

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS/ HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday to Friday / Lunes a a Viernes

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES / MISAS DE DOMINGO

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass in English

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Misa en Español

11:00 a.m. Mass in English

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. & Fridays: 12:30 p.m.

(or by appointment)

DAILY MASSES / MISA DIARIA

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. Misa en Español

Wed. & Fridays: 12:00 Noon Mass in English

ADORATION IN CHURCH

Firsts Fridays, from 9:00 to 11:50 a.m.

December 8th, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent
Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Saturday, Dec. 7th

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation in English

All Our Faithful Departed
+Howard & Betty Lievens
+Joe Lievens +Lawrence & Eveyln Phillipp
+Guadalupe Esparza *Rita Kelly*

Sunday, Dec. 8th

8:00 a.m. Misa en Español

All Our Faithful Departed
Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. Mass in English

All Our Faithful Departed
+Lawrence & Evelyn Phillipp +Genaro Castillo
+Aaron V. & Juan Juarez +Linda Caballero
Rita Kelly

Monday, Dec. 9th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary = A Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

All Our Faithful Departed

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

All Our Faithful Departed

Tuesday, Dec. 10th

6:00 p.m. Misa en Español

All Our Faithful Departed
+Raul Guajardo
+Alberta Bernal
+Michael Tobar
+Ortiz Family
Rita Kelly



Wednesday, Dec. 11th

12:00 Mass in English

All Our Faithful Departed
+Paula Tomelloso
+Alesandro Torres
+Carmen Rodriguez
+Irma Pickering
Rita Kelly

Thurs., Dec. 12th

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:00 p.m. Mañanitas

6:20 p.m. Bilingual Mass, followed by a reception.

All Our Faithful Departed
+Connie Cuevas +Pedro Cortez
+Miguel & Amanda Alvarado
+Rodolfo Franco, Sr.
Rita Kelly

Friday, Dec. 13th

12:00 Noon Mass in English

All Our Faithful Departed
+Alfonso & Carmen Rubio
+Irma Pickering
+Alberta Bernal
+Juan Tobar
Rita Kelly

Saturday, Dec. 14th

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation in English

All Our Faithful Departed
Pro Populo



THE WORD OF GOD OF THIS SUNDAY

Who better than John the Baptist to guide us during this season of preparation for Jesus' coming? Today we see John travel throughout the region proclaiming a baptism of repentance and recalling the prophecy of Isaiah Baruch's prophecy, which we hear in the first reading, echoes Isaiah as well. All three trumpet God's mercy and forgiveness as they envision the coming of the Lord. Let us heed their call.



LA PALABRA DE DIOS

¿Quién mejor que Juan el Bautista para guiarnos durante este tiempo de preparación para la venida de Jesús? Hoy vemos a Juan ir por toda la región proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento y evocando la profecía de Isaías. La profecía de Baruc, que escuchamos en la primera lectura, también le hace eco a Isaías. Los tres pregonan la misericordia y el perdón de Dios al vislumbrar la venida del Señor. Tomemos en serio el llamado que nos hacen.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9

Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

LECTURAS DE ESTE DOMINGO

Primera Lectura: Bar 5:1-9

Salmo: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Segunda Lectura: Fil 1:4-6, 8-11

Evangelio: Lc 3:1-6

SUNDAY COLLECTION December 1, 2024

5:30 pm Mass \$1,357.00
8:00 am Mass\$2,154.00
11:00 am Mass\$1,832.25
Total Collection\$5,343.25

Less 11.5% Asset.....\$614.47
Total for the Parish\$4,728.78
Second Collection.....\$1,359.00
Parish Center \$495.00
Fundraiser

Thank you for your continued support towards your parish.

Muchas Gracias por su apoyo continuo hacia su Parroquia.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday—Friday from 8:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 to 2:00 p.m.. To get the entry code call the office at (956) 797-2666.

SACRAMENTS

Confessions: Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. and Fridays: 12:30 pm or by appt.

Baptisms: Please, contact the parish office, ahead of time, for a copy of the policy and information on classes. Parents and sponsors of this parish need to attend the Baptismal Prep. Classes here, before receiving a letter to be sponsors & the Certificate of Attendance.

Marriage: Engaged couple needs to make an appointment with the pastor, at least six months before the intended wedding date.

Quinceañeras: (Not a Sacrament) Candidates need to be members of SFX, attend Sunday Mass (regularly) and CCE Classes for the last two years, at this parish.

PARISH WEB SITE

General Information concerning the Saint Francis Xavier Parish, will be found at this Web Site:

stfrancisxavierlaferia.org

The Sunday Announcements will be found in the specific **Sunday Bulletin**, which is also published on this Web Site

Church Announcements



CHRISTMAS DRAWING

Our S.F.X. Christmas Drawing will be held on **Sunday, December 15th, at 12:00 Noon**, right after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, at the Parish Pavilion. Therefore, the **last day to turn in our tickets and monies is Friday, December 13th, by 12:00 Noon**, at the Parish Office.

OUR S.F.X. PARISH CENTER FUNDRAISER

Our goal this time is \$300,000.00 Dollars, for the construction of our new Parish Center. At this time, we have only raised a little over \$70,000.00 Dollars. Let's remember that there are Special envelopes for this project, at the entrance of the church. We kindly invite all parishioners to participate generously. We would like to thank you for your kind and generous participation!!!



ANNUAL POSADAS

(Novena of Christmas)

Dec. 16th to 24th

We now have a new plan for our Annual Posadas, Novena of Christmas. We would like to have our Posadas, for children, youth and adults, every other year here, at the parish; and every other year, at our homes, families organizing their own Posada, with our family, friends and neighbors.

This first year, our families have the opportunity to do their own Posadas at home...so, that we keep our beautiful traditions.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

(Monday, Dec. 9th)

Mass Schedule:

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, Dec. 9th, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(Thursday, Dec. 12th)

6:00 p.m. Mañanitas
6:20 p.m. Bilingual Mass, followed by a Reception.

CATECHISM ATTENDANCE

Dear parents, let's remember that you need to bring your children to Sunday Mass, so that they may qualify to receive the sacraments on time. Don't forget that you signed the agreement, when you registered your children for CCE (Catechism). Religious education and preparation for sacraments should be based on the celebration of Holy Mass (Eucharist), every Sunday, at our parish. You need to bring your children to Sunday Mass every Sunday to this parish.

CATECHISM (CCE) CLASSES RESUME

All CCE (Catechism) and Sacramental Preparation classes resume on Saturday, Dec. 7th, and Sunday, Dec. 8th. Please make a note in your agenda/calendar.