

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano
Mary, The Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2023

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic church striving to be an instrument of peace and love through the sacramental life of Jesus Christ and service to others.

Reading 1: Numbers 6:22-27

Lector 1: Marilyn Gilbert (Saturday)
Lector 1: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Psalm: Psalm 67

Response: "May God bless us in his mercy."

Reading 2: Galatians 4:4-7

Lector 2: Marilyn Gilbert (Saturday)
Lector 2: Peggy McFadden (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Highley (Saturday)
Larry Lamanna (Sunday)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 31 Repose of the soul of +Shirley Kanthack req: St. Francis Parishioners
 Repose of the soul of +Betty Stahl req: Ed Stahl

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Dr. George Gray, Brandon Greaves, Carolyn Greaves, Gary Greaves, Gary Greaves, Sr., Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Sue & Tom Hunnicutt, Alex Infante, Beverly Infante, Leonardo Infante, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Donald & Rae Pfaff, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Peggy Sexton, Rick Shoman, Joyce Spiaggi, Laurence Spiaggi, Jim Stella, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Mildred Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, George Winfield, Harry Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Gospel

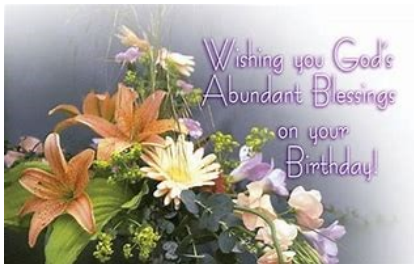
The **Gospel of today's feast** is from the *Gospel of Luke 2:21*. This story of the humble shepherds of Bethlehem coming to find Jesus "in the manger wrapped in swaddling clothe" already read at the Dawn Mass on Christmas Day, is repeated today because of the feast we are celebrating, the Divine Motherhood of Mary. It is the feast of Christmas again, the feast of the Incarnation and birth of our Savior, but it is Mary's part in this wonderful mystery of God's love for men that the Church is stressing today.—Adapted from *The Sunday Readings* by Keven O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Wednesday, Jan. 4 after our 1 pm Mass, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Our next family dinner is Jan. 7 after our 5 pm Mass.
- There will be no Mass on Sunday, Jan. 8

January Birthdays

Isaac Cochran	5
Callahan Cochran	5
Stella Nagy	6
Jim Clarke	7
John Pelissier	19
Pam Gouldthorpe	19
Michelle Douthat	22
Margaret Golightly	30
Fiora Grey	31



Mass Times: Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am (except the 1st Sunday of the month)
Reconciliation: Sat., 4:30 pm –4:50 pm & by appt.
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