

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Date/Time	Activity	Location
<b>Monday, November 28th</b>		
7-8PM	SVDP	Hospitality Room
7-9PM	Spanish Charismatic Core Group	Ignatian Spirituality Center
<b>Tuesday, November 29th</b>		
7-7:45AM	Retreat in the Real World	Hospitality Room
9:30-11:30AM	Ignatian Leadership Training	Ignatian Spirituality Center
12:30-1:30PM	Legion of Mary Mtg.	Chapel
6:30-8PM	English Classes	Conference Room
7-8PM	Contemplative Prayer	Ignatian Spirituality Center (Back Room)
7-9PM	Peregrinos Meeting	Hospitality Room
<b>Wednesday, November 30th</b>		
6-8:30PM	Just Faith	Ignatian Spirituality Center
7-9PM	Spanish Charismatic Group Mtg.	Church
<b>Thursday, December 1st</b>		
4:15-5:15PM	Spanish Confessions	Church
5:30-9PM	Loyola LIMEX Class	Ignatian Spirituality Center
5:30-7PM	Quinceañeras Practice	Church
6-7:15PM	English Faith Formation Classes	Various Classrooms
6-8PM	Citizenship Classes	Hospitality Room
6:30-8PM	English Classes	Conference Room
7-9PM	Adult Choir Practice	Church
7-9PM	Peregrinos Choir Practice	Chapel
<b>Friday, December 2nd</b>		
6:45-11:30AM	Adoration	Church
3-4PM	Wedding	Church
5-6PM	Quinceañera	Church
6:30-9PM	Viernes de Fe	Betty Lynch, Callanan Hall & Hospitality Room
<b>Saturday, December 3rd – Feast of St. Francis Xavier</b>		
8AM-Noon	Spanish Catechist Certification	Hospitality Room
9:30-10:30AM	Baptism	Church
11AM-Noon	Quinceañera	Church
12:30-1:30PM	Wedding	Church
2-3PM	Spanish Baptism	Church
3-4PM	Wedding	Church
3-5PM	Confessions	Church
<b>Sunday, December 4th</b>		
7AM-2:30PM	SFXS Parents Committee– Tamale Sale	Hospitality Tents
8:45-11:15AM	English Faith Formation Classes	Catechetical Center
9-9:30AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
9:30-11:30AM	Adult RCIA	Ignatian Spirituality Center
9:45-11:15AM	English Faith Formation Classes	Various Classrooms
10:30AM-1PM	Spanish Faith Formation Classes	Various Classrooms
10:30AM-1PM	Spanish Youth Confirmation	7A & 7B
11AM-12:30PM	Spanish Choir Rehearsal	Youth Center
11AM-1PM	God Squad	Conference Room
11AM-1PM	Spanish RCIA	Betty Lynch Room
3:50-5PM	Choir Practice	Church

For a complete look at the SFX Community Calendar visit us at:  
<http://www.sfxphx.org/VirtualEMSLite/>  
Questions regarding the calendar? email [parish.calendar@sfxphx.org](mailto:parish.calendar@sfxphx.org).  
Calendar is subject to change.



## TAMALE SALES

Pre-Orders are being taken for the Tamale Sale that will be taking place on Sunday, December 4th. Choices are Red, Green or Sweet and are \$7.50 for a half dozen and \$15.00 for a dozen. Money raised is to benefit the construction of our new school.

To Pre-order please email [amaluna@univision.com](mailto:amaluna@univision.com) or [rgsanchez05@aol.com](mailto:rgsanchez05@aol.com)

## CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

We are looking for someone who speaks English very well to help quiz our students who are facing their citizenship test. Meeting times are every Thursday at 6 PM in the Parish Offices. Come, meet some wonderful folks who will soon be our fellow citizens. Contact Fr. John Auther, SJ at 602-212-4503 or [john.auther@sfxphx.org](mailto:john.auther@sfxphx.org).



## FR. RICHARD ROHR TO PRESENT MERTON'S GIFT OF THE TRUE SELF

The Cornerstone Center's Margaret Slattery Lecture Series will present "Contemplation as Non-Dual Consciousness: Merton's Gift of the True Self" with Fr. Richard Rohr, Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church, 4455 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253. Fr. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest of New Mexico. He founded the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, where he presently serves as founding director. Fr. Rohr is the author of more than 20 books, an internationally known speaker, and a contributing writer for *Sojourners* and *Tikkun* Magazines, and the CAC's quarterly newsletter *Radical Grace*.

