

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 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

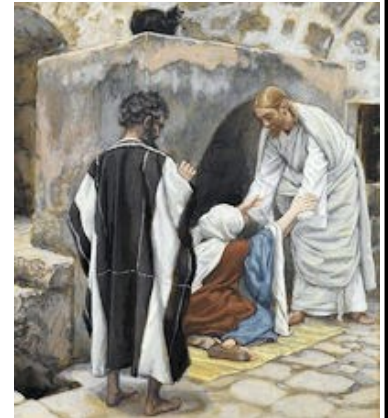
Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7/74

Psalm: 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Response: "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted."

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39



Mass Intentions

Sat., Feb. 6 +Marvin Gilbert req. Marilyn Gilbert

Wed., Feb. 10 +Maria Terpilak req. by Marie Camper

Sat., Feb. 13 +Inestella Infante req. by Marlene Swift

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...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, Trinity Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Angus Topfer, Kevin Williams, and Tillie & George Winfield.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

Stewardship: Jan. 30 & 31: \$685

Gospel Reading:

We Christians of today have many advantages over the people of Capernaum of that day. They saw Christ with their bodily eyes as a man of power amongst them; we see him with the eyes of faith as he really was and is — the Son of God who came on earth as man in order to make us sons of God. We know who he really was and we know the full meaning of his mission. We have seen that mission completed amongst us by his death on the cross and his resurrection. By his death he conquered death for us; by his resurrection he opened the gates of heaven for us and led the way there for all who will follow him.

This is the good news Christ brought to our world. This is the meaning of Christianity; this is why we are Christians. We are members of Christ's kingdom on earth, so that when our life here ends we shall be members of his everlasting heavenly kingdom. Yet, with all of this knowledge and with the example of the thousands and millions of saints who have lived according to this knowledge over the past nineteen hundred years and more, and who are now enjoying the reward Christianity promised them, how active and how effective is our Christian faith in our daily thoughts and deeds? In my daily dealings with my fellowmen

would I be picked out as a Christian? Do I, by my words and deeds, prove to those with whom I live and work that I am convinced there is a future life after death, that reaching that life is the most important thing in this world for me, and that it is through living my short earthly life as a true Christian that I can earn that eternal life? — Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes

- ◆ Mass and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held after our 1:05 mass on Wed., Feb. 10.
- ◆ Blessing of the Throats (St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr) will be held on Sat., Feb. 6 & Sun., Feb. 7.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday will be on February 17th and our mass will be held at 12 noon.
- ◆ A mass has been offered by St. Anthony for the parishioners of St. Francis. This is appreciation for our parish partnership donation. St. Anthony's sent the following note "St. Anthony parishioners pray in thanksgiving for your generosity and pray for your parishioners continued health, safety and prosperity."
- ◆ Contribution statements have been mailed. If you have any questions or think something is in error, please call or email the office.

February Birthdays

Karen Baxter	3
Sharon Johnsen	9
Emily Seawell	10
Ginger Graffeo	16
Andrew Carter	21
Paula Davis	23
John Morton	25
Gene Onestinghel	26
Tracey Clarke	27

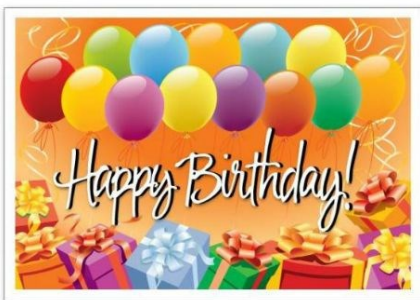
Ministry Schedule

2/6 Saturday

Altar Server-Patti Highley
Camera-Karen Baxter
Lector-Midge England

2/7 Sunday

Altar Server-Marlene Swift/Matthew Pietsch
Camera-Patti Highley
Lector-Jim Meade



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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