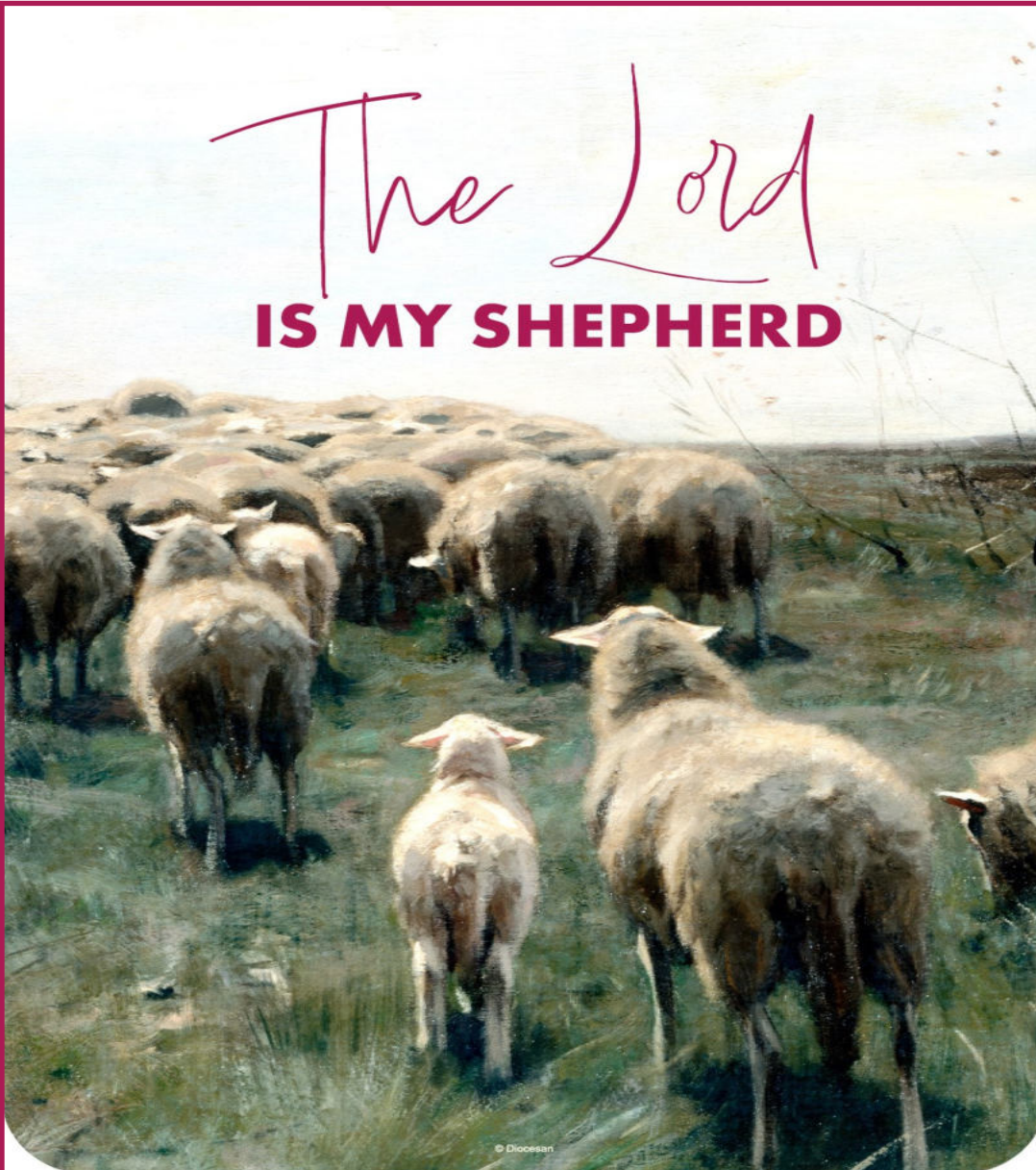


St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and School

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July 21, 2024

**16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Office Hours

Monday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. -

12:30 p.m.

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Wednesday

6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Saturday

4 - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday

7:45 - 8:15 a.m.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus, Our Peace

You probably know that the Jews in the first century did not particularly like the Gentiles. Some of them who became Christians still looked down on the non-Jewish Christians. In the epistle today, Paul addresses this problem by reminding them that Jesus died for all people, Jew and Gentile. And just as Jesus rose from the dead to a new life, the converts to Christianity were given a new life also. That new life of baptism joined them all to Christ, who lives in them, forgives them, and brings them peace. So why was that unity so hard to accept?

One reason is that as much as we complain about laws and regulations, many people like to live by them. We even make our own rules: "I always eat breakfast at 7:15," or "I have to read the newspaper every morning." Even though our rules may not be bad in themselves, if we get angry at anyone who interrupts our routine, those rules lead us to sin. But some of the Hebrew Christians thought that they still had to keep the laws and regulations of the old covenant. There is nothing wrong with keeping the Ten Commandments: They are simply examples of Jesus' command to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself. So why not just do that?

The problem with only keeping commandments is that we can avoid doing evil things, but still not love God or my neighbor. For example, we can avoid using God's name in vain and kick back and relax on the Sabbath, but still not really love God. We can keep from killing, robbing, or lying to our neighbor, without loving anyone. Fortunately for us, God loves us first; we need only respond to that love. And if we make the decision to love God and our neighbors, and base all our other actions on that love, we will not break any commandments, or even worry about breaking them. We will have the peace that Paul mentions in our reading, the peace that makes us all one in Christ.

