

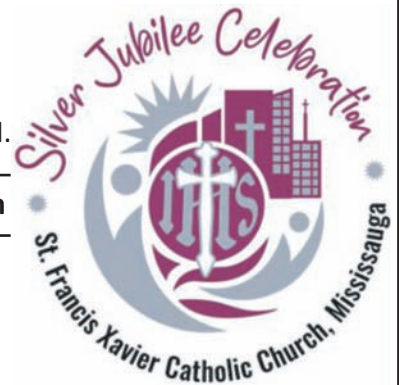
# St Francis Xavier Parish

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Pastor: Fr. James Cherickal ♦ Associate: Fr. Eduardo Lopez

Deacons: Mr. Anthony Wong, Mr. Ryan Fernandes ♦ Parish Secretary: Joanita M.



**Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm ♦ closed 1pm to 2pm**

## Daily Masses

Monday to Friday 8:00am and 7:00pm  
Saturday 7:30am

## Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 7:30am ♦ 9am ♦ 10:30am ♦ 12pm ♦ 1:30pm

## Sacrament of Confession

Morning: Monday to Saturday 30 min before Mass  
Evening: Monday to Thursday 6:30pm - 6:50pm  
Evening: Friday 6:15pm - 6:45pm  
Evening: Saturday 4:00pm - 4:50pm

## Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Fridays 6:00pm-7:00pm

## Devotions

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesdays after Masses  
Our Lady of Velankanni Saturdays after 7:30am Mass  
Precious Blood Thursdays at 9:00pm  
St. Anthony of Padua Tuesdays after 7:00pm Mass

## Baptism

- ❖ Celebrated on the first and last Saturday of the month
- ❖ Information in the parish office or on website

## Marriage

- ❖ Contact Parish Office at least one year in advance
- ❖ Information in Parish office or on website

## Pastoral Care of the Sick & Homebound

- ❖ For Sacrament of the sick contact Parish Office
- ❖ For Holy communion contact: sfxlaypastoral@gmail.com

## Rite of Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Faith

Interested in becoming Catholic?

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## Funerals

Death of a family member can be a very traumatic experience; pre-planning can ease the burden on the family. When death happens, please contact the parish and the funeral home.

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## Advisory Committees

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Parish Council  
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## Organizations

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Legion of Mary

## Parish Schools

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St. Francis Xavier S.S. 905-507-6666  
St. Marcellinus S.S. 905-564-6614

**Welcome New Parishioners**

To register please contact the Parish Office

## IN THE WILDERNESS

Reflecting on Mark 1: 12-15

Seeing Jesus tempted here helps us to understand his full humanity. God made God suffer so that we could relate to Him. Each of us struggles with temptation daily, and it is standard to often feel alone in that battle. In this passage, the “wilderness” and “beasts” are metaphorical representations of the chaos and obstacles which impede on us as we stumble through life, bearing our burdens. The ability to turn to scripture and see Jesus facing the same difficulties is a comforting reminder that we are not alone in our struggles. In Jesus’ example, in fact, we find that the wilderness is not a place to be feared, but one of great hope! It is a place of revelation and of intimacy. In our darkest moments, when we are alone and most in need of God, he appears to us. Yes, Jesus was by himself among beasts, exhausted from battling Satan’s temptations, but at the same time “...the angels ministered to [Jesus].” God was on his side, and for this reason, Jesus emerged from the wilderness in proclamation!



This is the beauty of this succinct passage: it wraps up the purpose of Lent in 8 brief lines. Jesus remained in a dark place, confronting his temptations vulnerably, in the fullness of his humanity, for 40 days. So, too, do we begin that journey now. Angels ministered to Jesus throughout this battle. We, too, are reminded that we are never alone in our struggles. God reaches out to us in intimacy, yearning to create, heal and nourish His personal relationship with each of us, especially within our darkest moments. After 40 days of restless confrontation, Jesus returned to Galilee, proclaiming the Good News to all who would hear it: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” We pay heed to this advice when participating intentionally in the Lenten season, and we pray that as we work on ourselves, we experience intimacy with God in the wilderness. At this, our hearts will be transformed in a way which sends us off in proclamation – firm in both our faith and our desire to share it!

Source: www.thetorchproject.com

### The Stations of the Cross



Come meditate on the  
Lord’s Passion  
Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent  
following the  
7pm Mass

### Please Pray for the Sick in Our Parish

*Loving Father,*

Great Healer and Comforter, we pray for our family and friends who are struggling with infirmity and weakness especially:

**Kristoffer Toledo &  
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### The Catechism Corner



**Q: What forms does penance take in the Christian life?**

**A:** Penance can be expressed in many and various ways but above all in fasting, prayer and almsgiving. These and many other forms of penance can be practiced in the daily life of a Christian, particularly during the time of Lent and on the Penitential day of Friday.

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Back to Regular Mass Schedule

Praise Be To God!



February 24, 2024 ♦ 5pm  
First Holy Mass

Celebrated in the Church After Renovations

AFTER MONTHS OF HARD WORK & ANTICIPATION  
Regular Mass Times Resume

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Parish Lenten Mission

Inviting You to  
Make this Lent a Holy One!

Reflections

On the Words of  
Jesus Christ  
from the Cross



Fr. Michael Coutts

March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup> ♦ 7pm to 8:15pm



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DON'T MISS ANY IMPORTANT DATES/PARISH CHANGES

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday February 19, 2024

- 8am †Daisy Pimentel
- 7pm Thanksgiving Joseph Moreira

Tuesday February 20, 2024

- 8am †Jonathan Braganza
- 7pm †Aleina Philomena D'Souza

Wednesday February 21, 2024

- 8am †Mathai Thomas
- 7pm Special intention Hema Pereira
- †John Menino Rogtan
- †Marilou Alora
- †Lucy Saldanha
- †Soosai Santiapillai
- †Leelawathy Thevamanoharan

Thursday February 22, 2024

- 8am †Pedro Maring
- 7pm Thanksgiving Joanne Jolly

Friday February 23, 2024

- 8am Thanksgiving Charlie Richards
- 7pm Thanksgiving Damilola Alabi

Saturday February 24, 2024

- 730am Thanksgiving Jake Stephens
- 5pm Special intention Andrea Pansoy

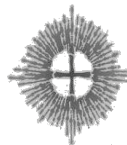
Sunday February 25, 2024

- 730am †Factolerin Montes
- 9am †Francisco Jabier
- 1030am †Rosa Ho
- 12pm †Hailey Thomas
- 130pm †Deborah Borromeo Consunji

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- Defending the Faith (July 26 - 28)



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autumn of the  
Spiritual Life  
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fruit to keep  
us going the  
rest of the  
year.

-St. Francis de Sales





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