

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community strives to be an instrument of peace and love in Amherst County through fellowship in the Eucharist and service to the poor, the youth, the stranger and the un-churched, in cooperation with other Christian churches.

Readings

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/157

Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Response: "Blessed are those who fear the Lord."

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 or 14-15, 19-21



Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 14 +Paul Graffeo req. by Ginger Graffeo

Sun., Nov. 15 Health of Tillie and George Winfield req. Flower Committee

Wed., Nov. 18 +William Saunders req. Cockerham Family

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Maria Brabo, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Carolyn Greaves, Jerry Harambasic, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Brian Miles, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Angus Topfer, Kevin Williams and Tillie & George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Stewardship: Nov. 7 & Nov. 8: \$1817

All Saint's Day: \$25

Military offering: \$67

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21. The lesson of this parable, like all the teaching of the gospel, is as applicable to us today as it was to the first generation of Christians. In its relation to Christ and to his divine Father our world today is very similar to first century Palestine. Christ and God have opponents and followers. Their opponents today have the very same reasons that moved the Pharisees and leaders of the people in Christ's day. They want their messianic kingdom here on earth, a kingdom of pleasure and plenty; they want no limits set to their freedom to follow their own earthly inclinations. Their pride in their own self-exalted dignity will not let them bow the head to any deity or divine authority which does not conform to their standards. Like the Pharisees they keep on trying to convince themselves that Christianity is not true, that Christ will not reign, that there will be no day of reckoning.

God is a kind Father who has our eternal interests at heart. He does expect us to make the necessary sacrifices. He showed us the way on Calvary. When working for God we are really providing for our own future; his external glory and our eternal salvation are the fruits of the same labor. He will certainly return to settle accounts—it will then be too late to make any changes. Let us be wise and make the changes now while we have time and then our books will be in order on the day of reckoning. Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes

- ◆ Mass intention dates are now notated on the calendar located on the office door. To request a date, please fill out a mass intention form (on the narthex table) and give it to Karen or put it in the slot in the office door. Please ask for special dates for loved ones well in advance so your requested date will be available.
- ◆ As Advent approaches, it is important to turn our attention to those in our community in need of our support. As in the past, we will be providing food boxes to 10 families of students at Central Elementary, and Jesse Tree gifts for 9 children. This year we will not be putting up a tree with gift tags to choose from. Instead we are asking that you consider making a **cash donation in support of Jesse Tree gifts**. We have a small team of online shoppers who will take care of ordering the clothes, educational materials, toys, and books requested by each student. Please note on your donation that it is intended for Jesse Tree purchases. **You may also bring in food for the boxes or a cash or check made out to St. Francis.** Please note on your check **food donation**.

Donations may be dropped off at the office when Karen is in, placed in the collection basket (with an indication that it is for the Jesse Tree gifts or food), or mailed to the church at: P.O. Box 663 Amherst, VA 24521.

- ◆ If you wish to purchase a poinsettia to honor a loved one, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Cost is \$15 per plant and checks should be made out to St. Francis of Assisi.
- ◆ **November 26 (Thanksgiving) - Mass will be offered at 12 pm.**

November Birthdays

Tom Simonetti	2
Rebecca Grey	2
Madison Luther	2
Regina Rice	8
Marilyn Gilbert	11
Timothy McGarry	14
Matthew McGarry	16
Niall Furlong	19
Deborah Walker	19
Sharon Simonetti	20
Garold Cockerham	21
Gail Curtin	24
Elizabeth Douthat	28
John McFadden	29

Upcoming Masses

Nov. 26 (Thurs.) 12 pm Thanksgiving Mass
Dec. 8 (Tues.) 12 pm Mass Immaculate Conception
Dec. 16 (Wed.) 1:05 Mass Advent Reconciliation
Dec. 24 (Thurs.) 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass
De. 25 (Fri.) 12 pm Christmas Day Mass
Jan. 1 (Fri.) 12 pm Motherhood of Mary Mass

Mass Times: Sat., 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am; Wed. 1:05 pm **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm

Office Hours: Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 1:30-3:30 pm; Fri. 11:00-3 pm **Office phone:** 434-946-2053

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