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主曆 2024 年 11 月 24 日 (乙年)
常年期第三十四主日
基督普世君王節



神父片語

李志雄神父 (耀漢小兄弟會)
 Fr. Chi Hung Ly, CSJB

「耶穌基督普世君王節」



Sunday, 24th November, 2024 (Year B)
Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

的見證者。願我們不斷地在信仰中成長，勇於面對世俗自我，並真誠地活出基督的愛。願我們的生命能夠成為他王國的見證，讓更多人聽到真理的聲音，回到那份屬於耶穌的愛與和平。我們應該自我反省：請問一年過去我為自己的君王基督作些什麼？我在生活中是真的讓主耶穌做君王嗎？常聽耶穌君王的吩咐，聆聽祂的話，為真理做證了嗎？

願耶穌基督普世君王的慈愛常與我們同在！

李志雄神父 CSJB

各位主內兄弟姊妹：

今天是教會禮儀年的最後一個主日；即是耶穌基督普世君王節。我們今天所慶祝的基督普世君王節放在最後一個主日的意義：即是說教會將一切整個奉獻給耶穌基督。今天的福音比拉多對耶穌說：「那麼，你就是君王了？」耶穌回答說：「你說的是，我是君王。我為此而生，我也為此來到世上，為向真理作見證；凡屬於真理的，必聽從我的聲音。讓我們明白，耶穌的王權不是來自世俗的權力，而是源自於祂對真理的見證和對人類的愛。

在當今這個充滿挑戰的世代，許多人面對世俗自我的誘惑。社會對成功、名望和物質的追求常常使我們迷失方向，讓我們忽略了真正重要的事物。作為基督徒，我們被召喚去面對這些挑戰，堅持我們的信仰，並在日常生活中活出耶穌的教導。

主內兄弟姊妹：我們需要認識到，信仰不是一種選擇，而是一種召喚。這個召喚要求我們在生活中做出明確的選擇，去追求真理和愛，而不是屈服於世俗的標準。我們的信仰應該成為我們生活的指導原則，引導我們在工作、家庭和社會中做出正確的決策。

我們應該在日常生活中尋找天主的臨在。無論是在困難的時刻，或是在喜悅的時光，我們都要學會尋求天主的指引。這可以透過祈禱、閱讀聖經和參加教會生活來實現我們稱基督為王，我們要全心接納祂為我們的君王；特別是彌撒聖祭是基督君王邀請祂的子民參與聖體盛宴；每位教友都有份參與彌撒。在這些行動中，我們能夠增強自己的信仰，並與上帝建立更深的聯繫。

讓我們在這個基督君王節中，重新確認耶穌基督在我們生命中的主權。作為基督的門徒，我們也被呼召成為這個真理

“Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe”

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today is the final Sunday of the liturgical year, which commemorates the Feast Day of Christ the King. The significance of concluding the year with this solemn celebration is to offer all the merits of the Universal Church back to the source of all goodness, which is God. In today's Gospel, Pilate says to Jesus, “Then you are a king?” And Jesus responded by saying, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” The Gospel reveals to us the kind of king that Jesus Christ is, and this passage teaches us how we can be his loyal subjects. Let us assure ourselves that the power of Christ's kingship isn't wreath and prestige, but rather is truth and love.

In today's society, we are bombarded with many temptations of the flesh. Society overvalues success, fame and prosperity and these pursuits often lead us on the wrong path and cause us to forget the importance of following the truth. As Christians, we are called to fight these temptations, to strengthen our faith, and to live out Christ's teachings in our everyday lives

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we must recognize that faith isn't simply a choice, but it is rather a call. This call, originating from God, prompts us to make the right decision in all that we do - to pursue truth and love, and not to settle with the comfort of this world. Our faith should be the grounding principle in our lives, whether in our work, our family or our social interactions, our faith should be the guide that assist

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堂區司鐸

李志雄 神父 (主任司鐸)
 黃公宇 神父 (助理司鐸)

Pastor

Rev. Chi Hung (Joseph) Ly, CSJB

Assistant Pastor

Rev. Dominic Hoang, CSJB

感恩禮時間

星期六提前感恩禮: 下午五時半 (國語)
 主日感恩禮: 上午八時正 (粵語)
 上午九時半 (粵語)
 上午十一時十五分 (英語)
 下午二時 (國語)

