

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20/71

Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7c, 7d-9

Response: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Mass Intentions

Wed., Jan. 27 +Maria Terpilak req. by Marie Camper

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Loree Goheen Allen, Becky Baudaillier, Maria Brabo, Cindy Burns, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Carolyn Greaves, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Shirley Kanthack, Brian Miles, Danielle Onestinghel, 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: Jan. 23 & 24: \$1325 Respect for Life: \$20 Parish Partnership: \$25

Gospel Reading:

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 1:21-28. St. Mark makes it clear that, from the very first day of Christ's public ministry, his messianic power began to be manifested to those who saw and heard him. The Jews of Capernaum were "astonished" at his teaching and "amazed" at his power over the evil spirits. "What is this," they asked one another, "a new teaching and the unclean spirits obey him!" But they were still a long way from recognizing him for what he was, the Messiah and Son of God. This is as might be expected, the astounding mystery of the incarnation was way beyond human expectation or human imagination. And it was our Lord's own plan to reveal this mystery, slowly and gradually, so that when the chain of evidence had been completed by his resurrection, his followers could look back and see each link in that chain. Then they would be ready to accept without hesitation the mystery of the incarnation and realize the infinite love and power of God that brought it about. We look back today through the eyes of the Evangelists, and, like them, know that Christ was God as well as man—two natures in one person. We should not therefore be "amazed" at the teaching of Jesus or at his power over the unclean spirits. What should amaze us really is the love that God showed mankind in becoming one of our race.— Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes

- ◆ Wednesday, Feb. 3, mass is cancelled.
- ◆ Mass and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held after our 1:05 mass on Wed., Feb. 10.
- ◆ If you are a Centra Health patient and 65 or older, the COVID vaccine shot is available by appointment. Call 434.200.1225 or 434.946.9565 and press #8.
- ◆ We had a call from a person who is giving away a full size bed (for an older person). The head raises as well as the feet. Please call the office or send an email if interested.
- ◆ We are still looking for a home for this desk. Please call the office if you would like it. It's free!

Ministry Schedule

1/30 Saturday

Altar Server-Patti Highley
Camera-Karen Baxter
Lector-Marilyn Gilbert

1/31 Sunday

Altar Server-Marlene Swift/Matthew Pietsch
Camera-Patti Highley
Lector-Sandy Brown

January Birthdays

Richard Mundy	18
John Pelissier	19
Pam Gouldthorpe	19
Michelle Douthat	22
Shirley Kanthack	23
Jacob Alger	29
Margaret Golightly	30
Fiora Grey	31



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

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

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