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Deacon Jerry Thomas

Deacon Dick Beaudry

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
and 4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary 25 minutes before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with Priest

September 21, 2014 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday	September 20
4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Sunday	September 21
8:30 a.m.	†Santa Prescotti by Billie
10:30 a.m.	†Virginia Morrison by Dyanne, Juanita & Dolores
4:30 p.m.	†Pierre Casagrande by Josette Casagrande
Monday	September 22
8:00 a.m.	†Rolland Bull by Pauline Bull
Tuesday	September 23
8:00 a.m.	†Maxine Barrong by Rachel Harlor
Wednesday	September 24
8:00 a.m.	†Ellen Rothermel by Elissa & Laura Rothermel
Thursday	September 25
8:00 a.m.	†Fr. David Czartorynski by Frances Strickland
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Friday	September 26
8:00 a.m.	†Mary Elizabeth Foy
Saturday	September 27
4:30 p.m.	†William Usher by Marion Usher
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Sunday	September 28
8:30 a.m.	†Jeannine Fournier by Albert Fournier
10:30 a.m.	Intention of Jon Peckos by Tom & Theresa Peckos
4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Prayer to Avert Storms

Father, all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Give us the fine weather we pray for so that we may rejoice in Your gifts of kindness and use them always for Your glory and our good. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever. Amen.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for those who are ill, homebound, or confined to hospitals and nursing homes, *especially for the following*:

Fr. Fitzgerald, Mary Openlander, Ed Murray, Baron, Ernest & Heather James Pederson, Mary Berard, Dee Brown, Brit Elizabeth Polumbo, Rich-tany Bourassa, Wayne ard Pope, Rev. Joseph Brown, Dolores Budden- Presley, I.C., Catherine brock, Jimmy & James Schaefer, Mary Schembri, Burke, Raymond Burke, Bill Shumsky, Laura Goldie Buggert, Dana Cal- Spivey, Evelyn Steen, vani, Yovanna Campos Andy Stramel, Jr., Stanton Cabrere, Patty Capitano, Sullivan, Bernadette Suppa, Michael Casagrande, John James Toles, Betty Valleri, Cushwa, Edward DeMars, Isabel Valdez, Frank Vass, Carmen Connors, Delia Al Veinotte, Alice Vei- Devine, Ruth Erlendsson, notte, Lucy Vessa, Martin Rosemarie Gabriel, Mary Vicari, Gabriel Wagner, Geraci, Paula Goodman, George Wagner, and the Kenny Gay, Patricia Graf, Homebound and their Care- Charles Hall, Rachel Har- givers and the repose of lor, Adrianna Helton, the soul of Ann Johnson, Marlene Hill, Charlie Ed George and Benny Al- Homs, Aliceia Marrone, derman. John McFaul, Jim Miller, Carlene Mingle, Cindy Mellon, Rina & Luis Maura, Alberta Migues, Heidi Louise Miller, Mi- chelle Munoz, Helen O' Connor, John

Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

Daniel Hutton	Helen Castillo	John Andrew Marple
Karen Castillo	Derrick M. Shea	James E. Desaulniers
Aran Miller	Rafael E. Santiago	Brennan Tyska
Jarred Taracido	Nathan Berry	James Kropp
Joseph Michalek	Devon Michael Callicoa	Robin Brown
Juan Cruz	Matt Daniels	Josh Silva
Christian Morelo	Jack Vine	Charles Laing III
Adam Murray	Jesse Witt	Christa Seals
Kris Urquhart	Brittany L. Jones Baker	Joshua Eicholz
Stefan Tyska	Adam Baker	Kurt Datol
Mickey Reese	Cameron Trinkle	Kevin Lime
Christopher Heacox	Zachary Trinkle	
Ryan Levy Cruz	Brandon Trinkle	
Jeff Calvani	Dan Holder	
Robert Lewis	Jesse Doyle	
Greg Bender	Kenneth Urquhart	
Ryan Hurley	Aaron C. Lint	
J.P. Zolomayor	Lawrence Morgan Null	



Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!

We **extend a special welcome** to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial.

Registration is very easy and the green "*Parish Registration*" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalms — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

SEEK THE LORD

In today's opening reading, Isaiah urges us to "seek the LORD" who is "near" and can be "found" (Isaiah 55:6). Then Isaiah says God's ways are as high above our ways "as the heavens are above the earth" (Isaiah 55:9). So we search, not because God is hiding, but because our tendencies are so different from God's ways that we get lost.

