



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023



Welcome to St. Xavier

Registered historic site founded in 1819
Apostolate of the Jesuit Fathers since 1845
Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

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Mass Intentions

December 18 - 23

MON	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
18		+	Margaret Schloemer
	11:30	+	Stephen Rentschler
		+	Mary Ann Schuh
TUES	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen
19			Families
		+	Eileen Niland
	11:30	+	Tom Browning (1st Annv.)
		+	Michael Hartoin
WED	6:00	+ / SI	Living/Deceased Members
20			of the Kearns Family
	11:30	+	Mary Jo Schwartz (Annv.)
		+	Carol Imbus
THU	6:00	+	Jackie Goetz (Birth.)
21		+	Mary Pat Hendy
	11:30	+	Timothy Meyer (Birth.)
		SI	Diogo Anyigbo
FRI	6:00	+	Herman Sievers (Annv.)
22		+	Mary Jo Kiely (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Jack Lawler (Birth.)
		+	Linda Klare (Birth.)
SAT	7:00	+	Betty June McCardle (Birth.)
23		+	Thomas Summe (1st Annv.)

MUSIC

Opening: Awake! Awake, and Greet
the New Morn #423

Responsorial: My Soul Rejoices
#998

Mass Parts:
#194, 198, 200, 202, 204

Communion: A Voice Cries Out
#416

Closing: God Has Chosen Me #761

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weekly email newsletter by completing
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Artwork: *St. John the Baptist Preaching*
Anton Raphael Mengs (c. 1775)

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday
4 PM

Sunday
7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 5 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday
6 AM, 11:30 AM

Saturday
7 AM

Confessions

Monday - Friday
Noon to 1 PM

Saturday
11 AM to Noon

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Christmas

... MASS SCHEDULE ...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

7 AM 9 AM 4 PM* 5:30 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

12 AM 7 AM 10:30 AM*

*Livestream

NOTE: The 7 AM and 9 AM Masses on December 24 celebrate the 4th Week of Advent, not Christmas.

Sound in the Church

St. X Church understands there are problems with sound in the upper church. Our staff has been in contact with audio engineers and are working to resolve the issue. We apologize for the inconvenience!

Rosary Group

The Rosary is prayed every evening at 7:30 PM on Zoom. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com to join us! You can also join us in person on **Wednesday, December 20** in the upper church to pray the Rosary after Adoration.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase poinsettia flowers for someone special, or as a memorial for a loved one, please use the envelopes at the back of church. Or, you can clip this notice and return it with your payment in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Suggested donation: \$10. Thank you!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

A Rose By Any Other Name

Rejoice! The first word uttered in the Entrance Antiphon to today’s mass is “Rejoice,” which sets the stage for Gaudete Sunday, Latin for “Rejoice” Sunday. So, on this day, we light the pink candle on the Advent Wreath. For today, amidst the solemn Advent season, we get a burst of the color pink, or, as it is officially called, “rose.” Personally, I like to call this Third Sunday of Advent a “pink candle kinda day” since it’s a day where a pinch of lit pink reminds us to hope in the Lord. Still, perhaps “rose” could be an alternate term for the color since we are called to “rise” in our spirits. Nevertheless, today, we are reminded to prepare, like the three Magi did, for our destination: Bethlehem - with hope in our hearts. And maybe we can merge pink with rose?!

Today, ask yourself and your priest: Are you brave enough to wear pink today? to put on the color pink in a bruised world? Pink daringly represents hope, joy, resilience, courage, intentionality, and brightness.

With the help of John the Baptist and Jesus today, we can all put on the pink, rejoice, show it off, and wear it well. In the gospel, we have reason to rejoice: Jesus is coming to us; Jesus will save us; Jesus’ star is on the rise. And we have some living and breathing mentors to help us don the pink. William Shakespeare once pondered, “That which we call a rose, by any other name (pink?) would smell as sweet” – whether a Montague or a Capulet, a John or a Zechariah, a Mary or an Elizabeth – for they all help us rise to greater heights and greater expectations.

Today, we see how two individuals, John the Baptist and Jesus, inspire one another and play off each other’s strengths – as they advance in their ministries and give each other hope. Think of a good friend of yours who inspired you to go further – to rise to be a better man or woman. This is what we have here between John and Jesus – a bright resolve to prepare for God’s coming. And this is what we can all do on Gaudete Sunday. Rejoice! Rise! So whether we call it rose or pink, or any other name, it would smell as sweet today.

- Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
Associate Pastor



Veterans Pictures

If you provided a picture for our annual Veterans display, please pick it up in the Parish Center outside the office door.

Presiders for This Weekend - December 17

4 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7 AM	Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ
9 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
5 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

Presiders for Christmas Eve

4 PM (<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>)	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7 AM (<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>)	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
9 AM (<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>)	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
4 PM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
5:30 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

Presiders for Christmas Day

Midnight	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

Tender Mercies

If you can donate a food dish for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office or drop it off by 11 AM on **Sunday, December 31**. Any help is greatly appreciated!

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, December 19**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Not of This World* by Sterling Jacquith. We know we should store up treasure in the Kingdom of God, not here on Earth, but what does that look like day-to-day? The author explains how minimalism will bring you more peace and freedom. Please join us for a great discussion of this Catholic guide!

St. Xavier Prayer Ministry Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish.

Susan, Carla Niehoff, Richard Baylis, Paul Block, Clay Holmes, Kaehn Frederick, Steve Trapp, Linda Hennel, Shannon Boyle, Barbara Deal, Peggy McWilliams, Danny Trumble, Carly Grant, Bill Hughes, Joe, Marie Shields, Sarah Sychi, Margaret, Jeala Youssefi, Carol Delaney, Iland, Jim Mittenzwei, Andrea Kittel, Kim B., Joseph Augustine Hengehold, Brad Sullivan, Randy DeAngelis, Andy Bailey, Emily Gear, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Roger Thesing, John Daymut, Annie Quehl, Mary Hudson, Angie Naylor, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Bob Ambach, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, William Waters, Ray Teepen, Marguerite Kron, Bob & Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Jim Krohmer, Barbara Stewart, Alisha Meridieth, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Rosemary Kosky, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Bob Wilkerson, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Joseph Brehm, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Mary Preston, Steve, Ava Janzsen, Erica Gross, David Cole, Elliot Robinson, Carol Ladwig, Mary Zleit, Dinah & Brad Barnhill, and Maria Giesler.

Job Opening - Social Mission

St. Xavier Church will be hiring a full-time Associate Director of Social Mission in the new year to help coordinate our growing social ministries as we continue to live into our mission of Inward Reflection, Outward Action. Check out the job description at www.stxchurch.org/job-openings. Resumes and cover letters can be sent to tseveryn@stxchurch.org

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ each Wednesday evening from 6 - 7 PM here in our beautifully renovated sanctuary for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. Jesus is waiting for you!

Young Adults Group

St. Xavier Church's Young Adults Group meets multiple times each month for socials, reflections, and days of service. To learn more, please visit www.stxya.com/events.

**2024 Calendars + Collection Envelopes**

2024 calendars and parish collection envelopes are available in the back of church. If you would like a box of parish envelopes or if you do not need the envelopes anymore, please call the office.

Women's Spirituality Group

The Women's Spirituality Group will convene on **Tuesday, December 19 at noon in the St. Xavier Church Parish Center, but, for this session, we will join the Advent Retreat one hour presentation that will occur in the same space at the same time. Join us!**