



Novena of Grace 2025
Holy Men and Women Living in Enduring Hope
March 4th – 12th

The 2025 Novena of Grace at Gesu Detroit Catholic Church will run Tuesday, March 4th to Wednesday, March 12th. This special Jesuit Novena is held annually on these dates in honor of St. Francis Xavier, a great spirited missionary to the East and co-founder of the Society of Jesus. The Novena of Grace occurs during Lent and assists in our Lenten journey of prayer and reflection. The theme for the 2025 Novena of Grace is: *Holy Men and Women Living in Enduring Hope*. It will be presented at Gesu as a nine-day retreat experience in the context of Mass or evening prayer.

The 2025 Novena of Grace at Gesu will feature the following noted preachers –

Tuesday, March 4th 6:30pm Evening Prayer: *Music Stirring the Spirit of Holy Men and Women* – Mr. Christopher Kendall, Music Minister at Loyola High School Detroit, St. Peter Claver Catholic Community, and Gesu Church; also a member of the Detroit Black Catholic Choir.

Wednesday, March 5th 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Evening Mass: *Holy Men and Women Rising from the Ashes* – Dr. Deborah Richardson-Philips, President, Loyola High School Detroit.

Thursday, March 6th 6:30pm Evening Prayer: *People of Hope* – Ms. Therese Marz, Spiritual Director and Retreat Leader.

Friday, March 7th 6:30pm Evening Prayer: *Woke Saints* – Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS. An artist, writer, and storyteller whose love of color and beauty have continually inspired and enriched the Catholic community. An Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, Br. McGrath currently ministers through art in Camden, New Jersey.

Saturday, March 8th 4:00pm Mass – Preacher: Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS.

Sunday, March 9th 8:00am and 10:30am Masses – Preacher: Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS. – Meet the Artist at 1:00pm, Br. McGrath – featuring art and storytelling.

Monday, March 10th Evening Prayer 6:30pm: *Holy Men and Women of Hope* – Ms. Mary Kate Becker, Director of Ministry and Catholic Identity.

Tuesday, March 11th Evening Prayer 6:30pm: *Holy Young People Living in Hope* – Ms. Sophia Moore, Gesu parishioner, and Fr. Christopher Alt, S.J., Gesu Associate Pastor.

Wednesday, March 12th Evening Prayer 6:30pm: *Holy Men and Women Caring for Creation* – Mr. James Erler, Provincial Assistant for Justice, Ecology and Reconciliation, Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus.