

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**February 26, 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.

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**Reading 1:** Genesis 2:7-9

Lector 1: Midge England (Saturday)

Lector 1: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

**Psalm:** Psalm 51

**Response:** "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

**Reading 2:** Romans 5:12-19

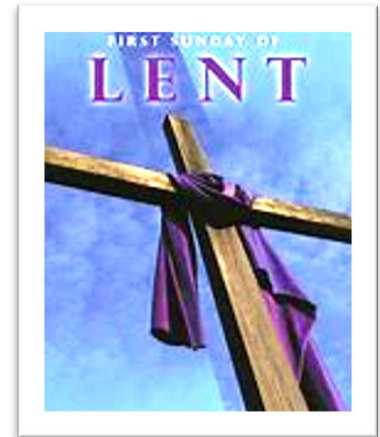
Lector 2: Jim Meade (Saturday)

Lector 2: Sandy Brown (Sunday)

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Hansen (Saturday)

Maureen Chesney (Sunday)



**Mass Intentions—Saturday February 25**

For: Repose of the soul of +Mark Bednarz req: Dino and Virginia Ravizza

**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**

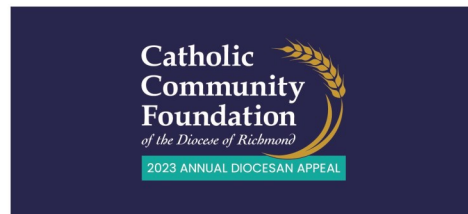
The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 4:1-11*. This incident in our Lord's life, his forty days and nights of fasting followed by temptations, has been chosen as a reading for this first Sunday of Lent for our edification and encouragement. Lent is a period of preparation for the central Christian events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Christ, the Son of God in human nature, died the excruciating death of crucifixion on Good Friday, because of the sins of the human race. By this supreme act of obedience to his heavenly Father he made atonement for all our disobediences, and set us free from the slavery of Satan and of sin. In his resurrection his human nature was glorified by God the Father, and in that glorification we are all offered a share and given the right to an eternal life of glory, if we follow Christ faithfully in this life. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 3 pm with Benediction afterwards. Please come and join us.
- Wednesday, March 1 we have Mass at 1 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Our next family dinner is Saturday, March 4 after our 5 pm Mass. There will be no Mass on Sunday, March 5.
- There are a few Little Black Books left, Rice Bowls, and other materials on the table for Lent. (Rice Bowl monies support Catholic Relief Services which is working in Turkey and the Ukraine) Please help yourself.
- We received thank you notes from our Parish Partner parishes in South Dakota and our partner in Norton, Virginia. They are posted on the bulletin board.

## Diocesan Appeal—2023

This weekend is the first of two in-pew giving weekends which are carry overs from the days when the Appeal was done on paper with pledges. The modern way we use today is on-line. If you have given online previously then you have already received correspondence from our Bishop with the method for you to give. If you have not given online previously but would like to you can do it one of two ways. Scan one of the QR codes posted on the Bulletin Board with your phone and hit the red donate button and follow the prompts. If you want to use the old way, we have packages with a pledge form that you can fill out and mail in the enclosed envelope. These are located on the table with our Lenten materials. We will do the same next weekend at Mass. The QR codes will be available in the church and contained here in the Bulletin for your use if desired. **THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING TO GIVE TO THE 2023 DIOCESAN APPEAL.**



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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	<u>\$5,720.06</u>	<u>\$ 44,574.20</u>
Annual Budget		\$ 73,250.00
YTD Budget		42,729.17
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		1,845.03

**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

**March Birthdays**

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

**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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