

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 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

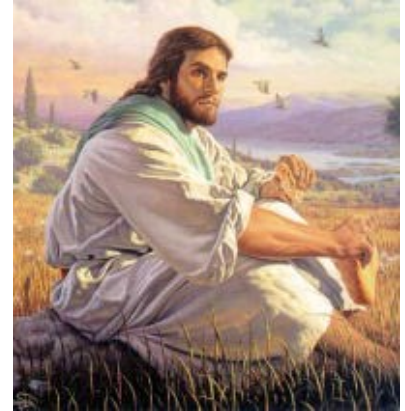
Reading I: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm: Psalm 34

Response: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

Reading II: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51



Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Kevin Williams, and Tillie & George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Mass Intention

August 7: For: +Jeffrey Nickel req: Ron & Sandra Horwege

Gospel Message

We believe in a loving God, and in his divine Son, Jesus Christ, who came on earth to bring us to heaven, and in the Holy Spirit who completes the work of sanctification in us. Surely, we owe this Blessed Trinity a debt of gratitude! We can never fully repay it. Because of our Christian faith which has come to us from Jesus, we know where we came from, we know whither we are going and we know how to reach that destination. Of all the knowledge a human being can acquire on this earth, the above facts are the most essential and important. Any other knowledge is of temporary value. The knowledge our Christian faith gives us concerns eternity and our journey toward it.

Today, we must thank God from the bottom of our hearts for giving us the Christian faith. This faith means that "God out of the abundance of his love, speaks to men as friends and lives among them so that he may invite and take them into fellowship with himself," as Vatican II puts it. He did not put us on earth and leave us on our own with nowhere to go except to the grave. He sent his beloved Son on earth. He made us heirs to heaven and left to us, in his Church, all the instruction and aids we need to reach our inheritance. The unbelievers and free-thinkers may feel that they are free to do what they will here on earth, but we know that we have been given the freedom of the children of God for all eternity, if only we live according to the faith given us.--Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

