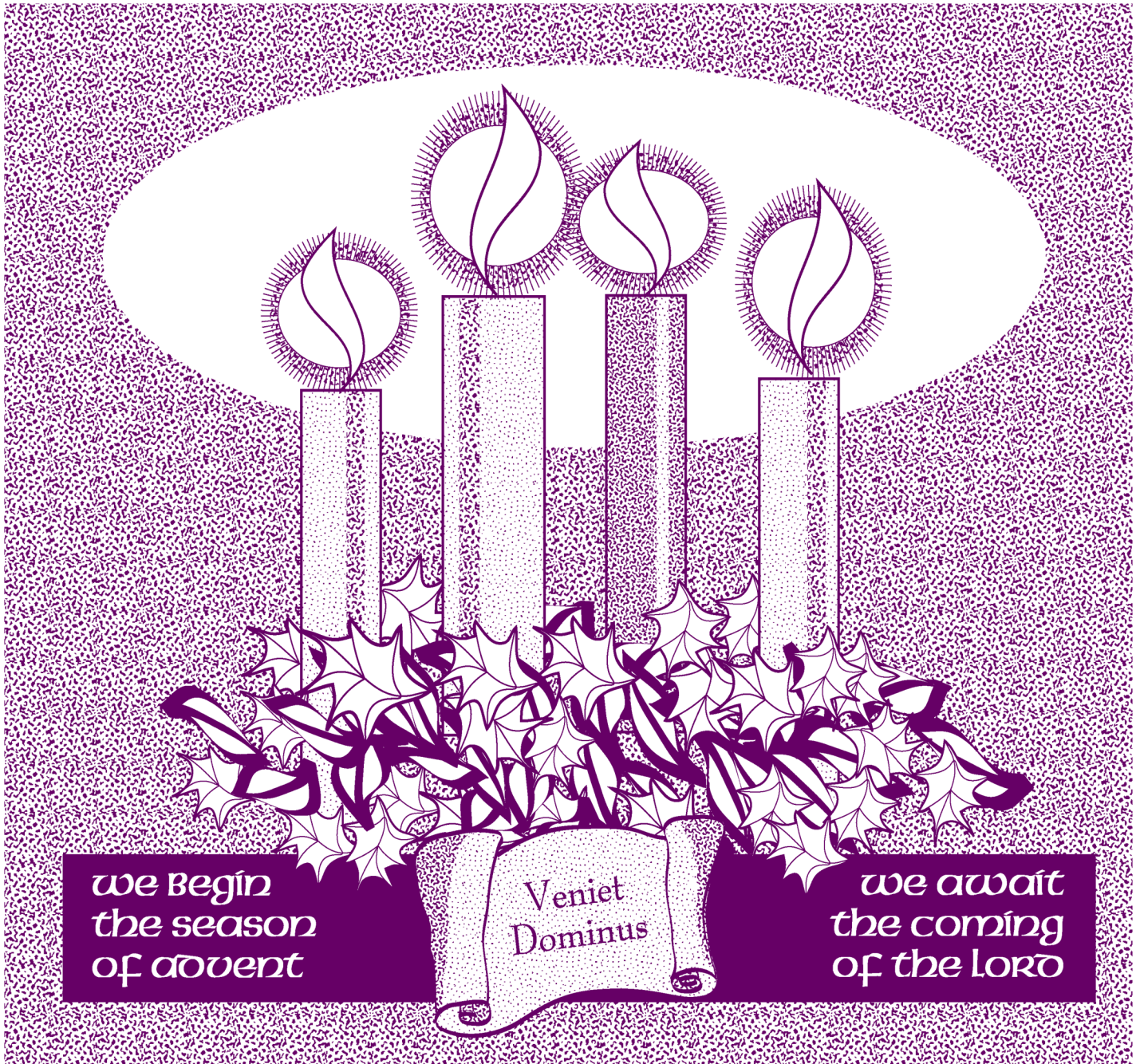


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**November 29, 2020**



*we begin  
the season  
of advent*

*Veniet  
Dominus*

*we await  
the coming  
of the lord*

## Week at a Glance

Monday, November 30	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Blanche Heaney
Tuesday, December 1	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jessica Barry, Alzira Ganzy
Wednesday, December 2	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Helen Rizzo, Richard Griffin
Thursday, December 3	Rosary	8:15 am	
Friday, December 4	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Gail and Mario Frustaci
Saturday, December 5	Reconciliation	9:00 am	Dan Murphy, Maryann Ovnik
	Mass	5:00 pm	
Sunday, December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent	Mass	9:00 am	Lillian Zydel, Jack Gleason
	Mass	11:00 am	Angelo Saccamino
	Mass	5:00 pm	Maureen Malone

