

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 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: Leviticus 19:1-2

Lector 1: Ann Tucker (Saturday)
Lector 1: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Psalm: Psalm 103

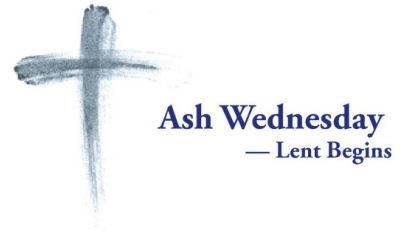
Response: "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Lector 2: Jim Meade (Saturday)
Lector 2: Peggy McFadden (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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



Mass Intentions—Wednesday – February 22

For: Repose of the souls of +Walter Heinemann, Sr. and Jr., Myrtle Louise Quick Heinemann
Req: Norma Heinemann

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, 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

Our charity must spread from the home to our neighbors—to all those with whom we have contact. It is easy to get on with most people, but in every neighborhood and in every village or town there will always be those who are difficult. There will be the dishonest, the tale-bearers, the quarrelsome, the critic of everyone and everything. It is when we have dealings with such people that all our Christian charity is necessary. Most likely we will never be able to change their ways of acting, but charity will enable us to tolerate their faults and will move us to pray for their eternal welfare.

Life for many, if not for most people, has many dark, gloomy and despairing moments. The man or woman who is moved by true Christian charity can bring a beam of sunshine, a ray of hope, into the lives of these people. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Wednesday, February 22 is our Ash Wednesday Mass at 1 pm. St. Mary's Masses are 10 am and 7 pm. Holy Cross Masses are at 9 am, noon and 6 pm.
- **Lent begins Wednesday** with ashes, fasting, and abstinence. On the table in the narthex are materials to help you with your Lenten practices. There are **Little Black Books** for all with daily reflections based on the day's scripture readings along with other literature and holy cards. There are Rice Bowls for making contributions to those who have little to eat. Please take home any items that will help make your Lent more meaningful.
- **Lenten Practices - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (only one main meal) and abstinence from meat. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.** <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Fasting-Lent-Info.pdf>
- For all our pancake lovers, Tuesday, February 21 is our Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner from 5—7 pm. A sign up sheet is on the narthex table.
- Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, February 24 at 3 pm.
- Tax contribution statements are in a basket on the narthex table. Please pick yours up (Baron, Chesney, Meade, Pietsch, Seawell and Tucker). Thank you! If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Karen in the parish office.

February Birthdays

Karen Baxter	3
Sharon Johnsen	9
Emily Seawell	10
Ginger Graffeo	16
Genevieve Plail	18
Andrew Carter	21
Paula Davis	23
John Morton	25
Gene Onestinghel	26
Tracey Clarke	27

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

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Collections Report FY 2023 (Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

	January	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 5,131.00	\$39,746.89
e-giving	339.06	4,577.31
Solemnity of Mary	250.00	
Respect Life	(153.00)	
Totals	\$5,720.06	\$ 44,574.20
Annual Budget		\$ 73,250.00
YTD Budget		42,729.17
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		1,845.03