



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024

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 50:5-9a **Responsorial Psalm:** 116

Second: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Parishioner Prayers for:

David Swift, Maria Infante Brabo, Sandy Brown, Jerry Sanita

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

September

- 1 Mass at 8 am
- 4 Adoration and Benediction after our 1 pm Mass
- 7 Family Dinner after our 5 pm Mass
- 8 No Mass
- 12 Adoration and Benediction – 6 pm
- 19 Tour of the Church – St. Mary’s – 6:30 pm
- 21 Church Rummage Sale – 8 am to 1 pm
- 21 Wine and Cheese Social after 5 pm Mass
- 22 Pancake breakfast after 8 am Mass

Explore Catholicism continues with a Tour of the Church at St Mary's on **Thursday, September 19th at 6:30**. We will examine all things hidden in plain sight: church architecture, the sacristy, and the liturgy and sacraments. **PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with the upcoming Yard Sale. Much work has and will continue to go into the set up and day of the sale. We will need plenty of help this next week with organizing merchandise and extra hands to help the day of the sale. Please come when you can during the week to assist with setup. We will also need help after the sale to ensure everything is tidied up for our Saturday and Sunday Mass. Your participation will help make this the success it can be to provide financial support for our community!

St. Francis is pleased to welcome Jennifer Mata as our Administrative Assistant. She will begin September 3. Her hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 11-3 and Saturday 2-4 pm.

Mass intention: Sat., Sept. 14: Repose of the soul of Judy Payne, Lillian Rutkowski, Ron Baron.
Req: Marsha Baron

September Birthdays

Lynne Watkins	1
Marti Sanita	2
Karen Clarke	4
Eileen Furlong	5
Lorri Girling	7
Peggy McFadden	9
Donna Baer	10
Jim Meade	13
Bill Meznarich	13
Claudia Szarnicki	17
Jackie Lamanna	21
Bruce Curtin	24
Deacon Peter	27
Donna Cockerham	28
Michael Baer	28
Stephanie Gerber	29

Collections Report FY 2023-24

July	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 6,372.60
Parish Partnership	\$ 188.00
Annual Budget	\$ 70,000.00
YTD Budget	\$ 5,833.33
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 539.27

Mass Times: Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 1st Wednesday of the month after 1 pm Mass and the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm.

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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