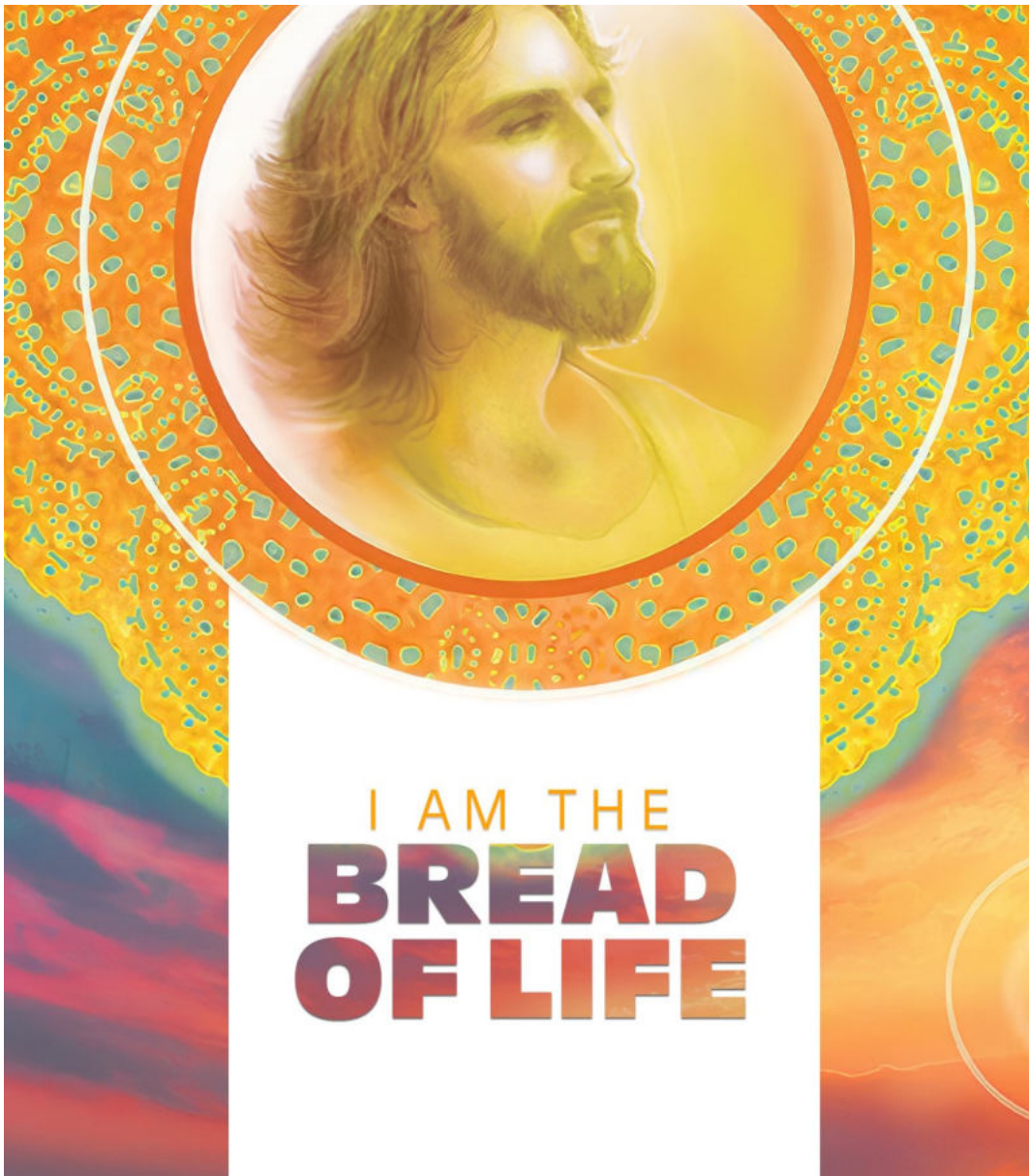


St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and School

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August 4, 2024

**18th 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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Don't Look Back

It's bad enough that the Israelites were grumbling against their leaders. But they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery. Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin.

We would never sin if there wasn't something attractive about it. We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us to repeat our offenses. Even though we know we are better off putting it behind us, we sometimes find it difficult to move on. Notice that the Israelites look back to their time in Egypt, while the people of Jesus' time look back to the manna in the desert, yet none of them ever had manna!

So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future, instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place we can make plans. If those plans are ever going to work, we have to begin now. Jesus doesn't say "Remember how good that manna was." Or "Don't worry; your children will get it right." No, he keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now, His Father gives us true bread today; Jesus is that bread of life.

Those words are just as true today. We may look fondly at Jesus' birth, his miracles, and his death on the cross, but if we don't let him be born again in us, if we don't trust him to do wonders today, and if we don't take up our crosses each day—we are missing the chance to experience Jesus in us and in the people we live and work with each day.

Tom Schmidt

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If the alb is the premier baptismal garment, then why are there so many other styles of vesture in evidence in our parishes? In some places, altar servers and other ministers might wear a garment, usually black, called a cassock. Over that is normally worn a white garment (a "surplice"), reminiscent of the alb but much shorter, often of starched linen and trimmed with lace. The cassock is not a liturgical garment, but a clerical robe. Its origins lie in the religious habit of monks. By the late Middle Ages, diocesan priests and clerics increasingly were encouraged to emulate religious priests. Very small boys were often apprenticed to monasteries, especially for music education, and would be invested with a cassock and sometimes even inducted into the ranks of clerics.

For centuries before the Reformation, it was required that all men entering higher education be clerics, and so the cassock and its variations became familiar academic garb. At the Reformation, many ministers retained a form of the cassock as ordinary dress, rejecting liturgical garments. In the seventeenth century, the English Civil War was in part provoked by the Archbishop of Canterbury's insistence that ministers wear surplices. Although the Episcopal Church now retains "cassock and surplice" as the normal dress for lay men and women assisting at liturgy, Catholics are increasingly attentive to the deeply traditional treasure of the alb, our baptismal robe, when special liturgical vesture is needed.

—Rev. James Field

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 5

Noon Fr Jim Holloway

Tuesday, August 6

Noon Yolanda Tuya

Wednesday, August 7

8 a.m. SFX School Staff & Students

7 p.m. Roberto Tuya Sevilla

Thursday, August 8

8 a.m. Maria Aurora Soler

Friday, August 9

8 a.m. Our Parish Family

Saturday, August 10

5:00 p.m. Nick Faust

7:00 p.m. Eleanor Daniel

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Sarigumba Family (intentions)

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Seve Lopez Hernandez &
Navia Ayda Glende

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.

Adult Bible Study Sundays in the St. Anne Room Meets between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Please come join us!

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



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



**Scripture Readings
 For the Week of August 4, 2024**

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

Monday Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51



**ST. VINCENT
 de PAUL
 FOOD PANTRY
 REQUESTS**

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



**St. Francis Xavier School starts August 6th.
Glynn County Schools start August 7th.**



Back to School



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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.

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:
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