprehend the meaning of "raised up". Therefore, the impulsive Peter, brought to this point by his unenlightened love, revolts against the apparent cruelty of the divine plan. Suddenly,



he reverses his position. He to whom Jesus has just said: "Happy are you" after his profession of faith, is now chided sharply: "Get out of my sight, you Satan!" the "Rock" who was strong enough to have the Church

built upon him, is now the obstacle, the "rock of scandal" along the Messiah's route. Jesus had said: "It is my Father in heaven who has revealed this to you," and now he affirms: "You are not judging by God's standards."

"Get out of my sight" may be interpreted by each Christian as "Go behind me to follow me. You are only a disciple and every disciple must follow the master." The Christian can no more escape the cross of salvation than could the Christ. Truly God's standards are not ours. (St. Andrew Bible Missal)

THE NEED FOR MYSTICS

Julian of Norwich, also called Juliana, (born 1342, probably Norwich, England, died after 1416), celebrated mystic whose *Revelations of Divine Love* (or *Showings*) is generally considered one of the most remarkable documents of medieval religious experience. She spent the latter part of her life as a recluse at St. Julian's Church, Norwich. On May 13, 1373, Julian was healed of a serious illness after experiencing a series of visions of Christ's sufferings and of the Blessed Virgin, about which she wrote two accounts; the second longer version was composed 20 or 30 years after the first.

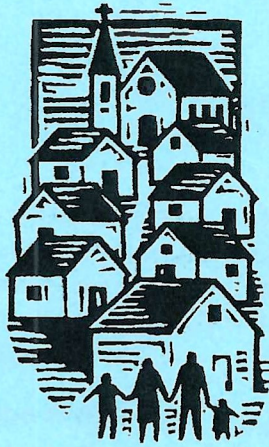
Although she was a recluse, she was not entirely apart from the world. She lived in a sealed cottage joined to the church. Julian would probably have had a suite of rooms as well as a walled garden. Solitaries were allowed to have cattle and personal property. They also had guests. Life was simple with much of it devoted to prayer and contemplation. She gave spiritual



direction and advice to many people who sought her out.

In March 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Julian's relevance to people around when world who are self-isolating was highlighted. Janina Ramirez was quoted by BBC News, saying that "Julian was living in the wake of the Black Death, and around her repeated plagues were re-decimating an already depleted population. I think she was self-isolating. The other anchorites would have understood that by removing themselves from life this would not only give them a chance of preserving their own life but also of finding calm, quiet and focus in a chaotic world." Julian is honored on the unofficial feast day of May 13.

"Know it well, love was His meaning. Who reveals it to you? Love. What did He reveal to you? Love. Why does He reveal it to you? For Love. Remain in this, and you will know more of the same. But you will never know different, without end. So, I was taught that love is our Lord's meaning. All will be well." (*Showings*)



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
August 30, 2026

Called to Be Faithful

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Somewhere in every life, along its twisting, curving path, each of us finds ourselves wondering if we would not be better off somewhere else, doing something different, as if we could live a parallel life with the flip of the channel. Except that changing life is never that simple. And so we live on, with our foibles and our insecurities. We make do for one more day in a job that is less than satisfying, or in a relationship that is worn and fraying, or caring for aging parents as we juggle the needs of two households. In every niche of life,

we may find ourselves dealing with difficult people, listening to others' woes, wondering if anyone cares. Like the prophet Jeremiah, we can feel we've been duped by the Lord God.

We don't need to go looking for crosses. They come our way. And it is our crosses that allow us to save our lives by losing our lives. It is these very same lives we wish we could escape that bring each of us to holiness, if for no other reason than that we do struggle not to have our own way all the time. Spirituality has been defined as an inner set of values by which we live an outer set of circumstances. As people of faith, that is what we try to do—to live in the style of Jesus. Somehow, in each of our lives, it seems that God brings us to where we should be. †

Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 20:7–9

All day long I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Romans 12:1–2

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God.

Matthew 16:21–27

[Jesus] said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."



***As people of faith,
we try to live
like Jesus.***

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself.... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion.

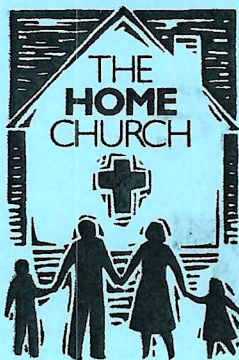
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTION? REFLECTION

- What is the cross you are being asked to bear?
- Can you unite your cross to the cross of Jesus?



