

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 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: Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm: Psalm 33

Response: "Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you"

Reading II: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45



Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Irene & Dr. George Gray, 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, Susy Weiss, Kevin Williams, and George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Mass Intentions

October 16: For: Repose of the soul of +Paul Graffeo req: Ginger Graffeo

Gospel Message

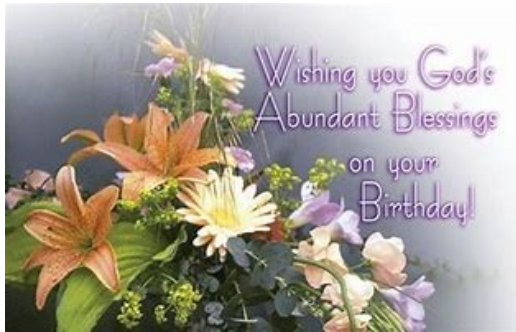
The **Gospel** is from St. Mark, 10:35-45. Our own natural inclination most likely would be to react like the other ten Apostles and become vexed with James and John and to tell them what we thought of their selfish worldly ambitions. However, our Lord's gentle answer: "you do not know what you are asking" shows us that ignorance of the nature of the kingdom he was going to set up, was the cause of their very human ambitions. They, with the other Apostles, had still the common Jewish idea of the messianic kingdom. They thought the Messiah—and they were now convinced that Jesus was the promised Messiah—would set up a political kingdom in Palestine, oust the pagan Romans and eventually extend his kingdom to all nations. That this kingdom he would set up would be universal, extending to all nations, was indicated in almost all the messianic prophecies in the Old Testament, but that this kingdom would be spiritual, not political, was not grasped by most of Christ's contemporaries including the Apostles. --Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Fr. Dan Kelly joins us as celebrant on Saturday, Oct. 16 with Fr. Roger as concelebrant.
- Our Fellowship picnic was a huge success. If anyone has ideas for next year's picnic, please notify the office. Thanks to everyone and a special thank you to Shirley Kanthack for capturing all the picnic highlights!
- Our Friday rosary continues for Fr. Roger. Please join us at 10 am.
- Fr. Joseph Mary will be on vacation from Oct. 26-Nov. 16. Karen is on vacation Nov. 7-Nov. 15. If there is an emergency during that time, please call St. Mary's office at 434.263.8509 or leave a message at the rectory at 434.361.6007.
- Next Tues., Oct. 19, we will not have Mass. Instead Mass will be celebrated on Wed., Oct. 20 at 1:30 pm.
- Until further notice, Tues. Masses are cancelled as Fr. Joseph Mary will be on vacation.

October Birthdays

Kelly Knapp	1
Jeff Hansen	2
Glenn Johnson	3
Michele Smith	4
Steven Clarke	5
Tom Hunnicutt	7
Paul Golightly	8
Steven Davis	9
David Rider	11
Hunter Meyer	12
Patricia McGarry	14
Lydia Carter	15
Germaine Crites	17
Eric Douthat	18
Fr. Roger	19
Maryann Kline	19
Bonnie Boylan	19
Jiovanni Grey	19
Catherine Mary Kyle	20
Rose Barcosky	21
Bill Tucker	22
John Goulde	25
George Clarke	31



Mass Times: Tues., 1:30 pm & Sat., 5:00 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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