

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 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 58:7-10

Lector 1: Sandy Brown (Saturday)

Psalm: Psalm 112

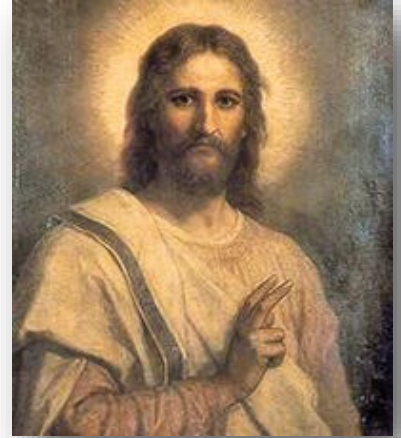
Response: "The just man is a light in darkness to the upright."

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Lector 2: Karen Baxter (Saturday)

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Hansen (Saturday)



Mass Intentions

Saturday – February 5

For: Repose of the soul of +Diane Smith req: Jim and Karen Clarke

Offerings—week ending January 29

Sat. \$635 Sun. \$371 Respect for Life: \$25 Parish Partnership: \$10

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

Unlike the salt that has lost its flavor, and the light that is kept under the bushel, the Christian who has thus behaved can change his attitude, provided he is aided by God's grace which is never refused. He can become once more what he ought to be—a life-preserver for his neighbor.

Life on earth is short. The demands of our Christian life may not always be easy, but we know that if we live up to them, we are other Christs. We are continuing his great work by our own good example to our neighbor, and we are giving glory to God, and are earning for ourselves the eternal light of heaven.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Two collections this week: regular collection and Parish Partnership Program.
- St. Francis has received a grant for \$1500 from the Diocese of Richmond Fuel and Hunger fund made possible through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These funds are designated to assist people in our area who need help with utility bills or food purchases. If you know of an individual or family who needs assistance with either of these, please have them contact the church office. We are grateful to the Annual Appeal for making these funds available to us so that we, in turn, can support those in need in our area.
- Saturday, Feb. 4 is our family dinner after our 5 pm Mass. Please come and join us for good food and fellowship! There will be no Mass on Sunday, Feb. 5

Collections Report FY 2023

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

	January	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 5131.00	\$ 39,746.89
e-giving	339.06	<u>4,577.31</u>
Solemnity of Mary	250.00	
Respect Life	<u>(153.00)</u>	
Totals	\$ 5720.06	\$ 44574.20
Annual Budget		\$ 73,250.00
YTD Budget		42,729.17
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		1,845.03

Note: e-giving is done through the Diocese, established during COVID. National Collections are forwarded to the Diocese and not part of our income.

February Birthdays

Karen Baxter	3
Sharon Johnsen	9
Emily Seawell	10
Ginger Graffeo	16
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 **Office phone:** 434.946.2053

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