Cost to attend is \$45/person and includes lunch. Space is limited. To register call Amanda Petersen at 602-315-5723 or email [info@cornerstone-phx.org](mailto:info@cornerstone-phx.org)



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## BOOK CLUBS

Catholic Book Club: The next meeting will be on November 29, 2011 in the Hospitality Room of the Parish Center at 1 PM when we will discuss *Desert Father* by James Cowan.

Sometime in the new year we will discuss Ruth Burrows' *To Believe in Jesus*. This books should be in the Marian Shop.



Reminder: there are no Religious Education classes on Thursday Nov. 24th and Sunday Nov. 27th. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Attention parents of all 3rd year classes: Date for CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST Mass for Spring is Saturday, April 28th, 2012, 10:30am Mass.

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Parishioners:

Change of seasons; dramatic changing of the leaves gently announcing the coming of winter; closing of the current liturgical year; moving into the new liturgical year with Cycle B emphasizing the Gospel of Mark for our Sunday readings; Advent themes of “waiting in expectation” for the Incarnation of Jesus; and the introduction of the New Roman Missal.

In the words of Fr. James J. Basik: “The Christmas story, so rich in particular details, has a universal significance. It prepares us for the claim that Jesus is the absolute savior. He is the definitive prophet who speaks with absolute authority. He is the wisdom incarnate who reveals to us the mysterious plan of his Father. He is the one appointed to establish the reign of God in a final and irrevocable way. In Jesus, the eyes of faith discern the shape of the absolute we seek—not an absolute philosophy, ideology, book or doctrine, but a personal absolute. In the teachings of Jesus, we find the wisdom we seek to cope with the complexity and confusion of this postmodern world. His example of loving service is a sure guide to the essence of the good and fulfilling life. Through his death and resurrection, he provides us with all the assurance we need that history will reach its divinely appointed goal and that our longing for personal salvation will one day be fulfilled. We anticipate the triumphant return of Jesus Christ, the personal absolute, who offers sure guidance for the human venture. Belief in Jesus Christ incarnate offers us the hopeful assurance that our daily struggles are meaningful and that the moments of grace are authentic signs of our eternal reward.”

“Come, Lord Jesus, come.” Guide us grace-fully through all the changes and transitions mentioned above. May we prepare well to celebrate, once again, the great mystery of your incarnation when you became one with us.

The peace of Christ,  
*Fr. Dan Sullivan, SJ*  
Pastor

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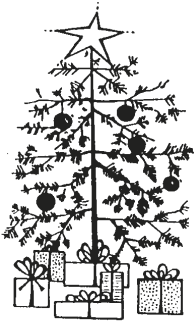
Queridos Feligreses:

Cambio de las estaciones; cambio dramático de las hojas suavemente anunciando la llegada del invierno; la clausura del año litúrgico actual; la entrada del nuevo año litúrgico con el Ciclo B enfatizando el Evangelio de San Marcos para las lecturas de los domingos; temas de Adviento “esperando con esperanza” la encarnación de Jesús; y la introducción del Nuevo Misal Romano.

En las palabras del Padre James J. Basik: “La historia de Navidad, tan rica en detalles particulares, tiene un significado universal. Nos prepara para la afirmación de que Jesús es el salvador absoluto. Él es el profeta definitivo que habla con autoridad absoluta. Él es la encarnación de la sabiduría que nos revela el misterioso designio de su Padre. Él es el elegido para establecer el reino de Dios de una manera definitiva e irrevocable. En Jesús, los ojos de fe perciben la forma de lo absoluto que buscamos –no una filosofía, ideología, libro o doctrina, absoluta, sino un absoluto personal. En las enseñanzas de Jesús nos encontramos la sabiduría que buscamos para hacerle frente a la complejidad y confusión de este mundo postmoderno. Su ejemplo de servicio amoroso es una guía segura a la esencia de la vida buena y plena. A través de su muerte y resurrección, nos ofrece la seguridad que necesitamos que la historia llegará a su fin por decreto divino y que nuestro anhelo de salvación personal algún día se cumpla. Anticipamos el retorno triunfal de Jesucristo, el personal absoluto, que ofrece una guía segura para la aventura humana. La creencia en Jesucristo encarnado nos ofrece la garantía de la esperanza que nuestras luchas diarias son importantes y que los momentos de gracia son signos auténticos de nuestra recompensa eterna.”

