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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026



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MASS INTENTIONS

June 1 - 6

MON	6:00	+	Ayigbo & Osuagwu Families
1		+	Lena Spades
	11:30	+	Art Neltner (<i>Annv.</i>)
		+	Hugh Dorian
TUE	6:00	+	Jane Hammelrath
2		+	Paul Kreis
	11:30	+	Mr. & Mrs. Mar Web
		+	Jamie Lindeman
WED	6:00	SI	Nathan O. (<i>Birth.</i>)
3	11:30	+	Diana Lerch
		+	Franks Family
		+	Audrey Wayland
THU	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
4		+	Dennis Kehoe (<i>Birth.</i>)
	11:30	+	Leo Green (<i>Annv.</i>)
		+	Gerry Ramundo (<i>Annv.</i>)
FRI	6:00	+	Nathaniel Wells
5		+	Paul Kreis
	11:30	+	Kevin England
		+	Ruth Neltner (<i>Annv.</i>)
SAT	7:00	+	Kevin Ghirardo (<i>Annv.</i>)
6			

MUSIC

(See separate program for 10:30 AM Mass)

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty! #567

Gloria: A New Mass for
Congregations #319

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3 -
Glory and praise for evermore #1086

Offertory: How Wonderful the
Three-in-One #563

Mass Parts:
#370, #371, #372, #389

Communion: Life-Giving Bread,
Saving Cup #926

Closing Hymn: O God, Almighty
Father #566

Art: *Pietà with Saint Nicodemus and Mary
Magdalene*
by Ippolito Scalza (c. 1579)
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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

Adoration & Confession

Monday - Friday: 12 - 1 PM
1st Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Saturday (Confession only)
11 AM - 12 PM

We Are Hiring – Admin Assistant

The Administrative Assistant performs a variety of tasks to support the Business Director and the Systems Director, along with other parish staff for the Jesuit Parish Family (Bellarmino Chapel and St. Xavier Church). To learn more, please visit www.stxchurch.org/job-opportunities.

Second Annual Trivia Night

Join us for Trivia Night on **Saturday, July 25**, immediately following the 4 PM Mass! Event will run from 5-7 PM and is sponsored by the Marriage Enrichment Team. This fun night is hosted by local comedian, Michael Flannery and features our priests and Sr. Whitney for entertaining Q&A! Feel free to bring friends, form your own team of 6, or we will form teams from registrants. Food, prizes, and Split-the-Pot provided! BYOB welcomed! Please RSVP to Tina Ernst at ternst@stxchurch.org or leave a message at 513.721.4045 ext. 1004.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, July 7**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our latest book, *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak. This is the story of a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors. We look forward to a great discussion. Join us!

Dinner Reception for Sister Parish

Did you know that St. Xavier Church has been in a parish twinning relationship for over 25 years? On **Sunday, June 14**, at 6 PM, Fr. Miguel Arrieta, SJ, pastor of La Virgen de Nazaret parish in Lima, Peru, will be joined by one of his parishioners and Fr. Kevin Flaherty, SJ, who ministered in Peru for over 30 years, to share about their community and ministries during a dinner reception in the Parish Center. Please join us in strengthening the bonds of our parish twinning relationship and honoring our oneness as the Body of Christ across cultures!

CONNECT WITH ST. X!

Sign up to receive St. Xavier Church's weekly email newsletter by completing the form on the homepage of the website.



A God Who Leans Toward Us

Most of us got handed the Trinity like a math problem. Three in one, one in three. We nodded, filed it under “mystery,” and moved on, something to believe rather than Someone to know. But the readings this Sunday aren’t trying to solve the equation. They’re letting us see what God is actually like. And honestly, it’s better news than we expected.

Listen to how God describes himself to Moses on the mountain. Not “all-powerful.” Not “infinite.” The very first words out of God’s own mouth are “gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity” (Exodus 34:6). When God finally gets to say who he is, he leads with tenderness. That word for love—*hesed* in Hebrew—is a loyal, covenant love that simply will not quit. The kind that keeps showing up, even after we’ve broken the tablets.

And notice what Moses does in the presence of all that mercy. He doesn’t ask for an explanation. He asks for company: “come along in our company” (Exodus 34:9). Just walk with us. That’s the whole story, really. God keeps leaning toward us, and we keep asking him to stay.

John says it about as plainly as it can be said: God “so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (John 3:16). Not to condemn us—Jesus is clear about that—but to save us. So the Trinity isn’t God studying us from a safe distance. It’s the Father giving, the Son drawing near, the Spirit pulling us into the middle of it. We’re not outside this love trying to understand it. We’re already standing inside of it.

Here’s where Ignatius would nudge us, gently: where have you already felt that leaning-toward this week? The patience you somehow found with someone difficult. The friend who showed up. That quiet sense that you weren’t carrying it alone after all. God’s life isn’t abstract. It’s been moving through your ordinary days the whole time.

Paul closes his letter with words we now pray at every Mass: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you” (2 Corinthians 13:13). And a blessing like that was never meant to stop with you. It’s meant to be handed on.

So hand it on this week. Be patient with one person. Show up for someone. Let the love that keeps leaning toward you start leaning, through you, toward somebody else.



Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
Parish Family Director of Evangelization

SUNDAY READINGS – #1086

Sunday Collection for May 17	\$8,199
Online Contribution	7,671
Total for May 17	\$15,870

Support St. Xavier Church:**Congratulations to...**

- Frank and Abigail (Clark) Auberger, who were married on May 23.
- Amilcar and Cassidy (Serger) Torres-Enriquez, who were married on May 23.
- Henry Allen Wittenmyer, son of Justin and Marilyn, who was baptized on May 23.

First Saturday Social for June

Please join fellow parishioners and Fr. Jacob Boddicker in the Parish Center for our First Saturday Social immediately after the 4 PM Mass on **Saturday, June 6**. The Marriage Enrichment Team is co-hosting and will provide delicious charcuterie crafted by Vanessa & Chris Moorman. Wine and beverages will be provided. Bring your questions for Fr. Jacob who recently returned from Sri Lanka and is known for his vast knowledge of Catholicism. Contact DeAnn Fleming at deann.r.fleming@gmail.com or Tina Ernst at ternst@stxchurch.org.

Adoration, Benediction, & Confession

Tuesday, June 2, 5:30-6:30 PM. Presider: Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ. Ordinary Time gets its name not because it's plain, but because it's ordinary—counted, ordered, the rhythm of weeks where most of life actually happens. Come sit with Jesus for an hour. Let confession lift what needs lifting. Let Benediction send you back into your week with something steadier than you walked in with.

Journey of Hope Summer Reading

This year, our Jesuit Parish Family has been exploring the theme of migration through a Catholic lens with our Journey of Hope series. As we plan more events for the fall, we invite you to check out our list of recommended reading and viewing, offering resources that the whole family can enjoy. Scan the QR code for the list.

**Homebound and Need Support?**

On this Feast of the Visitation, when we celebrate the love and support shared by Mary and Elizabeth in Luke's Gospel, we also mark the start of our St. Xavier Visitation Ministry. This new ministry is a way for parishioners to bear hope and healing to one another by providing fresh meals and Holy Communion to fellow parishioners in need of support. If you are experiencing a life event that makes it difficult to leave home, such as a new baby, illness or injury, loss of a loved one, or are otherwise homebound, you can request a Meal Train through which volunteers prepare and deliver meals to your home. Likewise, if you are unable to attend Mass due to a recent life event, you can request lay ministers to bring you Holy Communion at home, the hospital, or a long-term care facility. To request a visit or to sign up as a volunteer, please scan the QR code to access our new Visitation Ministry webpage. You can also contact Sr. Whitney at weschieltz@stxchurch.org or 513.721.4045 x 1007 for more information.

**Curious About Becoming Catholic?**

Join us for an evening of inquiry on **Thursday, June 25**, 6:30-8 PM. Have you been wondering what it would mean to become Catholic? Whether you're a baptized Christian from another tradition drawn to full communion, or someone who has never been baptized and feels curious about faith in Christ and life in the Church, you're warmly invited to a relaxed evening of conversation and questions. This evening is for two kinds of seekers:

- Those discerning full reception. If you've already been baptized in another Christian tradition, your baptism is recognized and honored by the Catholic Church. Full reception welcomes you into full communion through Confirmation and the Eucharist without requiring baptism again.
- Those discerning baptism. If you have never been baptized and are drawn to Christ and the Catholic faith, this is the beginning of a journey toward Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist, celebrated together at the Easter Vigil.

Both paths are walked through our OCIA program, which begins in September. This evening is simply a no-pressure place to learn more and ask questions.

Where to meet: Gather in the Parish Center, and we'll walk over to the rectory dining room together. Questions? Contact Fr. Damian at damian@stxchurch.org. All are welcome.

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - MAY 31

4:00 PM Fr. Bill Verbryke, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 10:30 AM Abp. Robert Casey
 5:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - JUNE 7

4:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 10:30 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Susan Anderson, Adelle Eaton, Jeff Krohmer, Wendy Welsh, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, James Hogan, Tim, Frank & Sandy Fielers, Ella Grace Hiltz, Sharon Dearwester, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Roxanne Motl, Peter Keiser, Patrick Auger, Iland, Conhna Davies, Stephanie Hackman, Steve Wolter, Bob Howard, Mike Green, Noah Ohlhaut, Pat Murray, Cathleen Acree, Mary Preston, Deacon Tim Crooker, David Tolle, Tom Wolfram, Phyllis Link, Lawrence Wesley Colbert, Kellie Peters, Eleanor Lawler, Shannon Boyle, Lisa Durr, Harry Schneider, Blair Niernberger, Brittany Tackett, Hunter, Mark, Jenny Seithel, Kevin Noble, Raymond Hopkins, Kate W, Harper Meyer, Ruth Bauer, Dustin Smith, Tara Papp, Kathy England, John Schulz, Alice DeAngelis, Ed Hershede, Jim Wigger, Charlie Murrell, Ziggy Nolan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31 Church of the Resurrection Info Session - Bellarmine
June 2 First Tuesday Adoration, Benediction & Confession
June 5 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
June 6 First Saturday Social - Parish Center
June 14 Peru Sister Parish Dinner Reception - Parish Center

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