

Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2010

Homily Next Week:
Fr. John Whitney, S.J.

**Readings for
Sunday, March 7, 2010**

FIRST READING: EXODUS 3:1-8A, 13-15
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6, 10-12
GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday - 5 p.m.

Sunday - 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday - 7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30-4:15 p.m. in the Church
or by appointment

Parish Center Hours

Monday-Thursday - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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The Novena of Grace: Praying Together

"Your least son and farthest exiled, Francysco."

~Closing of a letter from Francis Xavier to Ignatius Loyola, 1552

He was born of a family of minor nobility, in the northern reaches of Spain. His parents expected him to be a bishop, and were disappointed when he and his two college friends began going about in worn clothes, preaching the gospel and speaking about the Jesus they had come to know. Indeed, his life seemed a constant series of unexpected developments, as he and his friends—Inigo de Loyola and Pierre Favre—began to gather a group around them for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, only to end up not in Jerusalem but in Rome, placing themselves at the service of the Pope in a new group called the *Society of Jesus*. Even his trip to the East was a surprise, the result of another Jesuit getting sick and leaving it to Xavier to sail, in his place, to India. From there he went to the Philippines and then Japan, hearing eventually of a vast country on the mainland that had yet to hear the gospel. No one who knew him as a young noble could have anticipated the scene of his death, on the small island of Cochin, just off the coast of China; but, indeed, that is where Francis Xavier eventually died—burned out by love and service at the age of only 46. His last words, *"In you, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame,"* reflected well the faith that moved him and the grace in which he lived.

The journeys of Francis Xavier, the love and zeal with which he spread the gospel, became the seed for Catholicism throughout the far east, and a key to the rise of the Society of Jesus he helped found. Ignatius' closest friend, Xavier inspired the Church throughout the Reformation with new hope, and brought a new Spirit of service and love into a community under siege. Since his death, devotion to him and prayer with him has been an important element of Catholic communities longing for renewal and deepening.

Ten years ago, one of the traditional devotions to Francis Xavier, the Novena of Grace, returned to the Seattle area. Each year since then, these nine days (which culminate on the traditional feast of the canonization of Xavier and Ignatius) have been a chance for the people of Seattle to deepen our own zeal—to ask that the Spirit who moved in Xavier, and freed him from the ambitious plans of his youth to become a man on fire with love for wherever God wanted him to go, might be a Spirit that moves in us, as well.

At the heart of the Novena of Grace is prayer: placing some need or desire into the hands of God through the intercession of St. Francis Xavier, and trusting that God will give to us the

Calendar

Sunday, February 28	CFF Classes
Monday, March 1	Sacred Silence, Church, 7 PM
Tuesday, March 2	RCIA, 7 PM, Parish Center
Wednesday, March 3	Women's Spirituality Group, 9:30 AM, Parish Center
Thursday, March 4	Novena, 7 PM, Church
Friday, March 5	Novena, 7 PM, Church
Saturday, March 6	Novena, 1 PM, Church
Sunday, March 7	Come to the Quiet ... 5 PM (before Mass) Novena, 5:30 PM Mass

Note: Daily masses (Monday-Friday) are celebrated in the Arrupe Room at 7 AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the Loyola Room (the old rectory chapel) both located in the Parish Center.

same Spirit and support given to Francis. People are invited to write their prayers on pieces of paper, read at the Novena services, or to hold them in their hearts, carrying them throughout the nine days. Yet, publicly proclaimed or held in the depths of one's heart, these prayers shape the essence of the retreat—even if it is the talks and the presenters who seem to get the press. The presentations (by Joe Orlando, Patty Repikoff, and me) are meant as help for prayer, as something to stir the soil; yet it is the work of God in every heart that allows the flowers to grow. We come to listen and be together, to open our hearts with Xavier's help, and so receive the grace that God is offering.

I hope the Parish will make this retreat together—whether you come for one session or all nine days—and that we will let the grace of Francis Xavier (whose image is opposite Ignatius in the front mosaic) bless us all and draw us into the unity Ignatius and Xavier knew. May this Novena give us the grace to say of each other, what Ignatius said in his last letter to Xavier: “*Completely yours, without ever being able to forget you at any time.*”



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:

For those suffering with from illness and pain... For those who are struggling with their faith that they may be accompanied in their desert journey by Jesus... For those who have recently lost their jobs... For those that are struggling in their marriages... For those worrying about the future in these uncertain times... May the God who created this world and all its inhabitants continue to work within us to create new life and hope.

Prayer Tree



*You gave abundant showers, O God;
you refreshed your weary inheritance.
Your people settled in it,
and from your bounty, O God,
you provided for the poor.*

If you are interested in having someone placed on the prayer tree, please contact Renée Leet at 324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of *Maureen Sawyer*, parishioner and school parent, who passed away last week. Her funeral service will be Saturday, March 13th at 11 am at St. Joseph Church.

