

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 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: Isaiah 8:23

Lector 1: Jim Kirkwood (Saturday)

Lector 1: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Psalms: Psalm 27

Response: "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

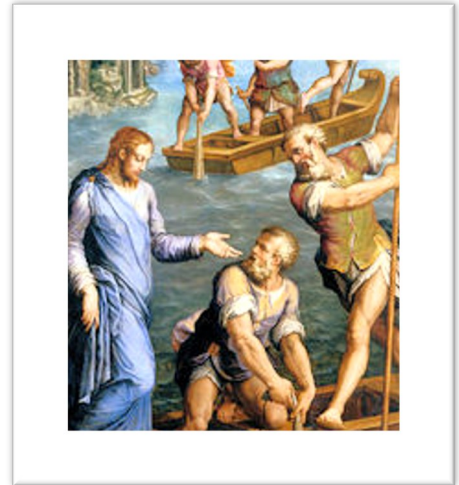
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13

Lector 2: Ann Tucker (Saturday)

Lector 2: Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Eucharistic Minister: Midge England (Saturday)
Larry Lamanna (Sunday)



Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 21

For: Repose of the soul of +Elizabeth L. Smith req: Mary Bryant

Sunday – January 22

For: Repose of the soul of +Charles Seawell req: Emily Seawell

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 prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk. The Gospel, quoting verbatim the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed.

The light becomes an efficacious means to express God's involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as 'The Light' that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasizes the colors and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us

to accept reality for what it is and makes one feel happier, more certain and protected. —From the [Dicastery for the Clergy](#)

St. Francis News and Notes...

The Spaghetti Dinner is back! Friday, February 17, 2023
11 am—7 pm Adults: \$10 and children under 12-\$3

Menu: spaghetti with meat sauce or tomato sauce
salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage



Take out is available! Please sign-up to help by donating desserts for the dinner, or helping the day of the dinner with salad and dessert preparations in the morning, serving, clearing, kitchen help and local corporate delivery during the day and last but not least, clean-up at the end of the day.

Volunteer forms are on the narthex table. Proceeds from this event provide assistance to the needy of Amherst County.

- On Saturday, January 29 and Sunday, January 30 there will be olive wood artisan crafts from the Holy Land on display and for sale in the parish hall. All proceeds will go to support local Bethlehem Christians in the Holy Land.
- There is a small white bag containing a gift on the narthex table. There is no name on it.
- Two collections this week—our regular collection and a collection for Respect for Life appeal.
- There is a hold up from the church calendar publisher which we are trying to rectify. Hopefully we'll receive them soon.

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.

Office Hours: Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 11:00-3:00 pm; Sat. 2:30-4:30 **Office phone:** 434.946.2053

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