

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 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: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Lector 1: Midge England

Psalm: 89

Response: "For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Reading 2: Romans 6:3-4

Lector 2: Marilyn

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Eucharistic Minister: Karen Clarke/Jeff Hansen



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, 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, Malcolm Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, Harry Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Gospel

Remember our Lord's words today. He who receives or gives hospitality and help to a prophet will have the reward of a prophet. He who helps those who are preaching and teaching the message of salvation, the good news of Christ, at home and abroad, will himself share in the reward of these preachers and teachers. When we get to heaven, one of the many pleasant surprises awaiting us will be the gratitude we will receive from saints we've helped to send to heaven, people we never knew or perhaps thought about. We helped those who thought about them and worked for their salvation, and we thus have a share in their reward.

Remember Christ's promise: even a cup of cold water will not go unrewarded, every little helping hand we give to bring our fellowmen to heaven will help us, too, toward the same goal. Heaven is our real goal in life—it alone will satisfy all our desires and it alone will last forever.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

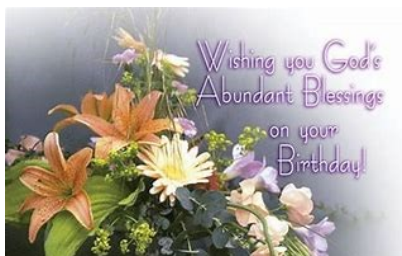
- * Beginning Sat., July 1 there's a parish community rosary led by Deacon Peter. The rosary will begin one half hour (4:30 pm) before Saturday Mass and one half hour (7:30 am) before Sunday Mass.
- * Saturday, July 1 is our family dinner after our 5 pm Mass. Everyone is welcome!
- * Commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers is at our Saturday, July 1 Mass.
- * There is no Mass on Sunday, July 2.
- * The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.
- * Parish Finance Committee meeting will meet on Wednesday, July 5 at 5:30 pm.
- * Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, July 19 at 2 pm.

Collections Report FY 2022-23

	May	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 5028.50	\$ 61,254.39
Home Missions	\$80.00	
Parish Partnership	\$235.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 66,250.00
YTD Budget		\$ 60,729.17
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$525.22

July Birthdays

Jim Charles	1
Cindy Palladino	7
Edie Rider	10
Peggy Sexton	16
Sandy Brown	23
Maureen Chesney	28
Frank Palladino	28



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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