Operation Rice Bowl

Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule after all the Masses this weekend. They will also be available in the Parish Center.

Ceili

Saturday, March 13th
6-9 pm

Wyckoff Gym

See Bulletin Flyer For Details

Attention CFF2 Families:

Please make sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming First Eucharist Important Meetings:

Parent and Child Workshop on Saturday, March 27th from 9 am to 11:30 am in the church.

Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, April 22nd at 6 pm in the church.

First Communion Dresses & Blazers

Borrow a beautiful dress or a stylish blazer for your child's First Eucharist on April 24th and 25th. Different sizes and styles to choose from. Contact Robin Cole at recole1954@hotmail.com to set up a time to check out the options.

If you have any outfits to donate, please let Robin know and she will add them to the collection.

St. Martin de Porres Volunteers Needed

St. Martin de Porres could use 2-3 more volunteers for the 2nd Saturday of the month. Please contact Martha Read at 206-286-0584. Your help is deeply appreciated.

Lenten Prayer Concert

The Seattle University Choirs, directed by Dr. Joy Sherman, will present a Lenten prayer concert at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, March 14th at 2:30 pm. This sacred concert features a selection of choral works from the past two hundred years, among them local composer Lee Peterson's "Sanctus from Missa Animae," Antonio Lotti's "Crucifixus" and "O vos omnes" by Pablo Casals. Fr. John Whitney, SJ will deliver a special reflection for this service of word, song and contemplation.

The concert is offered as a gift to the St. Joseph Parish in grateful appreciation of the unique and meaningful relationship between the St. Joseph Parish and the SU Choirs.

 **Peter Mayer in Concert**
with opening artist Jennifer Kelly

Friday, March 19th at 8 pm

Seattle University - Chapel of St. Ignatius

Tickets - \$20/advance \$25/at the door

For more information about tickets, visit www.ignatiantcenter.org or call 206-329-4824. Presented by Ignatian Spirituality Center to benefit ISC's SEYA Program: Spiritual Enrichment for Young Adults

Sister Parish Ministry - El Salvador

Come join us for our next meeting to learn more about our relationship with San Bartolomé and help shape our plans for 2010. We will be meeting this Sunday, February 28th at 4 pm in the Parish Center. Contact Daniel Stoner at 206-579-1557 or danielppd@gmail.com for more information.

Sign our Banner in Support of the Sister Parish

In early March our sister parish will travel to San Salvador to participate in an international conference opposing the efforts of multi-national mining companies to begin extracting gold from the region. To show our solidarity with San Bartolomé, we have made a banner to send to this conference and show our support. Please show your solidarity by signing it after Mass this weekend! It will be located in the vestibule after all Masses. ¡Gracias!

First Friday Prayer Service for March

The First Friday Prayer Service for March 5th will be the Novena of Grace liturgy beginning at 7 pm at St. Joseph's Church. Please join us for our monthly potluck immediately following the Novena service. The potluck will be held in the Parish Center Arrupe Room, and we ask that you bring a food item or beverage to share. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Quinn-Shea at quinn-shea@msn.com or Mary Beth Hribar-Deitz at Marybeth_hribar@yahoo.com

Lenten Day of Reflection **For Women and Men**

"The Healing Power of Forgiveness"

Led by Fred Brandauer, CSJP-A and Marie Materi, CSJP-A
Saturday March 6, 2010

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch

Free-will offering

To register or for more information contact Carmel Little, CSJP at 425-454-7909 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org

Ignatian Spirituality Center Presents **Ignatian Eco-Spirituality Series**

Five Thursday Sessions: April 22 - May 20, 7-9 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center

Presenters: Christine Paintner & Joseph Carver, SJ
Registration Fee is \$25 / Total Program Cost is \$125

Some partial work scholarships are available

Make checks payable to "ISC" and send to 732 18th Ave E,
Seattle 98122

or pay online at www.IgnatianCenter.org
(click on "Programs")

Contact Christine with any questions
christine@ignatiantcenter.org or call 206-329-4824

NOVENA OF GRACE

Free Our Hearts

MARCH 4-12, 2010



A NINE-DAY PREACHED RETREAT

NOVENA DAILY MASS TIMES



Weekdays:

Noon — Chapel of St. Ignatius,
Seattle University
7:00 PM — St. Joseph Church,
732 18th Ave E

Saturday:

1:00 p.m. — St. Joseph Church

Sunday:

1:00 p.m. — SU Chapel
5:30 p.m. — St. Joseph Church



Attend once a day

All are welcome

No Registration Necessary

Goodwill Offering

Novena talks will be available
on our website

Presenters: John Whitney, SJ,
Patty Repikoff, & Joe Orlando



***Novena booklet available for praying
Novena at home***

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