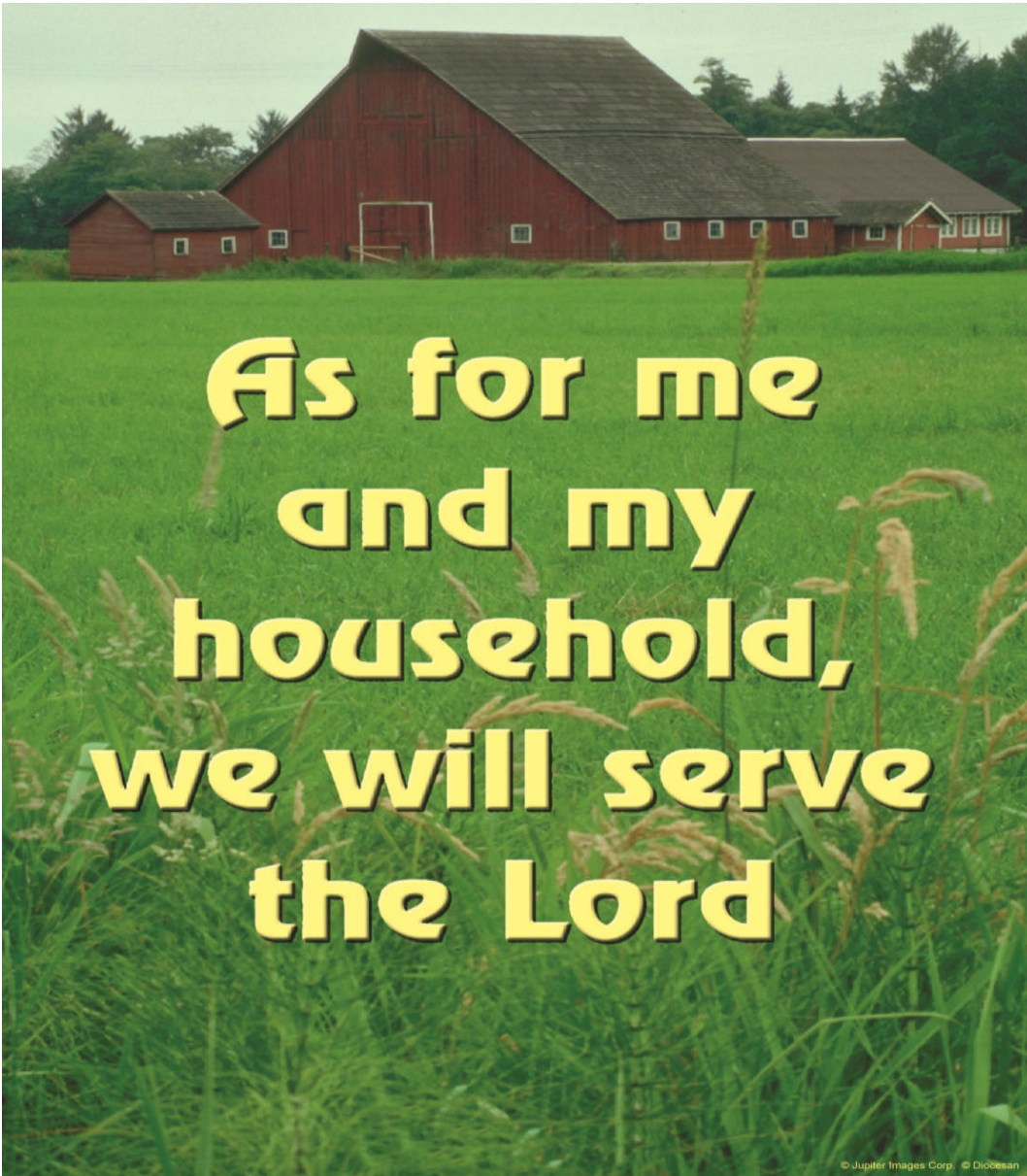


# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and School

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**As for me  
and my  
household,  
we will serve  
the Lord**

**August 25, 2024**

**21st 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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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Taken Out of Context

If you want to start an argument, try telling your wife that St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians says she should agree with everything you say. I'm sure that many people have taken out of context the line about wives being submissive to their husbands. In fact, the first sentence says they both should be subordinate to one another. (Eph 5:21) And even more important is the last verse: Paul says he is actually talking about Christ and the Church.

So what does Christ show us guys about being subordinate to our wives? Paul mentions the main example: Christ handing himself over for her (the Church) refers to his death on the cross. "Handed over" is a scriptural term for Jesus' giving himself to be crucified. He made it even clearer for them the night before he died: He washed the feet of his disciples and told them to do the same for each other. (Jn 13:14-15) If you ever had your feet washed on Holy Thursday by the pastor, and were humbled by that experience, imagine how it would feel to have the Son of God wash your feet!

