

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 18, 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: Exodus 19:2-6a

Lector 1: Ann Tucker (Saturday)

Lector 1: Sandy Brown (Sunday)

Psalm: 100

Response: "We are his people: the sheep of his flock."

Reading 2: Romans 5:6-11

Lector 2: Karen Baxter (Saturday)

Lector 2: Bill Meznarich (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Hansen/Midge England (Saturday)

Larry Lamanna/Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

Mass intentions:

Saturday, June 17 Repose of the soul of +Paul Graffeo req. Ginger Graffeo
 Repose of the souls of +Rafael & +Quirina Dael req. Norma Heinemann

Sunday, June 18 Repose of the soul of +Joseph Stramondo, Jr. req: Marilyn Gilbert

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

Gospel: The first movement towards this apostolate to our fellow men is to show the good example of a truly Christian life. In the home and in our place of employment, example may go unnoticed or sometimes even be ridiculed by the very ones who need it, but with the grace of God, which always accompanies it, it will eventually produce good fruit. There are thousands of men and women in heaven today who owe their salvation, under God, to the good example of a sincere Christian neighbor. After good example, comes good advice. A suggestion, a hint, an encouragement, kindly and charitably offered, may often turn a neighbor from evil ways. This good advice must always be humbly and charitably given. Nobody, a sinner least of all, wants to be lectured or "preached at." St. Francis de Sales, the gentlest of apostles, said that one will catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel of vinegar. There are pious Christians who abhor sin



so much that they abhor and repel the sinner, as well. In this, they are more pharisaical than Christlike. He abhorred sin, but he still loved the sinner and wanted him saved. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M

St. Francis News and Notes...

- ⇒ Sunday, June 18 after our 8 am Mass, pancakes and sausage will be served in the Fellowship Hall (to celebrate Father's Day). Everyone is welcome!
- ⇒ Happy Father's Day to all who are dads and care givers!

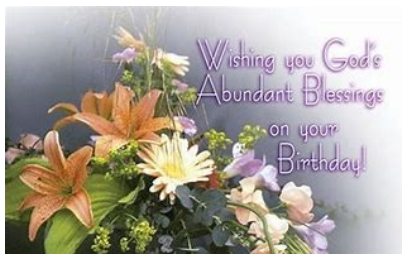


Collections Report FY 2022-23

	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

June Birthdays

- Caroline Furlong 7
- James Cockerham 7
- Janet Hollingsworth 18
- Mary Hansen 24
- Heath Cockerham 24



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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