平日感恩禮: 頤園 星期一至星期六上午八時
 聖方濟堂 星期一至星期六上午九時

修和聖事 彌撒後或預約: 604-254-2727

明供聖體小堂, 每日上午八時至晚上七時
 以上禮儀活動的變更, 從二〇二四年一月一日開始。

Mass Schedule

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5:30pm (Mandarin)
 Sunday Masses: 8:00am (Cantonese)
 9:30am (Cantonese)
 11:15am (English)
 2:00pm (Mandarin)

Weekday Mass : Happy Manor 8am Monday to Saturday
 SFX Parish 9am Monday to Saturday

Reconciliation After Mass or By appointment: 604-254-2727

The Adoration Chapel is open from 8am to 7pm every day
 Above changed schedule starts from January 1, 2024.

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us in making the right choices.

We should seek for the Kingdom of God in our daily lives. We must learn to discern God's will in good times and in bad. Through prayer, faith formation and participation in parish activities, we can live out the reality of Christ's kingship in our lives. We must full-heartedly accept him as our king. The mass is a royal banquet that God has invited us to attend, and it is our great honour and blessing to be among those invited to attend. Through these concrete choices, we can strengthen our faith, and build an intimate relationship with God.

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, let us renew our commitment to follow our true king, and let him rule over our lives.

As Christians, we are called to be witnesses of the truth. May we constantly grow in our conviction and our courage to live as being set apart from the world. May our lives be witnesses to God's kingdom on earth, and may our words and actions be the displays of truth that bring others to God's kingdom. Let us all examine our lives in the past year - what have we done for Jesus, our king? Have we lived our lives with Jesus as our king? Have we listened to his commandments, put into practice his teaching, and lived as witnesses of the faith?

May the merciful love of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, be with us always!

Fr. Chi Hung Ly, CSJB



Nov.16th - Congratulation to the Newly Baptized

恭喜新領洗者 - 11月16日



聖方濟主保瞻禮晚宴

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Feast Day Dinner

12月1日, 星期日 • DEC 1, SUNDAY 2024

感謝天主的心情
With a Heart Full of Gratitude to God

Become rich in every way, and give abundantly. What you give will become, through us, a thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11

叫你們事事富足, 以致十分慷慨, 使人因此藉着我們而產生出感謝天主的心情
格林多後書 9:11

晚餐券在堂區活動中心購買
Dinner tickets can be obtained at the Parish Life Centre



Create your own Family Advent Wreath

Sun Dec 1st, 2024
12:30pm - 3:00pm
@ SFX Gym
\$60 / Family
Limited space

Register

Contact
Simon & Judy
simtse@gmail.com
jma@sfxschool.ca

Games
Family Prayer
Snacks & Drinks

<p>Location: Pink Pearl Chinese Restaurant (1132 E Hastings St., Vancouver)</p> <p>Ticket: \$120 per person with \$50 tax receipts</p> <p>Reception: 5:00PM</p> <p>Dinner: 6:00 PM</p>	<p>地點: 珠城大酒樓</p> <p>晚餐券: 每位 \$120 (\$50 退稅)</p> <p>五時恭候</p> <p>六時入席</p>
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平日感恩祭意向 Intentions For Daily Eucharist

