

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 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: Joan Thompson (Saturday)
Lector 1: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Psalm: 69

Response: "Lord, in your great love, answer me."

Reading 2: Romans 5:12-15

Lector 2: Midge England (Saturday)
Lector 2: Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Eucharistic Minister: Karen Clarke/Ann Tucker (Saturday)
Larry Lamanna/Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

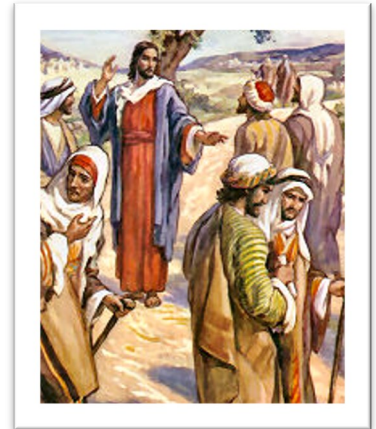
WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Vanessa Cooper, Stephanie Gerber family, Dr. George Gray, Brandon Greaves, Carolyn Greaves, Gary Greaves, Gary Greaves, Sr., Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Sue & Tom Hunnicutt, 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:

In today's gospel message, our Lord is asking each one of us to be a fearless apostle. We will be, if we live up to our religion at home and abroad. "Have no fear of men," He tells us, "don't mind what your fellowmen think of you, if you object to obscene language in your work-place. Don't fear what will be thought of you if you say your grace before and after meals in a public restaurant or hotel. Don't take that extra drink just because your companions at the party might ridicule your control ..."

These acts and many others like them, may seem trivial to some but they are giving testimony to the faith that is in us. Those who scoff at such things at first, may begin later to look into their own hearts, and come to realize what it is to be a man of principle. Eventually they may become men of principle themselves.

Let us remember our Lord's promise "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



St. Francis News and Notes...

- * There is no Mass on Wednesday, June 28. Fr. Roger and Fr. Rolly have a commitment at the Diocese of Richmond.
- * Saturday, July 1 is our family dinner after our 5 pm Mass.
- * No Mass on Sunday, July 2.
- * The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.
- * Finance Committee meeting will meet on Wednesday, July 5.

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



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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