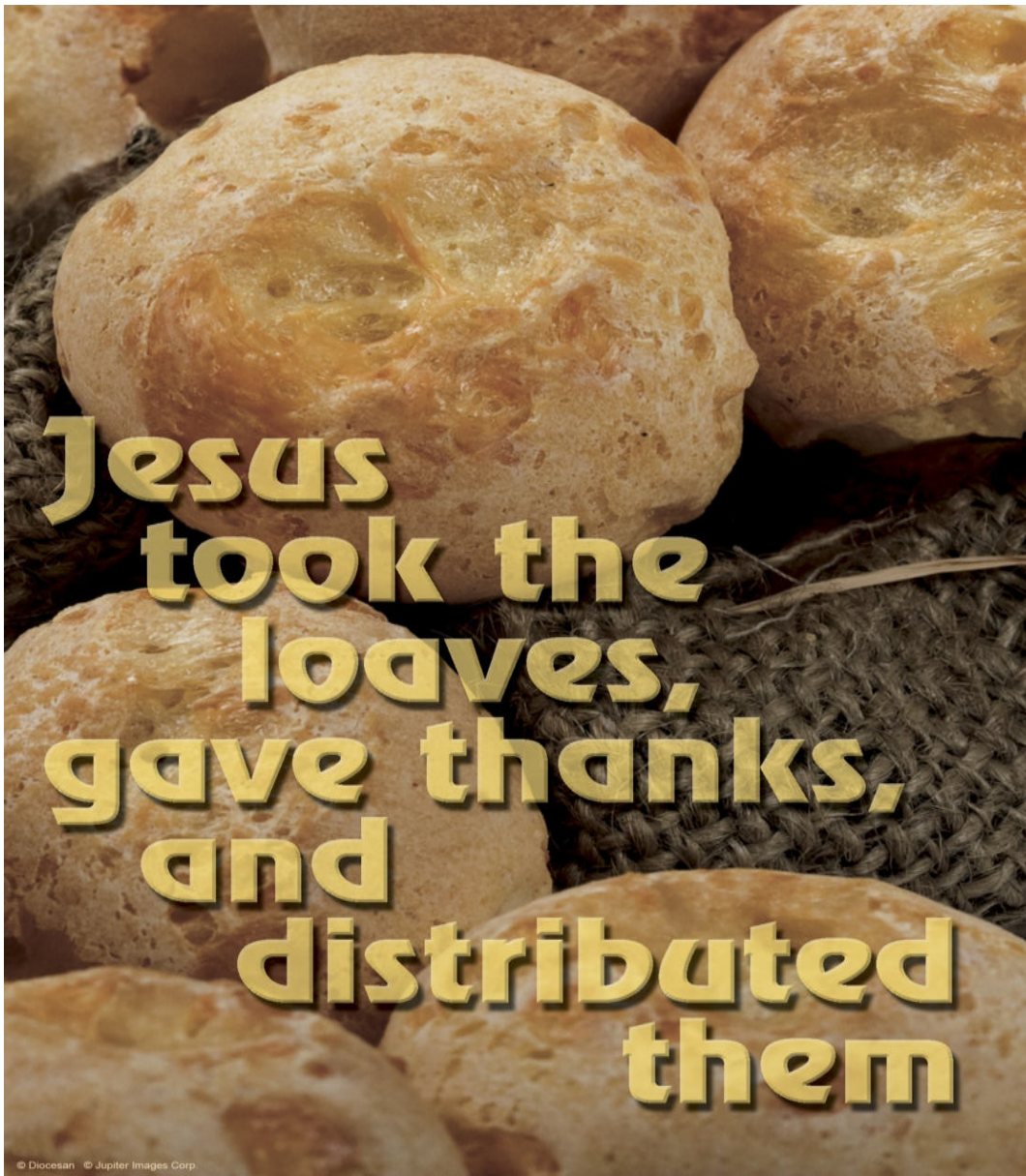


St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and School

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July 28, 2024

**17th 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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Prophet's Profit

It's no coincidence that the first reading shows the prophet Elisha feeding a crowd of people like Jesus in the gospel. If you want to compare miracles, Elisha did his first, but Jesus did it better. Elisha had a hundred people to feed with twenty barley loaves and a handful of fresh grain. Jesus had five thousand people and only five loaves and a couple fish. So was Jesus trying to show up Elisha?

Neither Jesus nor Elisha ever did a miracle for their own benefit. The very next story in 2 Kings about Elisha is the one where he cured Naaman, the king's servant, of leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:1:19) When Naaman realized he was cured, he came back to Elisha and offered him a gift in thanksgiving. Elisha refused the gift, because it would imply that Elisha did the miracle, while the prophet knew that God had cured him. Jesus also refused to benefit from feeding the crowds. They came to take him away and make him king, but he went up to his place of prayer on the mountain.

Jesus' miracle of feeding the five thousand was not done just for the crowd. He was using it to teach the disciples something important. He knew there would be times when they felt they were not holy enough or good enough preachers, to spread the gospel over the world. So he showed them what God can do with our meager abilities.