日期 Date	意向 Intention	奉獻者 Offered by
主日 Sunday 11月17日	為全體信友 為 Sandra Young 健康求恩 為 Denny Leung 健康求恩 早日康復 祝賀十一月生日的 Candad Leung 追悼 張賽英 聖名亞加大 追悼 母親 蔡金 In Memory of Kathleen McGoldrick 追悼 伍氏祖先 追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 朱懋銘 & 王令儀 追悼 已故聖言宣讀員 追悼 Rose Wong 追悼 大哥 Teresa's husband 追悼 亞 Mee, Baky Wong 追悼 Ron, Rose 追悼 李炳根 追悼 珍平, 麗平, Brian 追悼 祖先 追悼 父母親 劉謹祥, 劉麗梅 追悼 盧湛明神父 追悼 黃培文 追悼 Rose 追悼 張文輝及父母親 追悼 父母親及招麗雯 追悼 Victor Chin	本堂神父們 Winnie Lam 若瑟兄弟組 堂區活動中心 Rosa 張家 蔡榮佳家庭 Ailbhe King Anna & Chee Chong Lee Chan's Family 黃志堅, 朱瑞華 聖言宣讀組 Mrs. Fong Maria Chan Maria Chan Maria Chan 家人 Belinda, Maggie 蘇國普及家人 Lisa & Ming Lau 及家人 Danny & Livia Lowe 妻子 Christina Wong Peter Wong Doris Cheung 及家人 Doris Cheung 及家人 家人
星期一 Monday 11月18日	追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 羅琮仙, 羅鈺夫, 馮國偉 追悼 朱懋銘 & 王令儀 追悼 林若瑟 追悼 鍾云愛聯 追悼 Anna Yu 追悼 施姚杏 追悼 Victor Chin 追悼 David 陳勝利 追悼 黃培文 追悼 Rose Lew Wong 追悼 眾煉靈 追悼 Mr. Joseph Chong Tai	Chan's Family 馮宅 黃志堅, 朱瑞華 林述珠 Belinda Lee Emily & Francis 家人 Belinda Lee 妻子 Christina Wong Anna & Chee Chong Lee Katherine Leung Pat Li
星期二 Tuesday 11月19日	謝恩 結婚週年紀念 追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 Paul 龐良杰 追悼 羅琮仙, 羅鈺夫, 馮國偉 追悼 先父高紀強, 先繼母高李惠芳 追悼 David 陳勝利 追悼 无依无靠的煉靈 追悼 黃培文 追悼 陳敬佑 先生 追悼 Karen 追悼 Fan Yuen Sze 追悼 Victor Chin 追悼 Rose Lew Wong 追悼 朱懋銘 & 王令儀	黃志堅 & 朱瑞華 Chan's Family 李兆華 馮宅 Quinne Ko 及四弟妹 Belinda Lee 陳文星 妻子 Christina Wong Belinda Lee Belinda Lee Veronica Leung 家人 Anna & Chee Chong Lee 黃志堅, 朱瑞華

日期 Date	意向 Intention	奉獻者 Offered by
星期三 Wednesday 11月27日	謝恩 追悼 Victor Chin 追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 羅琮仙, 羅鈺夫, 馮國偉 追悼 David 陳勝利 追悼 Mimi Wong 追悼 杜元培, 杜志彬 追悼 二妹 Bo Bo Ko 堂弟婦高趙美芬 追悼 表弟李榮護 追悼 謝圳霧, 謝蕭會 追悼 煉靈 追悼 Josephine Chan 追悼 煉靈 追悼 无依无靠的煉靈 追悼 Rose Lew Wong 追悼 黃培文	Cecilia Ho 家人 Chan's Family 馮宅 Belinda Lee Belinda Lee 林麗馨及家人 Quinne Ko 及四弟妹 Quinne Ko 及四弟妹 謝作麟及家人 余譚玲 Joseph Chan Joseph Chan 陳文星 Anna & Chee Chong Lee 妻子 Christina Wong
星期四 Thursday 11月28日	追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 三姨 Cynder Ho 追悼 Victor Chin 追悼 Josephine Chan 追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 David 陳勝利 追悼 羅琮仙, 羅鈺夫, 馮國偉 為 聖召祈禱 為 神長, 親友靈魂祈禱 追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 黃培文 追悼 Maria 羅瓊仙姊妹 追悼 恩師 Rose Wong 追悼 Rose Lew Wong 追悼 朱懋銘 & 王令儀	Chan's Family Emily & Francis 家人 Joseph Chan Talisa Chan Belinda Lee 馮宅 Cecilia Anne Chow 張氏兄弟 Petty & Savio Leung 妻子 Christina Wong 托彼特善別組 Quinne Ko Anna & Chee Chong Lee 黃志堅, 朱瑞華
星期五 Thursday 11月29日	追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 David 陳勝利 追悼 父親劉華贊, 父親 陳明揚 追悼 Victor Chin 追悼 Mabel 陳美儀姊妹 追悼 黃培文 追悼 黃伯忠 追悼 朱懋銘 & 王令儀 追悼 羅琮仙, 羅鈺夫, 馮國偉 追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 无依无靠的煉靈 追悼 煉靈	Chan's Family 張氏兄弟 Dora & Herbert Ko Belinda Lee 劉, 陳家人 家人 托彼特善別組 妻子 Christina Wong 黃家子孫 黃志堅, 朱瑞華 馮宅 Emily & Francis 陳文星 Cecilia
星期六 Saturday 11月30日	謝恩 追悼 Mabel Chan 追悼 瑪利亞 石小梅 追悼 張賽英 聖名亞加大 追悼 眾煉靈 追悼 无依无靠的煉靈 追悼 黃培文 追悼 祖母吳十, 母親廖娟, 亞城廖志萍 追悼 David 陳勝利 追悼 余炳栢 追悼 父親 郭廣權, 母親 李鳳珍 追悼 Victor Chin 追悼 朱懋銘 & 王令儀 追悼 Mary 吳銀行	Alice Fong Chan's Family 柯彩情 Rosa 張家 張軍及家人 王祥安 妻子 Christina Wong Susanna Leung Belinda Lee Linda Yee 郭淑霞及家人 家人 黃志堅, 朱瑞華 朱方明, 朱佳嘉

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堂區及教區消息

Parish and Archdiocesan News



通功代禱 In Memoriam

前SFX托兒所&兒童道理班導師 **Mabel Chan (陳美儀)** 於11月9日蒙主寵召。家人謹擇於11月28日 星期四 下午6時舉行守靈祈禱禮，翌日11月29日 星期五 上午11時30分舉行殯葬逾越聖祭。辭靈禮後奉柩出殯素里天主教逸息墓園安葬。

懇請諸位神長、修女、主內兄弟姊妹為 Mabel Chan 姊妹代禱。求主賜予永光、息止安所。家人懇辭親友送花圈、花籃。

It is with great sadness, the family of Mabel Mei Yee Chan announces her passing on November 9, 2024. She was a former St Francis Xavier Daycare and PREP teacher. The family will be holding a vigil for her on Thursday, November 28 at 6pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish. The Funeral Mass will held on Friday, November 29 at 11:30am, followed by the burial at Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery.



通功代禱 In Memoriam

教友 **陳勝利 (David)** 兄弟於十一月九日蒙主寵召。享年八十四歲。家人謹擇於十一月廿七日(星期三) 中午一時假本拿比科士蘭墓園舉行土葬禮。

懇請諸位神長、修女，主內弟兄姊妹，為陳勝利兄弟代禱，求主賜以永光，息止安所。

* [煉靈月] - 為煉靈祈禱

十一月是煉靈月。為鼓勵教友多多為已故神長，親友，恩人的煉靈祈禱，歡迎大家到堂區活動中心索取「為煉靈祈禱」經文。

* 基督君王節彌撒中舉行派遣禮

我們於11月23日(星期六)下午5:30的彌撒，以及11月24日(星期日)上午8:00、9:30、11:15和下午2:00的基督君王節彌撒中，為聖詠團成員、非常務送聖體員、讀經員及禮儀服務員舉行派遣禮。懇請大家在彌撒中為所有服務的兄弟姊妹祈禱。

* 堂區主保聖方濟·沙勿略九日敬禮

聖方濟·沙勿略九日敬禮將於11月24日開始至12月2日。鼓勵所有教友為紀念堂區主保，熱心參與這九日敬禮及彌撒。平日彌撒後將親吻聖方濟·沙勿略聖髑及恭唸聖方濟·沙勿略祈禱文。教友也可以每日在家誦念聖方濟沙勿略九日敬禮禱文。

* [ALL SOULS MONTH] - Pray for All Souls

November is the month for all souls. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the souls of deceased priests and sisters, relatives, friends, and benefactors. Everyone is welcome to go to the Parish Life Centre to get the prayer scriptures.

* Rite of Commissioning During Solemnity of Christ the King Mass

We are hosting the Rite of Commissioning for choir members, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers during the Solemnity of Christ the King Mass on Saturday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m., and on Sunday, November 24 at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 2:00 p.m.

We invite everyone to pray for the brothers and sisters serving in these ministries during the Mass.

* Novena to St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of our Parish

This year, the Novena to St. Francis Xavier will take place from November 24 to December 2. All parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass on these dates in honour of our patron saint. After weekday Masses, we will say the prayer to St. Francis Xavier and venerate his relics. Parishioners who are unable to come for Mass are invited to pray the Novena at home each day.