Still not sure that subordination is a mutual quality in marriage? Paul explains that marriage is the best example of "love your neighbor as yourself." He quotes Genesis 2:24 about two people becoming one body. So your love for yourself now becomes love for your spouse. Do I love my wife so much that what she needs is as important to me as what I need? Are we willing to listen to each other and support each other? Do we encourage and support each other in our chores and weaknesses? Do we support each other's faith? Ladies, ask yourselves the same questions.

Paul's conclusion is that marriage is a sign of what the church should be. If you ever want to know what the love of Christ for his Church is, look at how a couple in a strong marriage love each other. And if you want to have a good marriage, love each other as Christ loves you.

Tom Schmidt

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Eucharist was never meant to be only "comfort food," something that makes us feel warm and satisfied. It is to be bread for the journey, nourishment for the task that God has set for our community and for each one of us. Thus it is not surprising to see some walk away in today's Gospel, for they understood that recognizing Jesus as the bread of life is a commitment to changing one's life.

St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate this week, once observed that in celebrating the Eucharist we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. As we conclude the series of reflections in John's Gospel on Jesus as the bread of life, it is appropriate to think about the role that the Eucharist plays in our lives and in our parish. It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment in faith to serve the Lord. How does the parish social ministry carry out that mandate? How do you carry it out in your own life? Is it related in any way to the celebration of the Eucharist? How does celebrating Mass Sunday after Sunday make a difference in your life and in the world?

—Rev. James Field



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Mrs. Annemarie Marr, Principal  
amarr@sfxcs.org

## WELCOME

**Mr. Michael Bernier**

School Maintenance/Custodian

# St. Francis Xavier Catholic School

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, August 24**

5:00 p.m. Allene Sculthorpe

7:00 p.m. Patricia Coddington

*(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)*

### **Sunday, August 25**

8:30 a.m. Sr. Kathleen McMenamin SSJ

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

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

### **Monday, August 26**

Noon Mary Osinski

### **Tuesday, August 27**

Noon Michael Tiedemann

### **Wednesday, August 28**

8 a.m. Hugh Clark (int.)

7 p.m. Robert Quadrino

### **Thursday, August 29**

8 a.m. Mary, Effie & Preston Blanchard,  
Helen Watkins

### **Friday, August 30**

8 a.m. Rene Drawdy

### **Saturday, August 31**

5:00 p.m. Helen Sculthorpe Yorke &  
Hubert Sasser

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

*(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)*

### **Sunday, September 1**

8:30 a.m. Roger Busby

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

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

Registration for our **Parish School of Religion (PSR)** is now open. Classes are open for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade and Confirmation Prep for students in High School.

Registration forms (printed in blue this year) are available at the main doors of the church.

**The deadline for registration is September 1. Classes will start September 22.**

**Catechists are still needed!** Please prayerfully consider donating your time and your heart to help educate our young people in the Faith. Substitute teachers are needed, too. Training will be provided to all catechists, new and returning. **Contact** Deacon Chris for more information. Please don't make me beg.

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.

**That Man is You!** men's ministry continues each **Wednesday morning**. We begin with **Adoration** in the Church at **6:00 am**, followed by a video (currently on the **Holy Spirit**) and discussion in the narthex; a light breakfast will be offered and we usually try to **end by 7:30 am**. All men ages 18 and up are encouraged to join us. Contact Deacon Chris for more information

**RCIA**, the ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults***, is the process by which those interested in learning about the Catholic faith come together to learn about the scriptures and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and at the same time, to discover where God is present in their lives.

**Our RCIA classes will begin at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 9 in the narthex.** If you're interested in joining the Church or simply want a refresher on Catholicism, we'd love to have you join us!



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

**FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS**

Cereal, Canned Pasta, cooking oil, peanut butter & jelly

(Please make sure items are not expired)

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of August 25, 2024**

**Sunday 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

**Monday** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday Memorial of Saint Monica**  
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday Memorial of The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 6:17-29

**Friday** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Please join the Knights of Columbus Sunday **September 8th** for the **Red Cross blood drive**. Thank You for giving your precious gift to save a life.



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## 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  
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 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.

**Youth Group starts September 11!** Meetings are each Wednesday of the school year and will be open to all high school students in grades 9 through 12. Watch for more details over the next few weeks!

**SCAMMERS are CLEVER!**  
**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.**

# WALK WHERE THEY WALKED



Join Bishop Stephen D. Parkes for a diocesan celebration in honor of marriage, families, and the heroic sacrifice of the Georgia Martyrs

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