How are God's ways so high above our ways? The example Isaiah gives is that God's way is to be "generous in forgiving" (Isaiah 55:7). And our way? We try to be "fair." You hurt me, so then I hurt you back, just as hard. Then, of course, you . . . And on it goes.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches that God is not "fair" like that. Instead, God is so generous we can hardly understand it. The same wage for one hour as for a whole day of work? Not fair! **"Seek the Lord," and we might find a God who calls us to be, not fair, but generous beyond expectations.**

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Everyone who participates in God's reign has God's own generous justice to thank. And that humble knowledge of God's generosity to us should compel us to show the same generosity to the poor and marginalized in our Church and our society.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

What is a just wage? We might say it is pay proportionate to the amount of work performed, but in today's parable we learn that God's view of a just wage is high above our view. It is the wage a person needs to live on for one day: the "daily wage." In God's view of justice a person's worth (or pay) is not determined by industriousness, righteousness, status, wealth; not by anything a person has or does. Human worth is based only on our personhood. It is not "just" in God's eyes for anyone to receive less than the wages needed to live each day in dignity.

Is the landowner generous? Yes, certainly. In God's eyes, only such indiscriminate generosity would be truly just. God's view of justice requires God—and us—to be generous. Whether we are speaking of spiritual or material "pay," here or hereafter, God wants to pay us not according to what we deserve, but according to what we need. All are equally worthy of a just wage in the eyes of our generous God.

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34; Psalms 15:2-5; Luke 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9; Psalms 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Luke 9:1-6
 Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Luke 9:7-9
 Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalms 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Luke 9:18-22
 Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9 — 12:8; Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Luke 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalms 25:4-9; Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]; Matthew 21:28-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
 Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins
 Wednesday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5775 begins at sunset
 Friday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
 Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul

HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.

~ Anonymous

Ministries Schedule September 27th & 28th**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Bristol, D.**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Zendequi, S.**E.M.H.C.:** Toles, C. & C.; Hall; Benn; Buehler; Lanctot; Murray, G.**Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Veinotte, T.**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** DeJordy, L.**E.M.H.C.:** Shoemaker; Veinotte; Bull; Tetreault; Silva, D. & J.**Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Mabe, J.**Altar Servers:** Brown Family**Lector:** Molitor, D.**E.M.H.C.:** Quintas, J. & T.; DiRisio; Carr; Monaldi, F. & J.**Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Miller, J.**Altar Servers:** Wrobel, J.; Wrobel, T.**Lector:** Harper, M.**E.M.H.C.:** LePochat; Sweeney; Harper, B. & J.; Hazzard; Whitehead**Homebound E.M.H.C.****1st Group:** Mary Pacheco & Anna Marie Mazur**2nd Group:** Janet Ganske & Mary Little**3rd Group:** Jean Hunt & Joyce Womack**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m. or
anytime by appointment with priest.**Anointing of the Sick**For all those threatened by serious illness: available
anytime, but particularly during daily Mass.**Baptisms**

After required instruction, contact parish office.

MarriageContact office at least six months before desired date
and before setting date.**Business Office Hours**

Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis**September 14 - 20, 2014****Faith Formation****Sunday
September 21****Faith Formation****Monday
September 22**

Emaus Group

7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday
September 23**

Legion of Mary

8:30 a.m.

Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

7:00 p.m.

Pope John XXIII Prayer Group

7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday
September 24**

Dinner for the Needy

4:30 p.m.

RCIA

7:15 p.m.

MDS Group

7:30 p.m.

**Thursday
September 25**

Bible Study

8:30 a.m.

Choir Practice

7:30 p.m.

**Saturday
September 27**

Hispanic Faith Formation

5:00 p.m.

Hispanic Youth Group

5:00 p.m.

Hispanic Choir Practice

5:00 p.m.

40 Days for Life

The Diocese of St. Petersburg's fifth annual *40 Days for Life* campaign, began September 26th and goes through November 4th, and each Sunday, beginning **September 24th thru November 2nd**, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place **after**

the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the main sanctuary. Across the country, *40 Days of Life* Campaigns have seen at least 5,928 women seeking abortion change their minds. At least 17 women who made life decisions as a direct result of our prayer campaigns in the Tampa Bay area from 2008 to present. While these statistics are wonderful to recall, we must also remember that we will never know the full effect that our prayers have had on the lives of mothers, babies, clinic workers, and others in the community. ***Please plan to attend and participate in our prayer campaign here at St. Francis on Sundays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, beginning September 28th.***

**Calling All Those in Liturgical Ministry!!*****Ministry Renewal Morning, October 11th, 2014***

Coordinators of Lay Ministries and Members of those ministries are asked to reserve the morning of **Saturday, October 11th**, from **9:00 a.m. to noon**, to participate in a morning of reflection and commitment. **The Ministry Renewal Morning is obligatory** to the members of the following ministries: **EMHC's and EMHC's to the Homebound, Lectors, Sacristans and Ushers.** Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the morning. Please notify the parish office if you are **unable** to attend.

