

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 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.

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**Reading 1:** Genesis 12:1-4a

Lector 1: Jim Meade (Saturday)

**Psalm:** Psalm 33

**Response:** "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

**Reading 2:** 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Lector 2: Midge England (Saturday)

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

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



**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.**

**Mass Intention—Saturday, March 4**

**Rest of the soul of +Travis Smith req: Butch Carson**

## **Gospel**

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 17:1-9*. This momentary vision of Christ, in his glory, was given in order to strengthen the three principal Apostles to face the trials to their faith, which the sufferings and crucifixion of their beloved master would bring on them. For the very same reason it is retold to us today, in the early part of Lent, to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten mortification. It reminds us that, very soon, the Easter bells will be ringing out their message of joy once more. If we are sharers with Christ in his sufferings, we shall be sharers with him in his glory as St. Paul reminds us.

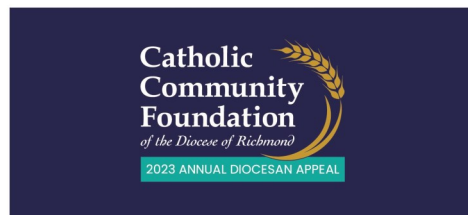
This is a truth we all too easily forget, namely, that we cannot and do not get to heaven in a limousine. Our spell on earth is the chance given us by our heavenly Father to earn an eternal reward. This reward surpasses even the wildest imagination of man. We could never earn it, but God accepts the little we can do and provides the balance of his infinite mercy. And yet there are many, far too many, who refuse even that little bit that is asked of them, and are thus running the risk of not partaking in God's scheme for their eternal happiness. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings, Cycle A*, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- Fr. Roger is going on 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 8 and 15 while Father is gone.
- Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 3 pm with Benediction afterwards. Please come and join us.
- Our family dinner is Saturday, March 4 after our 5 pm Mass. There will be no Mass on Sunday, March 5.
- 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 @ [larjac73@gmail.com](mailto:larjac73@gmail.com)

## Diocesan Appeal—2023

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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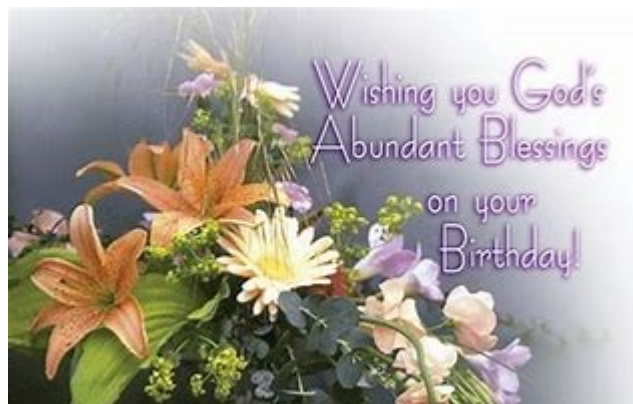
**Collections Report FY 2022-23**

	February	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 4,278.00	\$ 44,274.89
e-giving		\$ 4,577.31
Totals	<hr/> \$ 4278.00	<hr/> \$ 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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