12月14日(星期六) 聖方濟堂 將臨期退省

粵語退省

主講：龔家仁執事 Deacon Andrew Kung

主題：今非昔比

時間：上午9時至下午4時

地點：聖方濟聖堂

查詢：Maria Vuong (778) 230-3902

國語退省

主講：敬修女

主題：天主的話

時間：上午9時至下午4時

地點：聖方濟聖堂 聖若瑟室

查詢：蔣先生 (604) 808-8570



* 2024 聖方濟堂主保瞻禮晚宴

感謝各位教友在過去一年對聖堂的支持，特別感謝所有參加過聖堂活動的教友。一年一度聖方濟堂主保瞻禮晚宴將於 12 月 1 日（星期日）在珠城大酒樓舉行。今年的晚宴具有三重意義：

1. 堂區教友年度聚會
2. 為屋頂修繕籌款
3. 分享過去一年各善會的成果

願主的平安與喜樂在未來的一年中常伴隨著教友及其家人。衷心感謝您們的支持、祈禱與奉獻。願天主賜予您們賞報。餐券可在 PLC 查詢及購買，多謝各位！

* 12 月 1 日（星期日）將臨花環工作坊

家庭牧民將於 12 月 1 日 下午 12:30 舉辦將臨花環工作坊，當日還會提供茶點、遊戲和祈禱活動。詳情請參閱後頁海報，人數有限，有興趣體驗的家庭，記得盡快登記報名。

* 12 月 3 日（星期二）聖方濟堂主保瞻禮的感恩聖祭

聖方濟堂慶祝九十一週年主保瞻禮的感恩聖祭將於 12 月 3 日（星期二）舉行，誠摯邀請主內的兄弟姐妹一同參與，共沐主恩。

- 上午 9 時 英語學校彌撒
- 晚上 7 時 30 分 中文彌撒

* 12 月 8 日（主日）堂區大會

李神父將於 12 月 8 日（主日）下午 1:00 在聖若瑟房召開堂區大會，共同策劃 2025 年堂區活動。誠摯邀請所有堂區牧民及財務議會成員、兩名善會及團體代表參加。

* 12 月 8 日 哥倫布騎慰招募會員卡拉 OK 活動

哥倫布騎慰招募會員卡拉 OK 活動將於 12 月 8 日下午 1:00 至 5:00 再次舉行。讓我們一邊享受卡拉 OK 的樂趣，一邊探索我們的會員優惠和 SFX 廣泛的服務領域。如需了解完整詳情，請到 PLC 或透過 Anthonyfan.kofc@gmail.com 與聯絡 Anthony Fan

* 12 月 9 日（星期一）聖母無玷始胎節日

上午 9 時 英語彌撒
晚上 7 時 30 分 中文彌撒
鼓勵教友踴躍參與彌撒，分享聖母的喜悅。

* 收集 2025 年月曆及聖誕卡

在聖誕將臨期間婦女會代溫哥華教區司法服務部門收集 2025 年月曆及未用過的聖誕卡。截止日期為 1 月 5 日。請將物品交到活動中心收集箱註有“婦女會”名字。多謝教友的捐贈。

* 哥倫布騎慰會「保留耶穌在聖誕」設計比賽

哥倫布騎慰會一年一度「保留耶穌在聖誕」設計比賽是一個良好機會給教友家庭探索天主教徒聖誕節的真正意義。報名詳情可在 PLC 騎慰會佈告欄查詢。

本通訊歡迎各團體及善會刊登活動消息，雙語為佳，並於每星期四晚上八時截稿，如欲刊登照片或圖片，請於星期三晚上八時前投稿，稿件請電郵至 sfx.parish.bulletin@gmail.com，本堂神父及堂區通訊小組保留刊登稿件的一切權利，不得異議。

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* SFX Feast Day Dinner Celebration 2024

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners for their support of the church over the past year, especially to those who have participated in church activities. The SFX Feast Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 1, at Pink Pearl Restaurant. This year's dinner carries threefold significance:

1. Annual gathering of parishioners
 2. Fundraising for roof repairs
 3. Celebrating achievements of sodalities over the past year
- We hope you can all support this meaningful cause. Meal tickets can be inquired about and purchased at the PLC. Thank you all!

* December 1st (Sunday) Advent Wreath making event

On Sunday Dec. 1st, at 12:30pm, SFX Family Ministry will host an Advent Wreath making event at the SFX Gym. There will also be refreshments, prayer, and games. Register quickly as spots are limited. More information on the poster.

* December 3rd (Tuesday) St. Francis Xavier Parish Feast Day Thanksgiving Mass

St. Francis Xavier Parish will celebrate its 91st Anniversary Feast Day with a Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in giving thanks for God's blessings.