“Ven, Señor Jesús, ven.” Completamente guíanos por la gracia a través de todos los cambios y transiciones mencionados previamente. Podemos prepararnos bien para celebrar, una vez más, el gran misterio de tu encarnación cuando te convertiste en uno de nosotros.

La paz de Cristo,  
*Padre Dan Sullivan, S.J.*  
Párroco



The Giving Tree

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

With the beginning of Advent it has been our tradition here at St. Francis Xavier to have a Christmas Giving Tree devoted to helping different ministries help those who are in need of assistance for the Holidays. **Your generosity in the past years has been overwhelming! Thank You!**

Again, due to lack of space in storing gifts, we have had to revert to asking for **Gift Cards**. While this has been a tremendous help to St. Vincent de Paul and the Prison Ministry we realize it takes some of the joy away from the actual buying of a gift for you the parishioners. Thank you for your understanding in honoring the wishes of these ministries who help so many people by getting gift cards. You bring so much joy to the recipients and are instruments of God's love.

The gift cards this year will be going to help our St. Vincent de Paul Society, Diocese of Phoenix Prison Ministry, and the Burmese Refugee Community who have found their parish home here at SFX. For those of you who are not familiar with the Prison Ministry, we are including a small article written by the director, Kevin Starrs:

We at the office of Prison Ministry for the Diocese of Phoenix have been committed for many years supporting families in distress. Many families have been torn apart by violence, drugs, abuse and deep financial hardship. Since 1995 when we started an outreach ministry in South Central Phoenix, we have had boys from that neighborhood who have been locked up in detention coming to our Catholic service. Upon their release they started coming to our outreach ministry which included homework help, faith formation, dinner, employment training, and recreation. It did not take much time for us to realize the stark reality of their situation. Gangs, guns drugs, adults in their lives in and out of prison and on drugs. For the past 15 years we have worked with these youth. Their brothers, sisters, cousins, and neighbors. We have sent some of them to Boys and Girls Town in Nebraska. We have spent thousands of hours connecting them to mentors, churches, schools, visiting them in prison and so much more. Well now these young people are now in their mid 20s and early 30s. They are now trying so courageously to raise their own families in a new and healthy way. We are still involved in their lives. Many of them are hard working productive citizens. However they are considered the working poor. Their incomes barely pay the bills. It is very stressful on them to say the least. So at Christmas time this can turn a wonderful season into a sad and stressful situation, having no finances to provide gifts for their children. We could not provide this Divine blessing without your generous help. We thank you so much for sharing Jesus with our families.

Please take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item requested on the ornament, and return the item with the ornament attached to the Parish Center (office times listed on the front of the bulletin). **Please consider using scrip to purchase your gift certificate. The Saint Francis Xavier Scrip program is a year-round fundraiser for the school and has many vendors and denominations from which to choose.** The scrip office is also open M-W-F from 7:30 to 9:30AM. It is located directly to the south of the school's administrative office (scrip is sold at the walk-up window). You may also phone or email your order to: [Scrip4u@sfxphx.org](mailto:Scrip4u@sfxphx.org). Simply pick an ornament off the tree, tell us what you'd like using the scrip order form, write a check for that amount and turn it all in with your giving tree ornament during regular scrip hours or to the Parish Center. Once we process your order we will deliver it to the Giving Tree volunteers.

When you use scrip in the Giving Tree Program you not only benefit people in need in the community, but children at the school as well. Thank you for your generosity at this special time of year!

**For questions specific to the Giving Tree Program please call Mary Kevin at 602-212-4507.**



## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER/ CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Come to contemplative prayer/group meditation on **Tuesdays** from 7-8pm at the Ignatian Spirituality Center (4801 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St, use side door). Learn how to bring the prayer of silence, stillness and simplicity into your life. Sponsored by the Ministry of Mothers Sharing (men and women are welcome), guided by the Cornerstone Center ([www.cornerstone-phx.org](http://www.cornerstone-phx.org)).