Passion for the Church

Blessed Antonio Rosmini, Founder of the Institute of Charity



Time and again we hear the comment: **I'm all for Jesus, but forget the Church.** It's a separation that makes no sense. As Christ's disciples, we are called to gather for worship and to go forth in mission – we *are* Church. Yet we're certainly not perfect. The Church on earth has always been disfigured by sin. Simply put, we make mistakes. But this should not lead us to despair or negativity. Antonio Rosmini endured much unfounded criticism during his lifetime, yet he teaches us a profound lesson: **in times of trouble or when faced with obstacles, we can still trust totally in the providential love of God.** Instead of blaming others, we are drawn to live more deeply our own life in Christ through prayer, reflection, and witness to His truth. In patterning our lives after Him, we find peace, we overcome division, and together we build communion.

The weekend of **September 20th & 21st** there will be a brochure available titled: **Antonio Rosmini: Man of the Church.** It is one of a series that the Rosminians (the Institute of Charity and the Rosminian Sisters of Providence) are distributing so that people from all walks of life may come to share something of the spiritual treasure of Blessed Antonio Rosmini. Feel free to pick one up after Mass. If you would like to learn more about Rosmini and participate in a 6-lesson (once a month) study on Rosminian spirituality, Debbie Cuesta will be available after all Masses the weekend of September 15th & 16th for any questions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Another look ... is all that may be necessary for that person who is an alienated Catholic or former Catholic. You can help them take **ANOTHER LOOK at the Catholic faith.** They may want to join our **RCIA** process here at St. Francis, or perhaps they would just like to talk with someone who could help them with their questions. Classes are each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. If you, or someone you know, are interested in this **life-changing program** or **if you have questions**, please call the parish office at 681-9115 and ask to speak with Deacon Dick or one of our other clergy. Also, if you have been involved in RCIA in the past and would like to be a team leader this coming year, or serve in another capacity, please contact Deacon Dick.

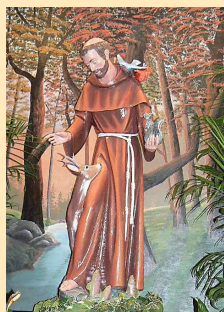
Blessing of Animals

Feast of St. Francis, October 4th

The **Blessing of Animals** is a tradition here at St. Francis as we honor the **Feast of St. Francis.** This year the **Blessing of Animals** will take place on **Saturday, October 4th at 3:30 p.m.** All pets are welcome to attend (with their masters) and be blessed. Please be sure to have your pet under control with a leash or in a cage (we don't want any quarrelling!).



St. Francis Chronicle



Francis: Bluey, tell me something, what's this 'capital campaign' all about, I hear people talking about our diocese needing \$50m over the next 3-5 years...

Blue Jay: Yes, dear saint, it seems our bishop and his council have concluded that if we do not find some serious money soon that our Catholic schools and our seminaries will suffer down the line.

Francis: Obviously we're talking about the future of our Catholic church in this diocese.....good schools for our youth and decent quarters for our seminarians, right?

Blue Jay: Right on, dear saint. Our Catholic schools at the moment do a good job for only some of our Catholic kids, but there are thousands of others who cannot afford these schools.....and we must remember that originally these schools were begun by good nuns and brothers exactly for the poor!

Francis: Of course, many of our Franciscans were involved in this great work, too.

Blue Jay: And then the good news is that we have over 30 seminarians in training in our two seminaries at the moment, but the buildings need to be modernized.....one of them still uses outside bathrooms!

Francis: I can't comment on that, my feathered friend, since in my day we didn't even have outside bathrooms! Like yourself, all the world was our bathroom!

Blue Jay: Let's come into the 21st century, dear Francis, and admit that ours are not good enough today.

Francis: I agree, my friend.

Blue Jay: And then our retired priests need to be looked after. Thankfully, most of them manage to keep on working into their old age.....but there comes a time when they need long-term care, and their insurance does not cover that.....and probably no family to care for them. Look at Fr Fitz, for example...

Francis: Poor man, having worked more than 50 years in the diocese, too.

Blue Jay: I know St Francis parish will get behind this campaign, as they always do!