- 9:00 am English School Mass
- 7:30 pm Bilingual (Cantonese & Mandarin) Mass

* December 8th (Sunday) SFX General Meeting

Fr. Joseph Ly will convene the SFX General Meeting on Sunday, December 8th at 1:00pm in the St. Joseph Room to plan for the 2025 Parish Activity Calendar. All members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, as well as two representatives from each sodality and group, are cordially invited to attend.

* KofC Membership Drive with Karaoke

Our Knights of Columbus membership drive with karaoke is back again on Dec 8 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Let's have some karaoke fun while exploring our membership benefit and our broad service area across SFX. For full details, please visit PLC or contact Anthony Fan at Anthonyfan.kofc@gmail.com

* Dec.9 (Monday) The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00 am English School Mass
- 7:30 pm Bilingual (Cantonese & Mandarin) Mass
All parishioners are warmly invited to participate in Masses and share in the joy of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

* 2025 Calendars and New Christmas Card Collection

On behalf of Archdiocese of Vancouver's Prison Ministry, the ladies club will collect the above items during Advent season. Please drop items off at PLC where there is a box marked "The Ladies Club". Deadline will be January 5, 2025. Thank you for your support.

* KofC "Keep Christ at Christmas" contest

Our Knights of Columbus annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest is back! This is a wonderful way for family to explore the true meaning of Christmas as Catholics. Details can be found at PLC Knights of Columbus bulletin board.

Novena of Grace in Honour of Saint Francis Xavier <http://www.sacredspace.ie/novenas/francisxavier>

We suggest that you: 1. read the story from the life of Saint Francis, 2. ponder on the 'Reflection' for a few minutes, 3. pray the novena prayer

Day 1: The Early Years (1506-1525)

Francis was born in 1506, in Javier, a small village in the province of Navarre to the north of Spain. He was a Basque, the fifth and last child of local land owners. His two brothers and two sisters were in their teens when Francis was born. Their family home was a castle. They had their own private chapel, where Mass would be said by a local priest. Sadly, his father died when he was very young, and the family lost their land and home in a war with Spain. His mother, a very devout Catholic, with the help of the local priests, made sure that he received a good education.

At the age of 19, Francis went off to study in Paris. His intention was to revive the fortunes of his family by becoming an eminent cleric. He was bright and vibrant, with a zest for life and a desire to gain profit from it. The one thing he lacked was a clear focus in his life.

Day 2: Francis meets Ignatius Loyola in Paris (1529-1534)

Do I recognise the need for God in my life?

In his early years in the University of Paris, Francis tended to put more effort into sports and the night life of the city than into his studies.

A turning point in his life was his encounter with a fellow Basque, Ignatius of Loyola. As a mature student of 38 years, Ignatius was beginning his studies at the University of Paris. He was assigned to the same student quarters as Francis and Peter Faber. At first Francis was not attracted to Ignatius. He saw him as a middle-aged religious enthusiast. He even made fun of him in public. After five years of patiently encouraging and supporting Francis, Ignatius finally broke through Francis' mask of self-sufficiency. He challenged him with the question Christ put to His disciples, "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

Day 3: Francis and Ignatius gather a "group of friends" (1534-1536)

Ignatius Loyola directed Francis and some others through his 'Spiritual Exercises' - 30 days of prayer and reflection on life and its purpose. After a period of reflection on the call of Christ to His disciples, and time spent in consideration of his own response to the love of God, Francis decided to join Ignatius and some others to form a "group of friends" who would offer themselves to God for service in the Catholic Church.

Day 4: Francis and his companions in Rome (1536-1539)

After Paris, Ignatius and his companions decided to travel to Rome to be at the service of the Pope. In Rome, they worked in hospitals, looking after the sick. They begged for alms, and preached about the love of God. On June 24, 1537, Francis, Ignatius, and four other companions were ordained priests. As the group grew, the work entailed correspondence with a vast number of people. Francis became secretary to Ignatius. This cannot have been an appealing work an outgoing person like Francis. In 1539 King John of Portugal asked the Pope for two Jesuits to go to India. Two others were chosen, but at the last minute one of them fell ill, and Francis was asked by Ignatius to take his place. He accepted.