Tom Schmidt

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" must have been chosen for this summer season by a committee eager for a vacation. For the apostles, the promise of rest was foiled by the needs of the people who discovered their hideaway and pressed them into ministry. Some people do indeed use their vacation for ministry and mission, giving an intensity of service otherwise not possible. For most of us, vacation is a time when we can grow more aware of God's plan, and can renew the bonds of love with family and friends in times of play and leisure.

The disciples learn today that there is no place so out of the way that the life of worship and ministry is disengaged. Giving yourself to summer worship will enrich you, delight you, and give you a sense of the word of God's progress in your heart. In today's world, summer is the time when we are most acutely aware of the beauty of the world. Gratitude and wonder are fertile soils for God's word to take root and prosper. Welcome the visitor today, and resolve that when you travel, you will be faithful to Sunday worship.

—Rev. James Field

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 20

5:00 p.m. Rita & George Doubek, & Rosanne Hale

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family
(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, July 21

8:30 a.m. Sr. Carmella Schneider

11:00 a.m. Mary, Effie & Preston Blanchard

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Sonia & Alfredo Lopez
(intentions)

Monday, July 22

Noon Elena Sarmiento & Michelle Recinos

Tuesday, July 23 - No noon Mass

8 a.m. Dennis Donnelly

Wednesday, July 24

7 p.m. Our Parish Family

Thursday, July 25

8 a.m. Dorcas-Ehlman Families

Friday, July 26

8 a.m. Joe Bourque

Saturday, July 27

5:00 p.m. Allene Sculthorpe & J. Barry Burns

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family
(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Ray & Ann Fetick

11:00 a.m. Vicitacion Diaz

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Our Parish Family

Keep in touch with us via text!

Mass times, ministry updates, & more
delivered to your phone TO SIGN UP, TEXT

SFX150 TO 84576

SIGN UP ONLINE AT:

stfrancixaviercatholic2.flocknote.com

The Clergy will be
attending **Fr Jim
Holloway's funeral** on
July 23rd at St William
Catholic Church on St
Simons Island. Mass at
SFX for that day will be at
8 a.m. instead of noon.

Sunday 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph
2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Monday Feast of Saint Mary
Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-
4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday Saint Bridget of Sweden

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday Saint Sharbel Makhluf,
Priest

Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab. 15
and 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Feast of Saint James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-
5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Friday Saints Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a
and 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-
18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Please email Ann for any interest in volunteering. We are always looking for helpers at the Church.

Altar Server Training

July 22, 23

10:30 a.m.

July 24

5:30 p.m.

DO NOT BE FOOLED!

SCAMMERS are CLEVER! They know we have a new priest. We WILL NOT send a text or email asking for FAVORS, MONEY or GIFT CARDS!

If you are unsure, call the Parish Office at 912-265-3249.



2024 Mass Intention book still has openings! If you are interested in having some Masses said for a loved one, Ann will be in the Narthex after the weekday Masses to help you. Suggested donation is \$10 per Mass.



**ST. VINCENT de
PAUL**

**FOOD PANTRY
REQUESTS**

Cereal, Canned
Pasta, jelly, premixed peanut
butter & jelly

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



The Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. Rom 8:26

Back to School Activities

*New Principal Meet and Greet**

**Friday, August 2, 2024
3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

SFXCS Cafetorium

*Classrooms will not
be accessible



Back to School Night

**Monday, August 5, 2024
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

Meet in SFXCS Cafetorium

**Visit Teachers and
Classrooms**

**First Day
Tuesday,
August 6, 2024**

First Friday, August 2, Mass is at 8:00 a.m. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in the church from 1:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. for silent prayer. Mass in English and Spanish at 7:00 p.m. O come, let us adore Him!



If your baby or toddler is feeling restless, the **Narthex** is open with a **live video and audio feed**. There are about 25 seats available. There is also a room located at the back of the Church you can go to.

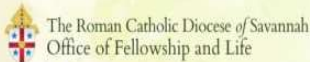
RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

September 6-8, 2024
Near Augusta, GA

Do you or someone you know have emotional, spiritual or psychological pain due to a past abortion? If so, there is a ministry just for you. At a Rachel's Vineyard Ministry retreat you can find help, hope, and healing through their post-abortion weekends.

For more information:
912-306-0406
stephaniemay135@gmail.com
rachelsvineyard.org

Complete confidentiality will be honored at all times. Take the risk and find the peace and healing you have been searching for.



Do you pay most of your bills online? You can donate to SFX online through Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) on our website.

That Man is You! For more information contact Deacon Chris at csadowski@bellsouth.net

SHOWING RESPECT AND REVERENCE AT CHURCH

In keeping with the sacredness of the Mass and so as to help others better focus, please observe the following guidelines:

- Do not chew gum, drink coffee, eat food or snacks, etc. in the Church.
- Remember to silence or turn off your cell phones and to refrain from texting while in the Church. Also, please do not talk inside of the Church with others, but rather seek to foster your own personal dialogue with God.
- Genuflect towards the Tabernacle as you enter or leave your pew. Bow your head instead if you are unable to do so.
- Wear modest and tasteful attire, and keep bodily gestures that convey the respect, joy and solemnity of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.
- Please consume the Host in front of the minister, and wait to leave the Church until after the final procession.



The **2024 Annual Catholic Appeal**: Faith, Hope, Charity Our parish goal is \$67,829.

So far we have raised \$57,532. Your sacrificial gift and prayers will help make this year's appeal a success. We can do this if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, everyone participates according to their own ability.

**ADMISSIONS
NOW OPEN**
2024/2025



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TODAY**