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Maria LePochat	651-9813
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos	
Adam DeMary	
Clothing Pantry	
Bill Klosterman	982-0377
Eucharistic Adoration	
Susan Soleau	689-6914
Faith Formation	
Judy Erlandsson.....	661-3091
Eucharistic Ministers	
Pam Caskey	651-1165
Helping Hands	
Judy Harris	653-0055
Hispanic Ministry	
Sonia Barroso	651-4038
Hispanic Religious Education	
Cristina Garcia.....	571-5430
Hispanic Baptism Classes	
Maria Elena Parilla.....	657-0218
HomeBound/Nursing Home Visitation	
Monica & David Brandies.....	654-1969
Knights of Columbus	
Steve Jarosz	685-2021
Lectors	
Alice Murray	315-9613
Legion of Mary	
Marie Colvin	571-8170
Rosary Leader	
Dawn Silva	649-8957
RCIA	
Deacon Dick Beaudry	689-0769
Sacristans	
Maria Ocampo	653-3011
Scouts	
Kathy & Ted Domey	685-8242
Tender Care/Food Pantry	
John Familetti.....	681-9115
Ushers	
Ron Mullen.....	661-5983
Women's Guild	
Becky Kline.....	685-1977
Youth Group	
Steve Jarosz	685-2021

Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude for God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we acknowledge and salute **Bill Klosterman, Usher and Clothing Pantry Coordinator... Thank you, Bill!!**

Stewardship Reflection

"So the last will be first and the first last." ~ Matthew 20:16
 You've heard the saying "it's not where you start but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. **Through our gratitude and generosity we help each other get to Heaven!**

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, September 7, 2014

"Charity is above all a hymn of love."

Offertory Collection	\$9,319.67
Children's & Youth Envelope & Loose/Contents	1/\$102.47
On Line Giving/Offertory	\$2,195.00
Total Offertory for this week.....	\$11,617.14
Total Offertory, week of 2013.....	\$10,878.91
Increase.....	\$738.23
Envelopes Issued/Used.....	676/264(39%)
Building Fund.....	\$74.00
On Line Building Fund	\$10.00
Total Building Fund for this week.....	\$84.00
Budgeted Expense This Month	\$45,000.00
Total Receipts Month to Date.....	\$11,701.14
Total 2014 APA for this week	\$240.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 140	6:30 p.m. 290
8:30 a.m. 184	10:30 a.m. 243
4:30 p.m. 174	

Total Attendance: 1,031

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~ For the Week of September 7, 2014 ~

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\$444.55

DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$312.63

Thanks to all who so generously support our Poor Box & Dinner Ministry Collections. Because of your support, we are able to help those in need. *Thank you and God bless!!*

How Well Do You Know Your Faith?

What We Catholics Believe...



What are the names of Jesus?

The only Son of Mary is called Jesus, which means “*God saves*”. He is also called Christ or Messiah which means “*the anointed*”. The Jews anointed the head and hands of their kings, priests, and prophets to set them apart because they had a special job to do. Jesus is called “*Son of God*” because He is the only Son of God the Father; He is truly divine, God Himself. Jesus is called “*Lord*” because He is the Center, the Master, the King, the Purpose of all things.

What is the Incarnation?

When God the Father decided, He sent His only Son to assume human nature but without losing His divine nature. Jesus is not two persons, but only one divine person with two natures, divine and human. This is the Incarnation.

Who is the Blessed Virgin Mary?

God chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of His Son. He preserved her free from all sin from the first moment of her conception in St. Ann to her death. This is the *Immaculate Conception*. She is truly the Mother of God, mother of the eternal Son of God made man.



How did the Incarnation happen?

When the Archangel Gabriel told Mary of God’s plan and she answered “yes” (Luke 1:28), Mary conceived Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had no human father, just a divine Father. St. Joseph was His foster father, not His real father who was in heaven. Mary remained always a virgin with no other children on earth. She is called the new Eve because she became the mother of all the living by her obedience.

Why so we call the whole of Christ’s life a mystery?

The whole of Christ’s life is a sign, a sacrament of His divinity and the salvation of all. His miracles, His talks, His prayer, His love for the poor and the sinner, His suffering and death on the cross, His resurrection—everything points to His divine sonship and His mission of salvation.

How is Jesus our model?

Jesus calls all men and women to follow Him. He promised to live on in them if they live in Him. He wanted all to share in His life and death, in His mystery. He wanted His mystery to continue in His whole church till the end of time. He calls all to be one with Him so that all can share the fruits of His life and death.