## Presider's Schedule December 5-6, 2020 Mass Time

**5:00 pm** Fr. Milek

**9:00 am** Fr. Milek

**11:00 am** Fr. Barrett

**5:00 pm** Fr. Tkachuk

### Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis	Baby Amy Nesterowicz
John Bovard	Carolyn Nesterowicz
Jay Carroll	Bernice Niemiec
Chili Challenger	Gert Ogilvie
Mary Culin	Arnold Oppenheim
Americo DiGianfillippo	Jane O'Reilly
Baby Catherine DiMarco	Shawna Palazzolo
Anthony Dina	Ryan Patyk
Blake Donegan	Donna Pekarek
Matt Doyle	Carolyn Peters
Wendy Einspar	Jessica Phillips
Lily Fielding	James Pridmore
Will Fleming	Baby Lucia R.
Lilli Gregory	Madison Raupp
Wilson Gregory	Anna Rose
Patricia Hassler	Rita Scalcon
Frank Hoos	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Greyson Stanley
Mary J.	Brian Stephenson
Jane Jacobsen	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Peter Johns	Michael Ungari
Theresa Kandall	Gregory Van Gorp
Mark Kiley	Helena Walden
Jim Martin	Marian Ward
Enrique Martinez	Maribeth Watkins
Lisa Massaro	Liz Wilk
Patrick Morgan	Scott Young
Mike Morrison	

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

### MASS INTENTIONS

We continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm or you can email Missy Westerhoff directly at [sfxing@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxing@sfxlg.org). We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

### Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, as well as their families:

**Chris Morkin**

Wife of Michael and Mother of Hannah, Michael, Madeline, Virginia and William

### Readings For The Week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37  
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

## Pastor's Notes

*We are the clay, and you are the potter:  
we are all the work of your hands.  
Isaiah 64:7*

Advent returns with an image of clay in the hands of a potter. **We** are like that clay; still being shaped by God's loving hands; not yet baked into our final form. Whether we are fifteen or fifty or ninety, this is God's desire and hope for us. God is hindered only by our refusal to be shaped any further. Or in the words of John, "We are God's children now. *What we shall be has not yet been revealed.*" Advent invites us to open ourselves to the ways in which God desires to shape our lives at this moment in time; to realize that we continue to become someone and something beyond what we yet can know.

Thanksgiving deadlines require me to write this eight days before Thanksgiving Day. I cannot know how the coronavirus may have reshaped our living in the intervening days. Undoubtedly, we will have made some changes in our routines; many certainly will have had to alter Thanksgiving Day celebrations and weekend traditions. Yet none of this will have affected the work of the Potter; God continues to shape us and smooth out our rough edges. God gazes upon the potter's wheel with wonder and delight, and perhaps occasional surprise at what is taking shape with God's guidance and our response.

I encourage you to share a bit of God's wonder and delight as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ into our world. The openness of a very young woman and a young carpenter to the messages of angels that would reshape their lives lead us to Bethlehem. Through the birth of their Child, something has been added to the clay of our lives that never can be taken away. God came not only to dwell

among us but *to dwell in us*. As the light of Christ grows brighter on the Advent wreath, may we also see Christ reflected in the lights of Christmas trees, house eaves, hedges, and street posts. May we open our hearts and minds to the ways in which Christ is still coming to birth in and through us as the Potter gently spins his wheel.

A special thanks to our Art and Environment "elves" who prepared the church for Advent. You can view their artistry from a link provided via Instagram and Facebook and on the parish website. Our parish Christmas plans continue to take shape. We still need new volunteers to serve as greeters and restorers and enable us to offer Masses on Christmas Eve at 7PM and at Midnight. We have adapted our annual Giving Tree for this Christmas and will offer other ways in which you may choose to share with others in the coming days. Stay tuned.

Thank you to those who have been able to respond to the Finance Council's request for an increase of at least 2-3% in your regular giving. The generosity of parishioners during the past nine months has kept our mission vibrant. If you have not yet increased your regular contribution *and are able to do so*, please give this some serious consideration. God bless you all.

This weekend we light one candle against the darkness. May the light of Christ continue to shine within us and from us to others.

