



## **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 17, 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:** Daniel 12:1-3

**Responsorial Psalm:** 16

**Second:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32

### **Parishioner Prayers for:**

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

## ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

### November

- 1 Solemnity of All Saints Day – 5 pm Mass
- 2 Family Dinner after our 5pm Mass
- 3 No Mass
- 6 Adoration and Benediction after our 1 pm Mass
- 13 PPC meeting – 2 pm
- 13 Advent and Christmas Worship committee meeting – 3:30 pm
- 14 Adoration and Benediction – 6pm
- 16 Wine and Cheese after 5 pm Mass
- 24 Pancake breakfast after 8 am Mass
- 27 No Daily Mass
- 28 Thanksgiving Day Mass – 1 pm

**Mass Intentions:** Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>- Repose of the Soul of Ron Rosul. Requested by Joan Thompson. Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>- Repose of the Soul of Bill Chesney. Requested by Maureen Chesney.

**Thanksgiving Food Boxes!** As we head into November, it is time to provide support to 12 families with students at Central Elementary School. A sample of the chosen contents of food boxes to be given for the Thanksgiving Holiday break is in the Narthex. Either select to purchase 12 of a given item or make a monetary donation using one of the envelopes provided. Please return purchased items by Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Boxes are packed on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and delivered to the school Monday morning, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

**To all St. Francis' ministers** that have an announcement be in the bulletin, please give your announcement on or before Wednesday.

**Thank you for your generosity!** Your kind donations enabled us to contribute \$1939.31 to support the dioceses of Southwest Virginia, Charlotte, and Knoxville effected by the effects of Hurricane Helene.

**Thank you to all of our parishioners** who came out on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> to help with our fall cleanup! Your dedication to making this church beautiful inside and out is extremely appreciated!

### **Thank you note from Fr. Roger:**

On behalf of St. Francis' parishioners, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jeff Hansen for his dedicated service as our Maintenance Coordinator for a long time. We are genuinely grateful for everything you have done for St. Francis. Additionally, let us warmly welcome and support our new Maintenance Coordinator, Jim Clarke, who will be stepping into this role and continuing the work Jeff has done.

## Collections Report FY 2024-25

### November Birthdays

Tom Simonetti	2
Rebecca Grey	2
Regina Rice	8
Marilyn Gilbert	11
Garold Cockerham	21
Gail Curtin	24
Elizabeth Douthat	28
John McFadden	29
Sharon Simonetti	30

### September

Weekly totals	\$ 7,347.00
Parish Partnership	\$ 253.00
Retired Religious	\$ 466.00
Annual Budget	
YTD Budget	
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)	

### Fiscal Year to Date

\$ 19,029.60
\$ 70,000.00
\$ 17,499.99
\$ 1529.61

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**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month after 1 pm Mass and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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