

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8

Lector 1: Karen Baxter (Saturday)

Lector 1: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Psalm: Psalm 66

Response: "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Reading 2: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Lector 2: Sandy Brown (Saturday)

Lector 2: Peggy McFadden (Sunday)

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Hansen (Saturday)

Larry Lamanna (Sunday)

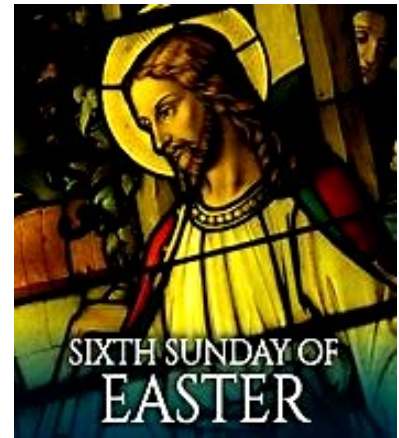
Mass Intention: Sunday, May 14

Repose of the soul of +Inestella Infante mother of Marlene Swift. Happy Mother's Day in heaven.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Vanessa Cooper, Stephanie Gerber family, Dr. George Gray, Brandon Greaves, Carolyn Greaves, Gary Greaves, Gary Greaves, Sr., Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Rick Higgins, 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, Vinney Spiaggi, Jim Stella, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Mildred Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, Harry Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

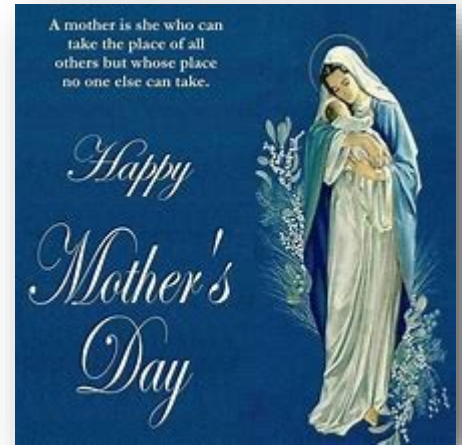
Gospel: The **Gospel** is from *St. John 14:15-21*. In this discourse at the Last Supper, which was His last will and testament, our divine Lord promised His Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing it and effectively aiding it to preserve the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Christ taught His Apostles.

Looking back now over almost 2,000 years of the Church's history we can see how this promise has been fulfilled. There were heretics and schismatics who threatened the very continuance of the Church as God's faithful people on earth. There were crises and near catastrophes caused by the human weaknesses of its heads and its members, yet the Church survived and spread and continued to send saints to heaven because of the direct and active aid of the Holy Spirit. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



St. Francis News and Notes...

- ⇒ Friday, May 19 the church floors will be cleaned beginning at 9 am.
- ⇒ Do you enjoy working outside? Don't mind to get your hands dirty? Hate weeds? Looking for folks to help clean up our church gardens. No experience necessary! Thank you
- ⇒ Mass intention requests may be emailed to the office as a convenience.
- ⇒ Happy Mother's Day to all our caregivers!

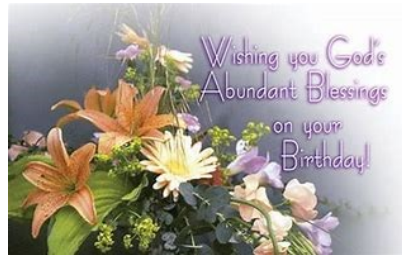


Collections Report FY 2022-23

	March	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 4804.00	\$ 49,053.89
Catholic Relief	\$209.00	
Parish Partnership	\$439.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 66,250.00
YTD Budget		\$ 49,687.51
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		(\$633.62)

May Birthdays

Larry Lamanna	1
John Onestinghel	3
Jane West	6
Julia Cope	11
Kelly Kraft-Meyer	13
Stephen Luther	20
George Stish	21
Tina Dionne	22
Sandra Horwege	23
Teresa Golden	29



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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