

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 9, 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:** Zechariah 9:9-10

Lector 1: Ann Tucker (Sat.)

Lector 1: Peggy McFadden (Sun.)

**Psalm:** 145

**Response:** "I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God."

**Reading 2:** Romans 8:9, 11-13

Lector 2: Karen Baxter (Sat.)

Lector 2: Bill Meznarich (Sun.)

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jeff/Mary Hansen (Sat.)

Maureen Chesney/Larry Lamanna (Sun.)

**Mass intention:** Sunday, July 9 For: +Rebecca Mertie-Gerber Puyear req: Stephanie Gerber

**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**

The yoke of Christ is not really a yoke but a bond of love, which joins us to Him, and through Him, to our loving Father in heaven. The rule of life which He asks us to keep, if we are loyal followers of His, is not a series of prohibitions and don'ts. It is rather a succession of sign-posts on the straight road to heaven, making our journey easier and safer. He does ask us to carry our cross daily, that is, to bear the burden of each day's duty, but once the cross is grasped firmly and lovingly it ceases to be a burden.

Ours is a world which is in an all-out search for new idols. It is a world which has left the path marked out by Christ, and forgotten or tried to forget, that man's life does not end with death. To be a Christian and to have the light of faith to guide our steps in this neo-pagan darkness, is surely a gift, and a blessing from God,



for which we can never thank Him enough. Thank you, God, for this gift. Please give us the grace and the courage to live up to it and to die in the certainty that we shall hear, as we shut our eyes on the light of this world, the consoling words, "come you blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you."

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

### St. Francis News and Notes...

- \* Beginning Sat., July 1 join us as Deacon Peter leads us in the rosary. The rosary will begin one half hour (4:30 pm) before Saturday Mass and one half hour (7:30 am) before Sunday Mass.
- \* As a reminder, when receiving the Precious Blood of Christ, you may receive only by drinking from the chalice.
- \* Please pick up a copy of *This is My Body, a Call to Eucharistic Revival* by Bishop Robert Barron. Thank you to Stephanie Gerber for providing these wonderful books to our parish.

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

[National Eucharistic Revival: A Grassroots Response to God's Invitation](#)

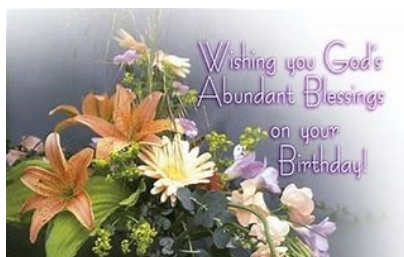
- \* Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, July 19 at 2 pm.

### 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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