Everyday Choices

The Redemptorists

Peter, in today's gospel, makes a mistake we all make. He has just declared Jesus as the Messiah, but when Jesus speaks of suffering and the cross, Peter

resists. He wants salvation without sacrifice, victory without struggle. But Jesus rebukes him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Isn't this how we often live? We want a faith that blesses us, but not one that demands anything from us. We want to follow Christ, but we hesitate when it means standing against the systems that harm our world, i.e., consumerism, exploitation, environmental destruction. Paul, in the second reading, gives us a challenge: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind."

The world teaches us to accumulate more, to seek profit at any cost, to define success by material gain. But the gospel calls us to a different kind of success: the success of justice, love, and integrity. For families, this means making choices

that reflect the values of the kingdom of God. It means consuming responsibly, teaching children to be aware of where products come from, and prioritizing people over profit. It means living simply so that others may simply live. Faith is not meant to be locked within the walls of a church but lived in the world.

A prophetic family is one that questions, challenges, and refuses to conform to destructive systems. Choose sustainable, local products

over corporate-driven consumerism. Teach children the value of ethical consumption. Be involved in community efforts that protect the environment. Stand up for the rights of workers and the marginalized. Justice is not just about big protests; it is about everyday choices. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Four Faces of Jesus" by Virginia Smith

The writers of the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John offer four different descriptions of Jesus. Their unique challenge? To portray someone both human and divine. But how can four diverse descriptions characterize the same person? Each evangelist chose words and deeds from Jesus' life that related to that writer's particular audience. These audiences differed dramatically in religious background, culture, and ethnic origin. Which gospel is most authentic? Which best reflects the historical Jesus? They all do. Jesus emerges possessing greater depth than any single narrative could provide. Each writer was aware of those facets of Jesus' personality, teachings, and deeds that would draw his community into deeper faith. Are these the only portraits that might be drawn? By no means. All Christians are called to portray the face of Jesus.

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Merciful God, give us the grace to carry our crosses and unite them with the cross of your Son, Jesus, so that we may offer our suffering as prayer for the world.

Amen

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 31–
September 5

Monday, Weekday: 1 Cor 2:1–5
/ Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday, Weekday: 1 Cor 2:10b–16
/ Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday, Weekday: 1 Cor 3:1–9
/ Lk 4:38–44

Thursday, St. Gregory the Great: 1 Cor 3:18–23
/ Lk 5:1–11

Friday, Weekday: 1 Cor 4:1–5
/ Lk 5:33–39

Saturday, Weekday: 1 Cor 4:6b–15
/ Lk 6:1–5



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Mass Intention's

Sacred Heart

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026

9:00 AM † **For the intention of all Parishioners.**

St Francis Xavier Church

Wed, Sept. 2, 2026-No Mass

Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026

9:00 AM † **Donald Parker** req. by his Family.

Friday, Sept. 4, 2026

9:00 AM † **Mass**

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026

4 :00 PM † **Leon Boucher**, req. by Family.

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026

11:00 AM † **Paul Champagne**, req. by the Champagne-Willis Family.

† **Pearl Gloria Thurber**, req. by the Champagne-Willis Family.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of:
Helen Carver
From: **Sept. 6 to Sept. 12, 2026**
Requested by: **The Ladds**

The Church Remembers:

September: 1- World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

3 - St. Gregory the Great, Pope, and
Doctor of the Church.

5 - St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Monday, Sept. 7, 2026, is Labor Day

LORD, ON THIS LABOR DAY, we thank You for the blessing of work through which you provide our daily bread. Thank you for the gifts and abilities you provide people to carry out the many tasks that allow us to live the lives we do. Graciously grant us the strength we need to meet our responsibilities as well as the rest we need when we are weary. AMEN

Our Parish office will be closed on Labor Day.

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal update

as of 8/25/2026

Summary Report Grand Total,

\$ 8237.90 .00 collected.

Our Parish goal is \$ 15,440.00

There's still time to give!

Parish Financial Report

For the week ending 8/23 /2026

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
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Offertory: \$ 1775.00	\$ 192.00
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Fuel: \$ 5.00

Assumption: \$ 40.00

Debt: \$ 872.00	\$ 109.00
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Donation: In memory of Irene Lemay Couture.	\$ 500.00
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Candle: \$ 8.00

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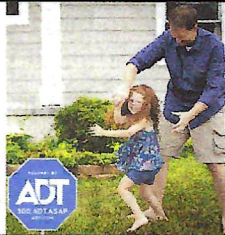
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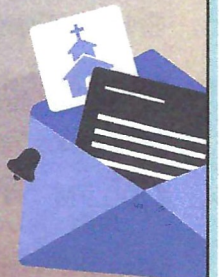
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