Day 5: The mission of Francis in South Asia – 1542-1549 (part 1)

Travelling from Rome to Lisbon and then on to Goa took Francis almost two years. (In 1540, the Pope established the "Companions of Jesus" as a religious order in the Catholic Church. They were later to be called the 'Society of Jesus', and to become more popularly known as the Jesuits.) When Francis arrived in Goa in 1542, he had a reputation for helping the poor and the sick, and zealously seeking to encourage people to live a good life. It was recorded that Francis always looked happy, despite two months of continual seasickness, and other illnesses along the way. In 1542 the Portuguese Governor of Goa asked Francis to teach the pearl fishers (Paravas) of Cape Comorin in South India. They were nominal Christians, but had received no formal instructions on their new faith, because no priest had ever learned their language. He set about learning Tamil, the local language, and managed to translate the Creed. He experienced the loneliness of working in a foreign culture. He had been promised two Jesuit helpers, but they never arrived. After a year he decided to return to Goa to see what had happened to them. He was so well accepted by the people that a number of young Paravas went along with him to be trained for Christian ministry.

Day 6: The mission of Francis in South Asia – 1542-1549 (part 2)

Francis found the behaviour of Europeans in India difficult to bear. Too many of the Portuguese officials and traders were determined not to let his pursuit of souls interfere with their pursuit of riches.

At one point Francis writes: "I am so sick of life that the best thing for me would be to die for the defence of our faith. It is difficult to see so many sins committed and to be able to do nothing." Despite these negative feelings,

Francis continued his missionary efforts with enthusiasm.

Day 7: The mission of Francis in South Asia – 1542-1549 (part 3)

Francis Xavier spent seven years on the South India coast, constantly travelling up and down, preaching, teaching, consoling, comforting, begging for the poor, visiting the sick.

Francis believed that those who were not baptised were destined never to share the delights of heaven. But he also wanted to share the love of Christ with others. His journeys became part of his urgent task to baptise as many people as possible. He baptised thousands of people. Francis always saw a person as a whole, body, mind and spirit. He was concerned about material needs as well as spiritual ones.

As the extent of the continent of Asia, with the populous nations of India, Japan and China, became apparent to him, Francis appealed to Ignatius for others to share the work with him.

Day 8: Francis, First Missionary to Japan (1549-1551)

Do I find strength in my prayer and in my relationship with Jesus?

During his years in South Asia, Francis visited Malacca in Malaysia on a number of occasions. It was there he met and converted his first Japanese. Anjiro made a deep impression on him. Francis wrote to Ignatius, "If all the Japanese are as keen to learn as Anjiro...they must have the most enquiring minds of any people in the lands hitherto discovered."

Francis arrived in Japan on August 15, 1549, the Feast of the Assumption. After some months working there and living with the family of Anjiro, he wrote to the Jesuits in Goa: "They are the best race yet discovered and I think that among non-Christians their match will not easily be found."

In comparison with the effects of his mission in South Asia, progress in Japan was slow. Francis had great difficulty with the Japanese language. Much of the time he was alone, suffering the isolation of living in a country, without knowing the local language. The Abbot of a Zen monastery told a later missionary that Francis was unable to explain the Christian teaching, owing to his ignorance of Japanese, but his mere presence, face, character, obvious sanctity, preached better than any words the truth of his message.

After his death, however, until the edict forbidding Christianity in 1614, the Church in Japan flourished. The number of Catholics at the time the persecution began was about 300,000, slightly less than what it is today. Many, too, died as martyrs for the faith during the years of persecution. secretary to Ignatius. This cannot have been an appealing work an outgoing person like Francis.

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Day 9: Death of Francis off the coast of China (December 3, 1552)

What can I, personally, learn from reflecting on the life of St. Francis?

Francis died of fever at the age of 46 on the island of Sanchian, within sight of China. He did not achieve his ambition to reach the mainland. That was to be the privilege of a fellow Jesuit, Matteo Ricci. His hope was that if China accepted Christianity, all Asia would be open to the faith. His ambition was greater than one person could ever achieve.

St. Francis Xavier is the patron saint of the missions. He has always been exceptionally popular not only with Catholics, but with many non-Catholics, too. He is probably the most famous of all Jesuits. He was canonised as a Saint in 1622, together with St. Ignatius Loyola.

Saint Francis Xavier Novena Prayer

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise.

