I draw near, loving Lord Jesus Christ, to the table of your most delightful banquet in fear and trembling, a sinner, presuming not upon my own merits, but trusting rather in your goodness and mercy. I have a heart and body defiled by my many offenses, a mind and tongue over which I have kept no good watch. Therefore, O loving God, O awesome Majesty, I turn in my misery, caught in snares, to you the fountain of mercy, hastening to you for healing, flying to you for protection; and while I do not look forward to having you as Judge, I long to have you as Savior. To you, O Lord, I display my wounds, to you I uncover my shame. I am aware of my many and great sins, for which I fear, but I hope in your mercies, which are without number. Look upon me, then, with eyes of mercy, Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, crucified for mankind. Listen to me, as I place my hope in you, have pity on me, full of miseries and sins, you, who will never cease to let the fountain of compassion flow. Hail, O Saving Victim, offered for me and for the whole human race on the wood of the Cross. Hail, O noble and precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, my crucified Lord, and washing away the sins of all the world. Remember, Lord, your creature, whom you redeemed by your Blood. I am repentant of all my iniquities and sins, so that, in purified mind and body, I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies. And grant of all the world. To you, O Lord, I display my wounds, to you I uncover my shame. I am aware of my many and great sins, for which I fear, but I hope in your mercies, which are without number. Look upon me, then, with eyes of mercy, Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, crucified for mankind. Listen to me, as I place my hope in you, have pity on me, full of miseries and sins, you, who will never cease to let the fountain of compassion flow. Hail, O Saving Victim, offered for me and for the whole human race on the wood of the Cross. Hail, O noble and precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, my crucified Lord, and washing away the sins of all the world. Remember, Lord, your creature, whom you redeemed by your Blood. I am repentant of all my iniquities and sins, so that, in purified mind and body, I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies. And grant my sins, I desire to put right what I have done. Take from me, therefore, my iniquities and sins, so that, in purified mind and body, I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies. And grant

PRAYER OF SAINT AMBROSE

**BEFORE HOLY MASS**

The rebirth of right sentiments; and may it encourage a wholesome and effective performance of deeds for the remission of my sins, the perfect cleansing of my faults, the banishment of shameful thoughts, and that this sacred foretaste of your Body and Blood which I, though unworthy, intend to receive, may be iniquities and sins, so that, in purified mind and body, I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies. And grant my sins, I desire to put right what I have done. Take from me, therefore, all my iniquities and sins, so that, in purified mind and body, I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies. And grant my sins, I desire to put right what I have done. Take from me, therefore, all my iniquities and sins, so that, in purified mind and body, I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies. And grant

Rorate Caeli Mass

December 7th, 6:55 AM  
December 14th, 7:00 AM  
December 21st, 7:05 AM

All Masses are at St. Francis Xavier

**The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion where the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered just before dawn. The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight, because it is a Votive Mass in Mary’s honor. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter illuminated by the sun as our faith is illuminated by Christ.**

**Musings from your Parish Priest:**

**PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST! NOW AND FOREVER!** Last week we considered the prayer of thanksgiving—that form of prayer by which we make a concrete offering to God as an expression of gratitude. The Sacrifice of the Mass, therefore, is the most perfect prayer of thanksgiving, since the offering presented before the Father is the most precious and complete, His own divine Son.

Today we consider another form of prayer: petition. The Catechism notes that it is a particularly spontaneous form of prayer. It arises from our instinctual recognition that “we are creatures who are not our own beginning, not the masters of adversity, not our own last end.” Put more simply, throughout our lives we constantly encounter needs that surpass our ability to fulfill. Turning to the Lord in need is so spontaneous and natural that even those who rarely have recourse to prayer will find themselves doing so when dire needs arise. As the famous saying goes: “there are no atheists in foxholes.” Though intensely experienced needs readily move us to prayer, there are other even more fundamental needs, often felt less strongly, that lie at the heart of the prayer of petition.

Whether we know it or not, our greatest need is salvation. Though we do not often experience it as such in our daily lives, this need is the very core of the prayer of petition, according to the Catechism: “Christian petition is centered on the desire and search for the Kingdom to come.” Therefore, we pray for our salvation and for those things that lead to it (virtues, graces, protection from the enemy, healing of spiritual wounds, victory over temptation). For petitionary prayer to be truly effective, the Catechism notes, one essential aspect must precede it—contrition. “The first movement of the prayer of petition is asking forgiveness, like the tax collector in the parable: ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ It is a prerequisite for righteous and pure prayer.”

This prerequisite to petitionary prayer is challenging. For example, reflect on your own experience. When you encountered an intense need (restoration of health, safety, courage, strength), was your first act of prayer to pause, acknowledge that you are a sinner, ask for forgiveness, and only then to pray for God to address your need? That certainly does not come to me naturally. For example, if I find myself in intense pain, my first prayer is not generally: “Lord, be merciful to me a sinner!” It’s something more like: “Lord take this pain away!” I don’t know about you, but for me this teaching of the Catechism is challenging. The next time we find ourselves turning to God with a need, this instruction invites us to first pause, tell God we are sorry for our offenses, and then proceed to present our need before Him.

Holy Mother Church attempts to teach us this practice through the Sacrifice of the Mass, which begins with an act of contrition, concluding with the prayer of the celebrant: “May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen…” then we offer our petitions.

In Mary’s Immaculate Heart,
St. Patrick our Patron Pray for us and our families!

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me. Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up, Christ in the heart of every person who may think of me, Christ in the mouth of every person who may speak of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me! – St. Patrick's Breastplate

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Sundays 9:00 AM (Church)
Weekdays 7:00 AM (Convent)
Saturdays 8:00 AM (Church)
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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass St. Francis Xavier
Saturday 6:00 PM
Sundays 7:30 AM
11:00 AM (Latin)
8:00 AM
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Sacramental Celebrations
Holy Baptism: Parental preparation is required. Please contact a priest to set up an appointment. Parenting: Saturdays, 8:30—9:00 AM or by appointment. Also at St. Francis Xavier: Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 PM; Saturdays, 3:00-3:30 PM, & Sundays 10:30-11:00 AM Holy Matrimony: Please contact a Parish Priest at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.

Care of the Sick & Homebound: Continued is taken to the sick and elderly on a regular basis. We ask families to please notify the Parish office when illness or infirmity impedes a person from coming to church for an extended period of time. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered on request. Call 487-6363.

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Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings at Mass about 8:30 AM at St. Francis Xavier
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St. Patrick’s Prayer Line

Have a certain need that prayer can help? St. Patrick’s Prayer Line is available. Call Jackie Silvy (483-3109).

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World Day of the Poor

This is for children ages 3-12.

Holidays can be difficult for people who have lost loved ones, those struggling with unemployment, illness, or financial problems. Let us remember that God has NO endings, only continuous new beginnings. God is always there for us even when He seems distant.

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When the holidays are hard

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To St. Patrick Catholic Parish

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I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Patrick Catholic Parish — Spokane for the benefit of (insert St. Patrick Catholic Church) a Washington nonprofit corporation, (description of gift).

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