There are millions of people hungry for the good news that Jesus brings to the world. Remember the miracle of the loaves when you only have a few dollars to give to the missions, when you're not sure you know enough to teach someone about Jesus, when you don't know how to invite someone to come back to church. And remember that you do those things, not to make you look holy, but to let God show his loving power.

Tom Schmidt.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The feeding of the five thousand (and more) by the seaside is certainly the most famous of picnics. The miracle of the loaves reminds us of the earlier miracle of the wine at Cana. Like the Cana miracle, this one begins with human initiative as the small child responds to the hunger of the crowd by offering a seemingly meager gift. What could be more appropriate for deep summer than a Gospel account of a joyful picnic with Jesus and the generosity of a child at the center?

The coming month of August has always been a time for delight in the bounty of the earth, for picnics by the sea, dinner under the stars, for porch and rooftop, for parks and beaches, and enjoying the best of local crops. August's festivals of Transfiguration and Assumption have long given Christians the best of excuses for feasting on the abundance of summer: corn, tomatoes, pesto, bowls of fresh fruit. Picnics are a sign of the welcome table of God: always room for one more, always plenty to share, always a place of laughter and story-telling and always speaking to us of our deepest longings. Don't let August pass by without a picnic!

—Rev. James Field

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 29

Noon Kyung Lee (intentions)

Tuesday, July 30

Noon Joe Bourque

Wednesday, July 31

7 p.m. Beau Vendetti

Thursday, August 1

8 a.m. Our Parish Family

Friday, August 2

8 a.m. Fr Anthony Pillari &
Msgr Anthony J. Marcaccio (intentions)

7 p.m. Our Parish Family

Saturday, August 3

5:00 p.m. Josephina Tresserras &
Charlotte Cornelius

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

Sunday, August 4

8:30 a.m. Gary Odum & Dan Kujat

11:00 a.m. Sasser Family (intentions)

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Paola Juana Paz Vega

That Man is You! For more information
contact Deacon Chris at
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O God, hear our
prayer and let our cry
come unto
You. Bless our
Diocese of
Savannah with many
vocations to the
priesthood,
diaconate, and
religious life.
Give the men and
women You call the
light to understand
Your gift and the love
to follow always in
the footsteps of Your
priestly Son. Amen.

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!

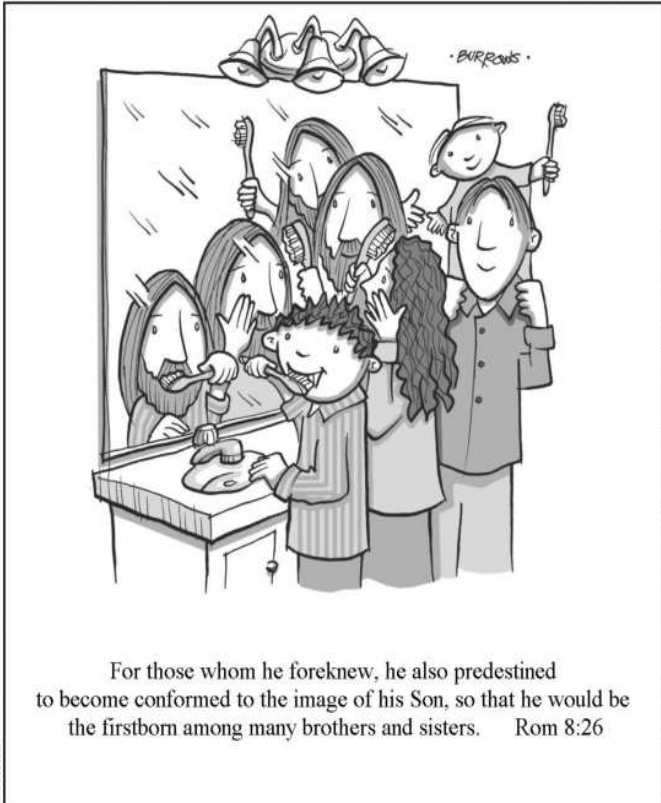


SCAMMERS are CLEVER! They know we have a new priest.
We WILL NOT send a text or email asking for FAVORS,
MONEY or GIFT CARDS!

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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



For those whom he foreknew, he also predestined to become conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Rom 8:26

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Scripture Readings For the Week of July 28, 2024

Sunday Seventeenth 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

Monday Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday Memorials of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, and Saint Peter Julian Eymard Priest

Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS

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

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**

The church needs:

Greeters

Greenhouse helpers

Substitute teachers
for PSR

Please email Ann
for any interest in
volunteering.

**Saint Francis Xavier
Catholic School**
is **NOW** hiring for the
following positions:

Handyman/Janitor
Extended Learning
Program, M-F 3:00pm-
5:30pm
Substitute teachers

Please submit your letter of
interest and resume to
amarr@sfxcs.org

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.

 The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah
Office of Fellowship and Life



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.



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**