

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 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.

Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Lector 1: Midge England (Saturday)

Lector 1: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Psalms: Psalm 130

Response: "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

Reading 2: Romans 8:8-11

Lector 2: Marilyn Gilbert (Saturday)

Lector 2: Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Hansen (Saturday)



Mass Intentions

March 25 & 26: Repose of the soul of +Colin Luck req: Sandy Brown

April 1: Repose of the soul of +Diane Potts req: Karen Baxter

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, Sharon Musch, 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.**

Out of the depths I call to you O Lord: Lord hear my cry. Listen attentively to the sound of my pleading! (Ps 129:1-2). In this, the fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to turn our attention to the realities that are perhaps the most 'scandalous' in human experience, the death of a loved one. In this Gospel we see all those who are being supportive of Martha and Mary at the moment of their brother, Lazarus' death. Previously called "Passion Sunday," this **Fifth Sunday of Lent** marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life. —From the [Congregation for the Clergy](#)

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Please donate food or financial support for food boxes for 12 families at Central Elementary School. Donations must arrive by Saturday, April 1.
- We will have a seder meal and readings on April 4 after our 5 pm Mass. A sign up sheet is on the narthex table.
- Shirley Kanthack's memorial service will be held April 15 at 11 am. Following the service there will be a reception at her farm—176 Clearwater Drive, Amherst. All are invited to attend.
- 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

No Mass on April 2 Sunday

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)

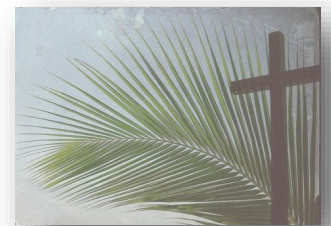
Veneration of the Cross—5 pm

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)

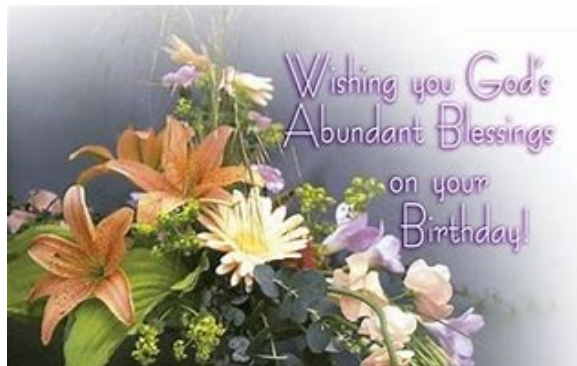
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	February	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 4,278.00	\$ 44,274.89
e-giving		\$ 4,577.31
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Annual Budget		\$ 73,250.00
YTD Budget		48,833.36
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		18.84

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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