**Advent Peace,**

*J. Bill*

### First Sunday of Advent

Reflection Liturgy Team #4

Diane Walsh, Marci Hermesdorf, OP, and Shirley Augustyn

As Advent begins, Jesus admonishes us several times in the gospel to "Be watchful! Be alert!" In this time of pandemic we are constantly on watch: is everyone healthy, wearing their masks, staying out of crowds? All of this is important and even vital to our well being and that of the health care workers who would care for us if we were to contact the virus. But its not our entire life, and certainly not the most essential part.

This year as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child, we probably have more time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas in our lives. "Be watchful! Be alert!" for the goodness in our world: the kindness, the empathy, the love, the laughter, the happiness, the joy. Watch for it; recognize, acknowledge, and celebrate. We are a Christian people known for our love. Using our gifts of time, energy, compassion, and love for others is the Christian way to be ready and alert this Advent.



**2020  
CHRISTMAS MASS  
SCHEDULE**

If church buildings remain open at Christmas, our Mass schedule will be:

**Christmas Eve**

3:00PM in church  
3:15PM in the gym  
5:00PM in church and livestreamed to Joyce Hall  
7:00PM\*\*

**Christmas Day**

Midnight\*\* livestreamed to the parish  
9:00AM in church and livestreamed to Joyce Hall  
11:00AM in church  
11:15AM in the gym  
(Masses livestreamed to Joyce Hall will also be streamed to the parish and recorded. As always you can access the livestream or recorded Masses via the website.)

The seating capacity for the church and gym will be 110 people. The seating capacity for Joyce Hall is 80. Those in Joyce Hall will receive communion; however, there will be no handicap access to the hall for either Mass. Stay tuned for reservation information.

\*\* We are not able to staff these two Masses with volunteer greeters from our existing volunteer crew. If you are high school age or older and in good health and are willing to volunteer for either of these Masses, please contact Maureen Pipal at [mpipal@sfxlg.org](mailto:mpipal@sfxlg.org). If we cannot find volunteers for these Masses before December 13, we will have to remove one or both Masses from the schedule.

If church buildings are closed at Christmas, we will livestream Masses at 5PM, Midnight and 11:00 AM, giving everyone a choice of their style of Mass. All three livestreams will remain available through the following Saturday and Sunday.

**GIVING TREE**  
Our Tradition Continues  
in 2020!



However, rather than gift tags with specific item requests, we will be collecting donations via checks that can be dropped off or mailed to the Rectory or via Give Central. [Click here](#) to donate online.

We will use the donations to purchase gift cards through the SFX School gift card program. These will be given to our sharing parish, St. Agatha's on the west side of Chicago as well as some outreach organizations in our community. Thank you for continuing to spread Christmas Cheer even during this challenging holiday season! Monetary donations will be collected through **December 9**.

Any questions, call 708-352-0168 or email Merry Freeman at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org).

**Parishioner Volunteers Needed**

Our ability to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and weekday and Sunday Masses depends on the ability of the parish to provide ministers to offer a welcoming and healthy environment. We have been blessed by scores of parishioners who share their time and spirit to keep us moving forward. To establish a regular rotation of volunteers, we seek additional people, especially to greet and seat people, or to wipe down the seating areas after each service. We welcome anyone of high school age or older who is in good health. A few volunteer comments:

*"There isn't a better way to start my day than seeing the familiar, friendly faces that attend daily mass. I've gotten to know quite a few of the regular attendees and they "fill my bucket" with their gratitude and appreciation.  
What I looked at as a necessity to do to keep the church open, has turned into something I truly look forward to doing each week."*

Please contact Maureen Pipal ([mpipal@sfxlg.org](mailto:mpipal@sfxlg.org)) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.



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## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

For the past 50 years, CCHD has worked on the margins of the Archdiocese of Chicago to...

- Encounter Christ in the poor
- Challenge root causes of poverty and injustice
- Amplify voices with vision
- Break down walls of indifference
- Transform hearts and communities
- Support those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Please support the second collection on November 21 – 22. Funds raised will provide support to local organizations across the Chicagoland area and those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations, [click here](#) or visit [CCHDchicago.org](http://CCHDchicago.org). To donate, [click here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "CCHD" and drop it off at the rectory or in a church collection box.

### Bringing Communion To You

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.

### OPLATKI

Due to COVID, we are sorry we will be unable to distribute Oplatki from the rectory offices.



Please call or visit Watra Church Goods at 4201 South Archer Avenue in Chicago 773-247-2425 to get your Oplatki this year.

To see how we are Celebrating Sacraments and Services, and to view our Tips for Worshipers, please click on the links below:

[Celebration of Sacraments](#)

[Tips for Worshipers](#)

# Advent 2020

## The Catholic NEW YEAR!

Dear friends, if 2020 has been a difficult year for you – let this be a sign of hope: as Catholics, we have begun a brand new year!

