

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 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: 1 Samuel 16:1b

Lector 1: Joan Thompson (Saturday)

Lector 1: Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

Psalm: Psalm 23

Response: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Reading 2: Ephesians 5:8-14

Lector 2: Ann Tucker (Saturday)

Lector 2: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Eucharistic Minister: Midge England (Saturday)
Larry Lamanna (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

The **Gospel** reading from *John 9:1-41*, dominates the liturgy by the length of the reading and its significance. Already, in Old Testament Revelation, the Lord God had shown the People of Israel how the justice of the Creator was so much more profound and true than the thoughts of men. We have, in fact, heard in the first reading '*God does not see as human beings see; they look at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.*' (1 Sam 16:76). The Lord pointed out in this way the true, unique, criteria on which men are judged. He also indicated the unique place in which man can meet God's gaze and enter into a relationship with Him—in his heart. Obviously, by the word 'heart' the Bible doesn't mean the centre of pulsation, but man's 'shrine', his conscience where he can really listen and recognize God's voice and so benefit from the Light: '*for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and uprightness and truth.*' (Eph 5:9) —From the [Congregation for the Clergy](#)

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 3 pm with Benediction after. Please come and join us.
- We will have a seder meal on April 4 after our 5 pm Mass. A sign up sheet is on the narthex table.
- Ukraine Relief Benefit dinner—There are sign up sheets on the narthex table. Please fill out and attach your cash or check (paper clips provided) and return to the office. Checks can be made out to Knights of Columbus Council 16535.
- 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

Seder Meal—6 pm. A sign up sheet is on the narthex table.

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)

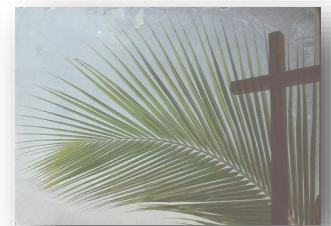
Veneration of the Cross—5 pm Mass

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)

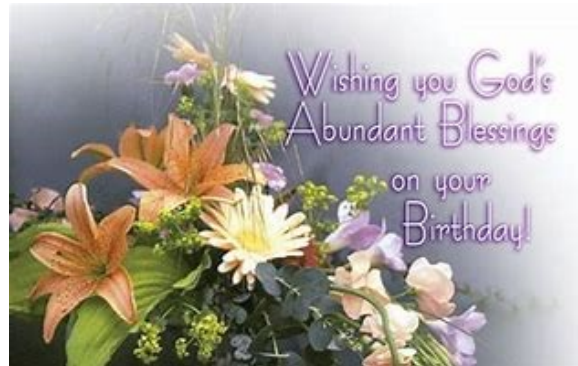
Collections Report FY 2022-23

	February	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 4,278.00	\$ 44,274.89
e-giving		\$ 4,577.31
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Totals	\$ 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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