**Questions? Contact Kim Jacob at  
[momsministry@sfxphx.org](mailto:momsministry@sfxphx.org)**

## GRANDPARENTS CLUB

The Grandparents Club is seeking volunteers who are available to be an **ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT** for children in the school who do not have grandparents who are able to attend this year's Grandparents Day on December 2 from 8:30-11:00 am. Volunteers would sit with the children at the school mass, attend a reception and then visit with them in their classrooms. In addition, our newly formed Grandparent Club will be looking for volunteers to assist with various school projects and fundraisers

**Please contact the Grandparents Club at  
[grandparentsclub@sfxphx.org](mailto:grandparentsclub@sfxphx.org) if you are interested or call:  
Bill Markham at: 602-819-0360**

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**



Current treatment options for the > 2 million Americans with atrial fibrillation (AF) include medication, which can have undesirable side effects; or - if they are candidates - they can have their hearts electrically shocked to restore normal rhythm. But research presented this year at the American College of Cardiology Scientific Session shows that hour-long Iyengar yoga sessions (the type that uses props such as yoga blocks) can reduce the number of AF episodes, reduce anxiety & depression, & improve quality of life. In the study, Dr Dhanunjaya Lakkireddy, M.D., director of the Center for Excellence in Atrial Fibrillation at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City found that hour-long sessions of Iyengar yoga done 3 times per week - with 15 minutes used for relaxation & deep breathing - for 3 months reduced the number of AF episodes people had by nearly 45%. 22% of the people who did the prescribed amount of yoga had no episodes of AF at all. If you have AF and are looking for a more natural form of treatment, talk with your doctor about yoga. Source: Prevention Magazine, Dec. 2011.

**Jean Quarelli, RN 602-279-9547 ex 4244**

**TO ALL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

Tuesday, December 6th at 6 PM, Catholic Physicians' Guild of Phoenix is sponsoring an Advent Reflection with Bishop Olmsted @ Mt. Claret Retreat Center. (4633 N. 54th Street, Phoenix) Reception to follow. RSVP to Bill Brophy 602.309.4501 for adequate head count .

God Bless,  
Dcn. Dick Petersen, MD

**ENJOY A NARNIA MOVIE MARATHON.**



C.S. Lewis, (author of the *Chronicles of Narnia* and many other books) was a Catholic, and is a writer respected by many Christian denominations. He abandoned his

faith in his teens and eventually became an atheist while a student at Oxford University. After graduating with honors, he became an English professor where he met fellow writers and friends, J.R.R. Tolkien (author of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy) and Hugo Dyson. In his early thirties, Lewis turned back to his faith after a long discussion with Tolkien and Dyson about Christianity. Lewis recalled, "When we set out [by motorcycle to the Whipsnade Zoo] I did not believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and when we reached the zoo I did." Lewis went on to become a strong defender of the faith. Encourage families to rent the recently made Disney movies *Chronicles of Narnia* and *Prince Caspian* from their local video store; gather some movie snacks (popcorn, soda, etc.) and settle down around the television for an afternoon of movie watching. *Connect to the birthday of C.S. Lewis (November 29).*

**SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT**

**Spiritual Direction/ 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises:** Journeying with people who desire to enrich their prayer life through prayer, scripture and contemplation

**Ministry to Pregnant Moms:** Assisting moms to meet the challenges of motherhood by encouraging them to pray with and for their unborn child

**Continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life:** The eighth of each month is the designated day at St. Francis Xavier to pray for marriage and family life. We invite you to join us in selecting an hour of your time on that day to pray with us. The prayer takes place wherever you are at that time. A booklet is provided to help you with your hour of prayer.

**Information regarding the above ministries, contact Sr. Evelyn O'Boyle at [evelyn.o'boyle@sfxphx.org](mailto:evelyn.o'boyle@sfxphx.org) or 602- 212-4529**



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Parishioners trained to be caring, good listeners, can make a difference at a challenging time in your life.

**If you would like a Stephen Minister to visit you, please call Mary Kevin Picton at 602-212-4507.**

**ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS MASQUERADE BALL**

Please join CRYC (Catholic Retreat for Young Singles) for an "Enchanted Christmas Masquerade Ball." Dancing, fellowship, live DJ, light refreshments and drinks. Masks (that cover only part of the face) are encouraged but not required. 12-10-11 @ St. Joan of Arc, Weidner Hall, 3801 E. Greenway Rd., Phoenix from 7-11. Singles \$20/Couples \$30. Questions: Call Rubett 602-920-2170.

**CHOCOLATE, WOMEN AND GOD**

All ladies and girls ages 12 and up are invited to "Chocolate, Women, and God" at St. Bernadette Church in Scottsdale, on Tuesday, December 6 from 7:00PM – 8:30PM. International speaker Katrina Zeno will share with us her ABCs of dressing for beauty via her talk, "Sacred Beauty." Bring some chocolate to share!