Not only is this a new beginning – it is the time at which we acknowledge a world in need of a Savior, a world that is broken and suffering, a world eagerly awaiting the **light of Christ**. How appropriate!

Over the next few weeks we will prepare our hearts and homes for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Through prayer, Reconciliation, and openness to God's work in our lives, we can create the physical and emotional space for Jesus' arrival. Thus when the Light of the World arrives, **He may shine ever more brightly out of us: our hearts and our homes.**

In joyful anticipation,  
Maggie

**NEW SEGMENT!** In "This Week: Living Liturgically," we note upcoming feasts/important liturgical days and fun activities to celebrate! All ideas are just suggestions for living out the liturgical year, but if you participate, please send photos to [parishsocialmedia@sfxlg.org](mailto:parishsocialmedia@sfxlg.org) for posting on Instagram/Facebook!

## *This Week: Living Liturgically*

<b>SUN</b> 29	First Sunday of Advent! Set up <u>Advent wreath</u> , consider Confession as you begin another year in God's love!
<b>MON</b> 30	Feast of St. Andrew - begin saying the "Christmas Anticipation Prayer" daily
<b>TUES</b> 1	
<b>WED</b> 2	
<b>THURS</b> 3	<b>Feast of St. Francis Xavier!</b>
<b>FRI</b> 4	Feasts of St. John Damascene and St. Barbara
<b>SAT</b> 5	Put your letters to Santa in your shoes, so he can replace them with a little treat overnight! (St. Nick's feast is the 6 <sup>th</sup> )

## BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Click here to sign up for daily Advent reflections by Black Catholic speakers via [Advent Made Simple](#).

## *Ideas for Living Advent in Your Home:*

- ✿ Cut some evergreen branches, buy dollar-store candles, and **make your own Advent wreath!** [Click here for more information on Advent wreaths.](#)
- ✿ **De-clutter** toys or other items that you no longer use; donate for someone else to enjoy. This is a great physical practice of "**creating space**" in our **hearts and homes for the arrival of Jesus** at Christmas!
- ✿ **Practice an Advent "Secret Santa"** among family members: draw a random name and pray for/do good deeds for that family member all through Advent. On Christmas morning, gift them a homemade gift and reveal who has been praying for and secretly making your bed, doing your dishes, or leaving you special notes all season!

## Calling All Saint Francis Xavier School Alumni

Stay connected with your school classmates by creating an alumnus profile today!

**SFX is collecting a database of all alumni over the last 80 years and we need your help!**

**Go to:** <https://forms.gle/HwtKX8iUdbB27tQV7>

This Database Will:

- Connect SFX alumni past and present
- Inform alumni of current state of SFX school and vision for the future
- Celebrate our teachers and their teaching accomplishments
- Celebrate current student and alumni accomplishments
- Provide an opportunity to share photos, athletic records and more
- Keep you updated on notable school events and projects

Questions? Please contact [sfxgrad@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgrad@gmail.com) for more information.

## Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org).

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at [tsimeoni@sfxlg.org](mailto:tsimeoni@sfxlg.org).

## Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



@sfxlg\_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

## We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media



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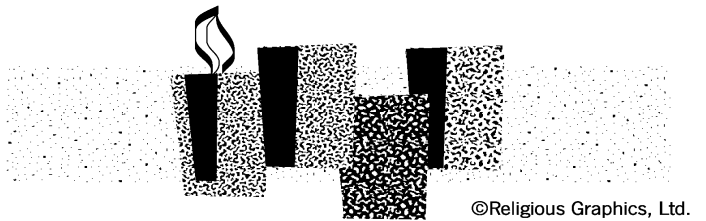
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<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/ART/595d889cdee3e>

SFX School Website:  
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

### See the latest happenings at the day school:

A very very nice congratulatory message to the SFX community from Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. <https://vimeo.com/465845503>

Socially distanced Rosary: <https://vimeo.com/465845340>



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## Nazareth Academy 8th Grade Testing

Nazareth Academy invites 8th graders to Test at Nazareth Academy on December 5. Preference for admission and scholarships will be granted to students who test with Nazareth on that day. The exam begins at 8:00 am and concludes at approximately 11:30 am. **Pre-Registration is Required.** More information and Registration can be found at [nazarethacademy.com](http://nazarethacademy.com).

While parents are not allowed to accompany their students, they may register for an in-person or virtual informational session on our website.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden in LaGrange Park. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708-397-8505.

