

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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: Exodus 17:3-7

Lector 1: Marilyn Gilbert (Saturday)

Lector 1: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Psalm: Psalm 95

Response: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Reading 2: Romans 5:1-2

Lector 2: Sandy Brown (Saturday)

Lector 2: Peggy McFadden (Sunday)

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Tucker (Saturday)

Maureen Chesney (Sunday)



WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Stephanie Gerber family, 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

To recognize that if we entrust ourselves to God, we receive every "possible good" which, as the Pope reminds us, is God himself, means living the dynamic of conversion to God: renouncing a self-centered mentality, which deceives self-sufficient man, in order to receive the gift of God. Man without God is inevitably destined to dissatisfaction, limited in everything by his own limits as a creature, even in "giving himself" or "obtaining for himself" joy, love, happiness... Man without God cannot think to reach boundless joy, unlimited and eternal love, the living water of which, precisely, Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman.

Happiness, another word for the living water, can only be given by the One who possesses it, and man does not possess it. God alone can share it with those who place their trust in Him and follow Him. — Mgr Luciano Alimandi, *Ave Maria*, Agenzia Fides 27/2/2008

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Fr. Roger has left for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from March 5—15. We pray that Father has safe travels as he embarks on this spiritual journey.
- There will be no Wednesday Mass on March 15 while Father is gone.
- Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 3 pm with Benediction after (except for March 10). Please come and join us.
- Meals On Wheels (MOW) Team B needs another member starting in April. We meet on the 4th Monday of each month. Please consider joining. For additional information call Jackie Lamanna @ 434-826-9410 or email her @ larijac73@gmail.com

Holy Week Activities and Mass Schedules—2023

April 1 Saturday

Blessing of Palms and Mass—5 pm

April 3 (Holy Monday)

Chism Mass—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Richmond 6 pm

April 4 (Holy Tuesday)

Lenten Reconciliation & Healing Mass (using the new blessed oil)

Lenten Reconciliation—4 pm Healing Mass—5 pm

April 6 (Holy Thursday)

Commemoration of Jesus Christ's institution of the Eucharist and Washing of the Feet—5 pm Mass

April 7 (Good Friday)

Veneration of the Cross—5 pm Mass

April 8 (Holy Saturday)

Easter Vigil—5 pm Mass

April 9 (Easter Sunday)

Day of Jesus Christ's Resurrection—8 am Mass



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

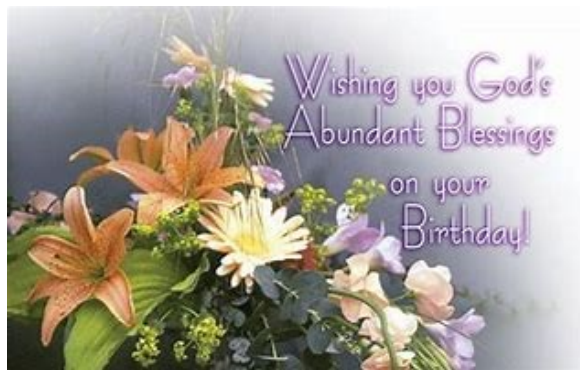
Collections Report FY 2022-23

	February	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 4,278.00	\$ 44,274.89
e-giving		\$ 4,577.31
	\$ 4278.00	\$ 48,852.20
Annual Budget		\$ 73,250.00
YTD Budget		48,833.36
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		18.84

Note: e-giving is done through the Diocese, established during COVID, and has been discontinued.

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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