

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord

March 28, 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.

Dear Parishioners,

As the season of Lent ends it is most incumbent on all of us to pause and consider how we can strengthen our faith in this most Holy Season of Lent. COVID has made it challenging for many of you to attend mass and experience the joys of the physical Eucharist. We pray that the pandemic will be ended and we can all return to the Eucharist. During Lent we should all consider making some additional effort in order to strengthen our faith. Several ways to assist you are listed below and certainly many others exist. Please take this opportunity to pause and consider where you are on your personal faith journey and consider doing something to help that effort.

God bless you all, Father Roger Abadano, Pastor

1. Do some charitable works. Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.
2. Spend quality time and prayer with the Lord especially in this season of Lent.

Regulations for fasting and abstinence:

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14th years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Mass Intentions

Sat., March 27 Marie Camper—for good health and blessings req. Marie Camper
Wed., March 31 +Wallace Camper req. Marie Camper

Stewardship: March 20 & 21: \$868 Catholic Relief Services: \$100 E-giving: \$581.12

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7/38

Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24

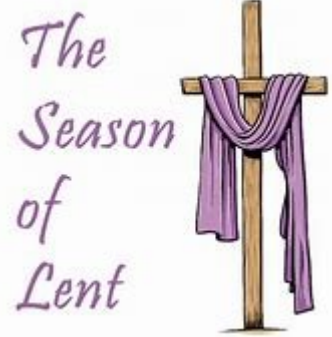
Response: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?."

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, 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.**



St. Francis News and Notes

- ◆ **Thank you!** During this Lenten season, we are grateful for the generous support of our parishioners. Donations continue to come in through the collection baskets, mail, and on-line giving. We received \$50 from the diocese through the Living Our Mission program and another \$65 from the Annual Diocesan Appeal; this is our parish's portion of donations made by parishioners to those diocesan campaigns. We have continued to be able to meet our ongoing financial obligations to the diocese as well as our shared expenses with St. Mary's. The fiscal responsibilities for the parish itself - maintenance, utilities, worship needs - have been maintained due to your support. In addition, our outreach program has continued; we have given over \$1000 in food gift cards to families in need and we made our annual contribution of \$1000 to support Amherst Cares (the children's backpack program). Drop-offs of food have been delivered to support local families. Thank you to all!
- ◆ We need ushers for Good Friday and both Easter services. We are expecting a lot of parishioners and we need to monitor our social distancing requirements. Please call (434.946.2053) or email the office to volunteer.
- ◆ We are also looking for volunteers for live streaming—you just need a smart phone & be on Facebook.
- ◆ **Adoration information for Holy Thursday**—at the end of mass the confessional becomes a small chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Hand towels will be provided to place on the prie-fury (kneeler) for sanitary purposes. Adoration hours for spending time with the Lord are: 6 pm-8pm

Easter Services

Sat., 3/27	5 pm	Palm Sunday Vigil-see below
Sun., 3/28	8 am	Palm Sunday
Wed., 3/31	1:05 pm	Mass & Lenten Reconciliation
Thurs., 4/1	5 pm	Holy Thursday
Fri., 4/2	5 pm	Good Friday
Sat., 4/3	5 pm	Holy Saturday Vigil
Sun., 4/4	8 am	Easter Sunday



March 28, 2021 - Palm Sunday

For those who are not able to attend mass there is 20 minute “drive-thru pick up your blessed palm” and Fr. Roger will give those picking up palms a blessing.

Saturday (March 27, 2021) 6:10 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Sunday (March 28, 2021) 9:10 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Revised Liturgical Diocesan Changes

- Addition of musicians and cantor and a small choir (up to eight people) is now permitted. Musicians and choir must maintain social distancing. If masks are removed to sing, singers must be 10 ft. apart.
- Offertory & gift procession may resume.
- Bulletins may now be handed out.

March Birthdays

Ron Horwege	5
Carol Meade	9
Norman Carson	9
Joan Thompson	10
Christine Furlong	12
Tillie Winfield	16
Ruth Morton	29
Ann Tucker	30
George Winfield	30

Ministry Schedule

3/27 Saturday

Altar Server-Patti Highley
Lector-Marilyn Gilbert

3/28 Sunday

Altar Server-Matthew Pietsch
Lector-Jim Meade

Mass Times: Wed. 1:05 pm, Sat., 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am; **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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