## Peace and Justice

On October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis released a new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. This social encyclical explores building a culture of peace and dialogue in order to work together to care for each other as a human family, especially as we recover from the pandemic.



The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns has created a **6-page study guide for *Fratelli Tutti***. In this study guide, we offer key points and quotes from each chapter of *Fratelli Tutti*, along with reflection questions and the two prayers that Pope Francis includes at the end of the encyclical.

We hope this guide enables individuals and small groups to learn Pope Francis' teachings and use them to build peace and solidarity in your relationships, community, and world.

The study guide can be found at: <https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Parish%7CFaith%20Formation%3E%3EResources>

Discussion group to come in 2021! Enjoy Brothers & Sisters All!

### Chapter 7: Paths of Renewed Encounter

“Those who work for tranquil social coexistence should never forget that inequality and lack of integral human development make peace impossible” (235).

Pope Francis calls for peacemakers to forge new paths of healing and “renewed encounter” in our fractured world. He begins by explaining that building peace requires “starting anew from the truth,” or facing the reality of the harm done. The Holy Father writes that, in the difficult work of building a peaceful society, “[there] is an ‘architecture’ of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, each according to its own area of expertise, but there is also an ‘art’ of peace that involves us all,” including ordinary people and especially the most vulnerable (231). Pope Francis describes the importance of reconciliation and its relationship to forgiveness, explaining that while forgiveness is central to Christianity, it does not mean forgetting harm done and it cannot be required of victims. Memory is important; we cannot forget tragedies such as the Holocaust or the atomic bombings in Japan, lest we repeat these catastrophic mistakes. Finally, Pope Francis develops the Church’s teaching on the irrationality of the “false answers” of the death penalty and war, including the use or threat of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. In the modern world “[we] can no longer think of war as a solution, because its risks will probably always be greater than its supposed benefits... it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a ‘just war’ (258).” Likewise, he says the use of the death penalty makes no sense in a world where it is possible to keep society safe without it. Pope Francis clearly states the Church’s opposition to the use of the death penalty.

#### Reflection Questions:

How can you be involved in the “art” of building peace in your community or society?

### Chapter 8: Religions at the Service of Fraternity in Our World

“As believers, we are convinced that, without an openness to the Father of all, there will be no solid and stable reasons for an appeal to fraternity (272).”

Pope Francis shares his belief and hope that the religions of the world can be at the “service of fraternity.” He writes, “we, the believers of the different religions, know that our witness to God benefits our societies. The effort to seek God with a sincere heart, provided it is never sullied by ideological or self-serving aims, helps us recognize one another as travelling companions, truly brothers and sisters (274).” People of faith are called to work together to build bridges and seek the common good. Because religious tradition provides the transcendental values that are the bedrock of social morality, the Church “does not restrict her mission to the private sphere,” nor “remain on the sidelines” in the building of a better world, but rather seeks to “reawaken the spiritual energy’ that can contribute to the betterment of society (276).” Francis reiterates that, while the Church proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it “esteems the way in which God works in other religions” and “rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions,” affirming especially that which contributes to the common good (277). Pope Francis believes that “a journey of peace is possible between religions” and that violence is a “distortion” of our fundamental religious convictions (281- 282). Based on his encounter with the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, he makes an appeal for peace, justice, and fraternity among people of faith. To conclude he names several others whose work inspired the encyclical, including Gandhi, Martin Luther King.

#### Reflection Questions:

Have you had an encounter with someone of another faith that made you feel we are “brothers and sisters all?”





## Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—  
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—  
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and  
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and  
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
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- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
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- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army**—nephew of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite
- **Neil Donegan, U.S. Navy**—grandson of Lorraine Donegan

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...  
and please let us know when friends and loved ones  
return from their deployment Overseas.  
Email the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

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### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm  
 Friday ..... 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
 Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm  
 Sunday.....9:00 am-1:00 pm

**At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.**

### **Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church**

Thursday 8:30-9:30 am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am  
 Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

### **Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches**

**St. Cletus** (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-Noon  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus  
**St. John of the Cross** (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

### **Bulletin Deadline**

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).

### **Domestic Violence Resources**

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
 LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

### **Food Pantry**

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

### **Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls**

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

### **Infant Baptisms**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org) to schedule a date.

### **Marriage**

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

### **Parish Counselor**

**At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.**

(Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcvM>)

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, Lolan Adan, from the Claret Center who can be reached by phone 442-264-7589 or email [lolanadan@gmail.com](mailto:lolanadan@gmail.com).

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