

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**March 6, 2022**

**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.

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## Readings

**Reading I:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10

**Psalm:** Psalm 91

**Response:** "Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble."

**Reading II:** Romans 10:8-13

**Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13

## Prayer List

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD...**Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Dr. George Gray, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Sue & Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Jim Kirkwood, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Donald & Rae Pfaff, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Susy Weiss, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, George Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

## Mass Intentions

For: Repose of the soul of +Richard Albert Hiser req: Regina Rice

**Gospel Message: The Gospel** is from St. Luke 5:1-11. Christ's voluntary self-mortification of forty days' fast, with its accompanying temptations, was but part of the self-mortification, with its climax on the Cross, which He gladly underwent for our salvation. He did not need to fast in order to keep the inclinations of the body in subjection, He did not need to allow the insult of temptation. He could have said, "begone Satan" at the beginning as easily and as effectively as he said it at the end. But He willingly underwent this humiliation in order to set us an example and to prove to us the infinite love He bears us and the value, the priceless value, He sets on our eternal salvation. He became like us in all things (except sin) in order to make it possible for us to become like Him—the beloved of his Father—and co-heirs with Him in the kingdom of heaven.

There are few, if any, amongst us who can honestly say: "I am free from such inclinations or temptations." The vast majority of us can and should beat our breasts and say with the publican: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." And merciful he will be if we turn to him with true humility. He may not remove all our temptations, all our wrong inclinations, but he will give us the grace to overcome them if we sincerely seek his aid. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



## St. Francis News and Notes...

- St. Francis welcomes Fr. Dan Kelly as our Mass celebrant.
- Each Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross and Adoration and Benediction will be at 3 pm.
- This weekend is the monthly collection for our Parish Partnership Program. A bit of history - when our church was being built, the Catholic Extension Society donated \$50,000 to our building fund (see the plaque in the narthex). In response, once our building was built and paid for, Pastoral Council launched the Parish Partnership Program to assist two rural churches, one in Southwest Virginia and the other in South Dakota. Your donations make a great difference to those parishes!

### Diocesan Appeal

You may give online at <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>

Please see the attachment for further information regarding the Appeal and how your donation contributes to the welfare of others.

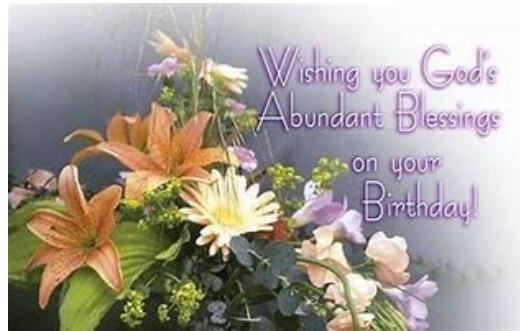
### Synod Info

March 19 meeting at 3 pm at St. Francis to discuss your thoughts on the questions that we emailed & handed out. There are more copies available on the narthex table.

A survey link will be sent out later with the questions that you can answer on-line (in case you cannot make the meeting).

### March Birthdays

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



**Mass Times:** 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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