



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 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.

VISION STATEMENT

Through the grace of God, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Francis of Assisi aspires to be a family-oriented and Christ-centered community.

CORE VALUES

- Spiritual devotion
- Devotion to the family unit and church family
- Charity work
- Respect for and promotion of human dignity
- Offering fellowship and help to our community in God's name

Pastor's Message

I extend a warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors. St. Francis of Assisi is where we work, pray and journey as one united family. Together we create an environment that is Christ-centered and full of spirit. May you always feel welcome and find your place in our parish.

Rev. Fr. Roger Abadano
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi

Readings: First: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)

Second: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Mass intentions: +Rosevilla and +Jonathan Barrera req: Norma Heinemann

+Paul Graffeo req: Tina Murphy +Mary Roth req: Marsha Baron

+Frank Eck req: Sandy Brown

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...

Becky Budaillier, 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.**

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

- * St. Francis welcomes Angela Sundarmurthy who is our new pianist and organist. Welcome Angela!
- * We will be having a birthday party for Mary, our blessed mother, for the younger children, ages 2-5 years old, on September 9 starting at 11 am. This will be in honor of the Blessed Virgin's birthday and we encourage the children to wear blue and white if they have it. Crafts, prayer time, stories and of course cake or cupcakes are on the menu!
- * We have a new sound system to improve the acoustics in our sanctuary. Thank you Jim Meade for setting this up.
- * Our AED (automated external defibrillator) is now located on the wall to the left of the buffet in the narthex.

COLLECTIONS REPORT FY 2022-23

	June	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 5363.00	\$ 66617.39
Parish Partnership	\$ 650.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 66,250.00
YTD Budget		\$ 66,250.00
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$367.39

August Birthdays

Dave McGarry	1
Jerry Sanita	2
Austin Schmitt	6
Mary Greenwood	13
Jim Kirkwood	13
David Swift	21
Jacob Cope	26
Mary-Caroline Cockerham	30



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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