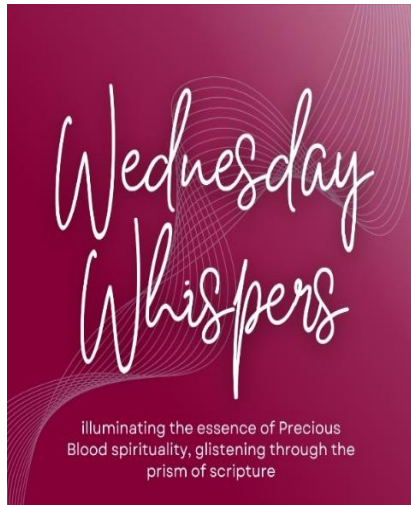


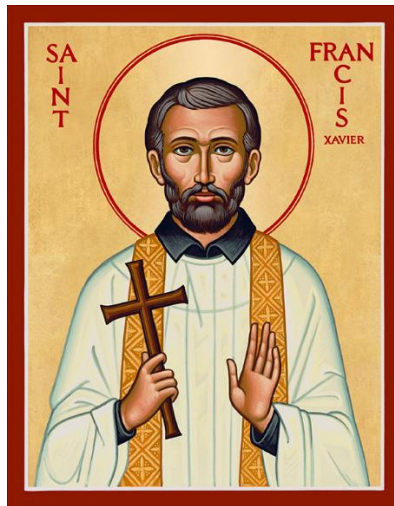


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“Great crowds came to him, having with them the lame,
the blind, the deformed, the mute, and many others.”
(Matthew 15:30)



In these early days of Advent, we pause to remember St. Francis Xavier, born in 1506 into a noble family in Spain. While studying at the University of Paris, Francis met Ignatius of Loyola and became one of the first companions to form the Society of Jesus. Filled with zeal for the Gospel, he journeyed far from home—to India, Borneo, Japan, and at last toward China—carrying the Good News of God’s love to the edges of the known world.

As we enter our own Advent journey, what might Francis say to us? Perhaps his message is simple: *keep your eyes on the goal*. Amid the glitter and noise of the season, we can easily lose sight of what we await. Christmas is not only the story of a child born in Bethlehem—it is the beginning of God’s great mission among us. The manger leads to Nazareth, to Galilee’s dusty roads, to Calvary’s cross, and to the empty tomb. We are not meant to stay in Bethlehem; we are invited to follow where Christ leads.

By our Baptism, we too are sent—commissioned to bring God’s compassion, hope, and mercy into our world. Advent offers us a sacred pause, a time to rekindle our purpose as missionaries of love.

Where we stand today—in our homes, our communities, our workplaces—how do we carry the message of Christ’s presence? How do we live as Precious Blood people, revealing God’s life poured out for all?

May this Advent awaken in us the missionary heart of Francis Xavier: courageous, joyful, and ever seeking to carry the light of Christ until the whole earth knows the warmth of God’s love.

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