**For more information contact Carlos Gonzales at St. Bernadette [www.saintbernadette.com](http://www.saintbernadette.com) or 480 905-0221 x209**



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at Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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*Located east of the main side entrance to the Church, the shop has an excellent selection of books, statues, rosaries, Bibles, devotional materials, jewelry, CD/DVDs, as well as gifts for that special occasion such as Weddings, Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, and First Reconciliation!*

## Christmas Shopping!!

The shop is fully stocked with advent wreaths, Christmas ornaments, nativity scenes, statues, cards, and many other gift items in every price range.

*Don't forget the Marian Shop offers tax free shopping. You automatically save 9.2% and the profits from sales go to support the over 50 ministries of our parish- a great way to shop this holiday season!*

**Holiday Hours**  
**Closed November**  
**24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Closed December**  
**24<sup>th</sup> thru January 2<sup>nd</sup>**



## The Gift for the Person who Has Everything!



**Ascent** is a limited edition sculpture encased in Lucite by artist Christopher A. Pardell. This piece would make an amazing gift for that person who has everything and Christmas is just around the corner! During the month of December the lucky purchaser of this piece will receive 20% off of the purchase price.

### ***Saint Francis Xavier*** ***(1506-1552) Feast Day*** **December 3rd**

*St. Francis Xavier, one of the co-founders of the Society of Jesus, is noteworthy for his missionary work, both as organizer and as pioneer. He is said to have converted more people than anyone else has done since Saint Paul. He is considered to be a patron saint of Roman Catholic missionaries in foreign lands. (from Catholic.org)*

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Confirmation

**ADULT CONFIRMATION AT  
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER**

Did you miss out on getting Confirmed during your High School years? Think it can't happen now? Wrong! If you are 19 years and over and you have been baptized, received your First Communion, have a desire to be a committed Catholic you have everything you need for the Adult Confirmation program. The program has a sign up period in the Fall followed by a series of class sessions beginning in January held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30p.m. in the Parish Center. See the parish website <http://www.sfxphx.org> for details or stop by the parish center to pick up a copy of the registration form and instructions.

**WE PRAY FOR... ORAMOS POR**



Ken Ritter Billy Schaefer  
Ethan Younger Joe Ahearne  
*All Military Personnel*



November 28th	6:15AM Noon	Fr. Robinson Fr. Sullivan	Camille Donaldson (Int.) Margaret Chopko ☩
November 29th	6:15AM Noon	Fr. Auther Fr. Robinson	Fr. Tom Donaldson (Int.) Mary Oen ☩
November 30th	6:15AM Noon	Fr. Martin Fr. Auther	Virginia Stieber ☩ Margaret & Guy Smith ☩
December 1st	6:15AM Noon	Fr. Sullivan Fr. Auther	Carmen Welch ☩ V.M. & Matthew Thomas ☩
December 2nd	6:15AM Noon	Fr. Robinson Fr. Robinson	Jane Woods ☩ Patricia Scalzo ☩
December 3rd	8AM 5:30PM	Fr. Martin Fr. Martin	Entire Parish Entire Parish
December 4th	7AM 9AM 11AM 1PM 3PM 5PM	Fr. Martin Fr. Auther Fr. Robinson Fr. Auther Fr. Robinson Fr. Sullivan	Entire Parish Entire Parish Entire Parish Entire Parish Entire Parish Entire Parish

**1ST FRIDAY ADORATION**



December 2nd  
Following 6:15 AM Mass in the Church  
Benediction at 11:30 AM

**NOVEMBER BAPTISMS**

We welcomed the following children into our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Dylan J. Bartlett  
Isabella Marie Figueroa  
Julian Angel Silva Martinez  
Aviana Jade Frazier  
Gabriella Rose McGlynn  
Chloe Cazares  
Zoey Anne Alexandria Sy Lao



*Please pray for the newest members  
of our faith community.*

**READINGS FOR THE  
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2011**



Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;  
Ps 80;  
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37  
Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Saint Andrew, apostle  
Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19; Mt 4:18-22  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Saint Francis Xavier, priest  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147;  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

*Looking Ahead To Next Week*

**Sunday Readings (12/4)- Second Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3.8-14; Mark 1.1-8  
**Question from Life:** Who are the prophets among us?  
**Question from the Gospel:** What voices are speaking in your wilderness this Advent?  
Each week in the bulletin there will be a question pertaining to the next Sunday's Gospel reading, this will give you a chance to read and reflect before coming to Mass.