I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession and the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this Novena:

but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

O God, who was pleased to gather unto your Church the people of the East by the preaching and miracles of blessed Francis, mercifully grant that we who honour his glorious merits, may also imitate the example of his virtues, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

聖方濟·沙勿略九日敬禮

全體：可愛而仁慈的聖方濟·沙勿略，我們懇求你，偕同我們一起光榮讚美天父。因你在生時，天父賜你特寵。逝去後，得享基督的榮福。為此，我感謝天父。

現在我們懇請你代禱，祈求天父賜我們所需的聖寵，以得常生永福。並在此九日敬禮中，獲得所求之特恩。

九日敬禮 - 主題/祈禱意向：

- 第一日：聖方濟·沙勿略的精神 - 藉著聖方濟·沙勿略的轉求，請為我們堂區的所有教友祈禱：求主使我們在日常中學習和實踐聖方濟·沙勿略的精神。
- 第二日：聖方濟·沙勿略的靈修 - 藉著聖方濟·沙勿略的轉求，讓我們祈求聖神更新我們堂區所有教友的信仰。
- 第三日：追隨聖方濟·沙勿略的芳蹤 - 請為教會中的所有司鐸祈禱：求主恩賜他們豐富的向貧窮人宣講福音的精神。
- 第四日：在這個時代聖方濟·沙勿略的生活鼓勵教友完成福傳工作 - 藉著聖方濟·沙勿略的轉求，請為所有教友祈禱：願他們藉著聖神滿懷恩寵，在信仰上成長，並滿懷熱誠的參與教會的活動。
- 第五日：聖方濟·沙勿略為今日的青年是一個典範與榜樣 - 藉著聖方濟·沙勿略的轉求，請為所有青年祈禱：特別是我們堂區的青年，願他們有堅強的信德和深入的祈禱生活，以便將來能夠聽到天主的聲音。
- 第六日：聖方濟·沙勿略的當代精神適合於今日教會的福傳 - 藉著聖方濟·沙勿略的轉求，請為所有宗教的兄弟姐妹們祈禱：願他們在聖善的生命中更充實，在自己的使命中更熱情。
- 第七日：由聖方濟·沙勿略的生命中所得到的靈感總結 - 藉著聖方濟·沙勿略的轉求，請為在我們堂區服務過的所有已亡司鐸及教友祈禱：願他們進入永生。
- 第八日：我們偉大的聖人聖方濟·沙勿略 - 藉著聖方濟·沙勿略的轉求，請為我們堂區的未來祈禱：特別是我們堂區的青年，願他們繼續繼承發揚我們的精神傳統。
- 第九日：聖方濟·沙勿略慷慨為教會傳教事業奉獻一生的精神 - 藉著聖方濟·沙勿略的轉求，請為普世所有司鐸及傳教工作人員轉禱。求主賜予他們豐富的恩寵，使能在傳教事業上忠於職守，將天國喜訊傳遍普世。

我們所求此恩惠，完全承行天父的旨意，恩賜我們生活在安定與希望中，並願天父的名受顯揚。

領：聖方濟·沙勿略，請為我們代禱。眾：使我們堪當承受基督的恩許。

請大家祈禱：天父，你曾藉聖方濟·沙勿略的宣講和靈蹟，引導了東洋諸國眾多子民皈依教會。求你賞賜我們都充滿著聖人一樣的信仰熱誠，並效法聖人諸德的芳表。因我們的主耶穌基督之名，求你俯聽我們的祈禱。 亞孟。

祈求聖方濟·沙勿略禱詞

全體：聖方濟·沙勿略，你極其寬仁，慈愛熱誠。以至十年之內，不辭勞苦，傳佈福音給萬民，拯救人靈。我們懇切呼號，望你轉達；求賜聖教會在各地平安拓展。罪人信賴天主的仁慈而痛改前非。教外人早獲信德的光明。煉靈獲享天主圓滿的救恩，早登天國。更使中華民族，國泰民安。凡樂意敬愛你的人，都能日進於德，分享你真福的歡欣。仁愛的聖人，懇請垂顧，望你為我們罪人求得此恩惠。光榮歸於父、及子、及聖神。起初如何，今日亦然，直到永遠。 亞孟。

天主經、聖母經（各一遍）

全體：可敬的聖方濟·沙勿略，你是主的善良忠信僕人！你在少許事上忠信，主必委派你管理許多大事。永享主的福樂！

領：上主曾引領你踏上義人的坦途。眾：為天國之榮耀，塵世之光輝。

請大家祈禱：至仁至義的天主，你為愛你的人準備了奇妙的幸福。祈望你垂允我們向聖方濟·沙勿略所作的敬禮，仰賴聖人的功績，賞賜我們分沾你許給聖人的祝福。因我們的主耶穌基督之名，求你俯聽我們的祈禱。 亞孟。

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