*Questions are from [www.gospelforallages.com](http://www.gospelforallages.com)*

**NOVEMBER WEDDINGS**



Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony in our Church

Lindsay Johnson and David Hintze on Nov. 5, 2011  
Mary Heeley and Colin Baker on Nov. 19, 2011

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## *Pastor's thoughts as we begin Advent...*

As we begin Advent we are called to embrace the changes that affect the worshipping community with the presentation of the new Roman Missal. You will notice that some of the congregation's dialog responses are different. The words to the Gloria and the Nicene Creed have been changed and expanded.

The prayers the priest will use at Mass may sound very different to you with the new translation and the phrasing of the prayers. The Eucharistic Prayers have likewise been re-translated to a more "solemn" language. The result is that we will hear words and phrasing that are different from our daily, "street" language to help us be more aware of the sacredness of our celebration of Eucharist.

These changes give us the opportunity to refresh our beliefs and practices as we attend Eucharist:

- Reaffirm our faith in the real presence of Jesus in the holy Eucharist. This is both a mystery of our faith and a reality that

Jesus is really present to us here and now in the Eucharist, The Word, The Priest and the Community.

- When we gather for Eucharist in the church it is important to move into silence so we can shift from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives and enter into the holy where we receive our strength for our life's journey.
- Blessing ourselves with holy water at the church entrances reminds us of our baptism.
- Genuflecting or bowing entering and leaving our pew honors the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.
- Actively participating in the responses and hymns gives life to our communal prayer; be participants not spectators.
- The procession to receive Eucharist symbolizes our journey of faith; a time we walk together (pilgrimage) to the Lord.

We receive the Bread in our hands, right hand on top of left, to create a basket to receive the Bread. It is not appropriate to take the Bread from the priest's fingers, one is to receive, not take the Bread. If you take communion on the tongue, extend it out far enough (but not too far) to receive the Bread, careful not to snap at the priest or to get saliva on his fingers.

- If you choose to receive the Precious Blood, then make a slight bow toward the chalice while the person in front of you receives the chalice, then step forward, take the chalice from the Eucharistic Minister, take a sip of the Precious Blood and give the chalice back to the Minister.
- Receiving Eucharist (under the form of bread or the form of wine) in a reverent and intentional way gives the respect and honor due the holy Eucharist.
- After the final blessing, the priest missions the congregation to go forth into our world and to live out the gospel, to build up the kingdom of God by loving God and serving our neighbor.
- The celebration of Eucharist remains the cornerstone of our faith community where God lovingly nourishes us for our faith journey.



# 2011 Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Faith Community Advent and Christmas Calendar



## Sunday, November 27

### *First Sunday of Advent*

(Vigil Mass 5:30pm Saturday)

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

1:00pm (Spanish) 5:00pm



## Saturday, December 3

### *The Feast of St. Francis Xavier*

8am Mass

## Sunday, December 4

(Vigil Mass 5:30pm Saturday)

### *Second Sunday of Advent*

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

1:00pm (Spanish) 5:00pm

## Thursday, December 8

### *The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

*Holy Day of Obligation*

6:15am, Noon, 5:30pm

7:00pm (Spanish)



## Sunday, December 11

### *Third Sunday of Advent*

(Vigil Mass 5:30pm Saturday)

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

1:00pm (Spanish) 5:00pm

11:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil

## Monday, December 12

### *The Feast of Our Lady Of Guadalupe*

6:00am Las Mañanitas

5:30am (Spanish)

7:00pm



## Tuesday, December 13

7:00pm Penance Service

Private confessions to follow

## Saturday, December 17

8am Mass with Sacrament of

Anointing to follow

## 6:30pm La Posada –Callanan Hall



## Sunday, December 18

(Vigil Mass 5:30pm Saturday)

### *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

1:00pm (Spanish) 5:00pm

## Saturday, December 24th

### *Christmas Eve Liturgies*

4:00pm (SFX Chorale / Living Gospel),

6:00pm (English),

7:30pm (Spanish),

9:30pm Christmas Carols and Choir concert

10:00pm (St. Francis Xavier Chorale)

## Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

*Mass of the Nativity*

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am Masses

1:00pm Mass (Spanish)

## Monday, December 26

### *Feast of the Holy Family*

8:00am Mass

## Confessions

Saturday, December 3, 10, and 17: 3:00 pm — 5:00 pm

Daily: Monday, December 19, Tuesday, December 20, Wednesday, December 21

from 11:00am 11:45am