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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

November 23, 2014 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit upon His glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before Him...”

~ Matthew 25:31-32

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday	November 22
4:30 p.m.	†Bernard Ferris, Sr. by Mildred Paquette
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass †Marcelo Morales †Manuela Velazque
Sunday	November 23
8:30 a.m.	†Robert Vogt by Albert Fournier
10:30 a.m.	†George & Inez Florkiewicz by Sue & Roy Jordan
4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and especially †Sean McCoy
Monday	November 24
8:00 a.m.	†Frank Celani by Maria Celani
Tuesday	November 25
8:00 a.m.	†Frank Celani by Jean Hunt
Wednesday	November 26
8:00 a.m.	Immaculate Conception by Paulette Hyppolite
Thursday	November 27
	Thanksgiving Day
9:00 a.m.	†James & Almeda Douglas by Jean Hunt & Joyce Womack
Friday	November 28
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Fr. Mick by Jean Hunt & Joyce Womack
Saturday	November 29
4:30 p.m.	†James Barkow by Rick & Sue Berst
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Sunday	November 30
8:30 a.m.	†Charles & Bertha Mullan by Donna & Mike Cousineau
10:30 a.m.	†Robert Vogt by Jean Styers
4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis

Please note...

**Mass will be celebrated Thursday, November 27th,
Thanksgiving Day, at 9:00 a.m. in English and
10:30 a.m. in Spanish.**

**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:**

Benjamin Ambrose, Ernest den Masters, Rina & Luis
Nancy & Heather Berard, Joe Maura, Alberta Migues, Heidi
Beckering, Dorothy Benn, Louise Miller, Michelle
Dee Brown, Brittany Munoz, Helen O'Connor,
Bourassa, Dolores Budden- John Openlander, Ed Murray,
brock, Jimmy & James Burke, Rick Nellis, Mary Elizabeth
Raymond Burke, Goldie Bug- Polumbo, Richard Pope, Rev.
gert, Dana Calvani, Yovanna Joseph Presley, I.C., Granger
Campos Cabrere, Patty Capi- Redgrave, Catherine Schaefer,
tano, Jesse & Patricia Collins, Louise Schrembi, Mary
Michael Casagrande, Angie Schembri, Bill Shumsky, Pam
Chica, Daniella Crays, John Smith, Laura Spivey, Bob
Cushwa, Edward DeMars, Steadham, Evelyn Steen,
Carmen Connors, Jean Davis, Andy Stramel, Jr., Stanton
Delia Devine, Ruth Erlends- Sullivan, Bernadette Suppa,
son, Rosemarie Gabriel, Den- James Toles, Betty Valleri,
nis Garcia, Mary Geraci, , Isabel Valdez, Frank Vass, Al
Kenny Gay, Patricia Graf, Veinotte, Alice Veinotte,
Rachel Harlor, Howard Miriam Velez, Lucy Vessa,
Harper, Marlene Hill, Charlie Martin Vicari, Carol Wagner,
Homs, Addy Irazarry, Brady Gabriel Wagner, George
Keyes, Aliceia Marrone, John Wagner, and the Homebound
McFaul, Jim Miller, Carlene and their Caregivers and the
Mingle, Cindy Mellon, Chela repose of the soul of Shelly
& Herman Maldonado, Jay- McGinn.

Lord,

**Look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand
rest upon me, may Your life-giving powers flow into every
cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing,
purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service
in Your Kingdom. Amen.**

Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

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



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 — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

THE LORD'S FLOCK

Sheep are high-maintenance animals. They are not very intelligent. Without guidance and care, especially in a climate like Israel's, they would die quickly from predators, starvation, or just their own slowness. The scriptural image of us as the Lord's flock is not terribly flattering to us, since it is only the never-ending diligence of a watchful shepherd that allows the flock to survive.

The feast of Christ the King was intended to call the world back to Christ as the sole power of the world, to bring back a flock that had been scattered by many negative forces of the growing industrial, scientific, and war-torn world of the early twentieth century. It is fitting that, as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear about Christ the Shepherd who cares for us and who, likewise, will be there at the end of time. Interestingly enough, as the Gospel illustrates, our own destiny is determined by the way we have been "shepherds" to the rest of the flock.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

To say that Christ is King, that He reigns over our lives, is to admit to a world bigger than our own. In Christ's realm, each is cared for simply because each is a part of the kingdom.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Tom is allergic to cats, even when they're not around but once were. His eyes turn red, and he starts to wheeze so that he has to excuse himself and leave. Oddly enough, he has lately befriended a neighborhood stray at his back door. He doesn't touch it, and he won't allow it into his house, but he feeds it regularly and even misses it when it doesn't show up on his stoop. Something moves us to care for the lost among us. It is often instinctive, and at times even contrary to our own best interests, as with Tom and his allergy to cats.

Is such sympathy for the underdog written on the back of our psyches? Are lost souls really long-lost kin? Is it guilt that moves us to contribute to food pantries and bread lines or is it genuine compassion? If we are to believe in the Incarnation, that God has taken form in human flesh, then those instincts to visit shut-ins imprisoned in their own homes and to free those who still find themselves locked into poverty are Godly instincts. It is holiness bred in our bones, incapable of being held in.

Because someone is hungry, we find ourselves giving to a food pantry or volunteering at a soup kitchen. Because someone is a stranger, we welcome them into our neighborhood and seek ways to comfort the immigrant. Because someone is imprisoned by illness or old age, we visit them and check in on them. And because our own individual efforts often seem so meager in the face of so many needs, we seek ways to institutionalize our care through government policy and funding. It is all a Godly instinct.

~ Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5;
Psalms 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Luke 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Revelation 14:14-19; Psalms 96:10-13;
Luke 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Revelation 15:1-4; Psalms 98:1-3ab, 7-9;
Luke 21:12-19
- Thursday: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;
Psalms 100:1b-5; Luke 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
Sirach 50:22-24; Psalms 145:2-11;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
- Friday: Revelation 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2;
Psalms 84:3-6a, 8a; Luke 21:29-33
- Saturday: Revelation 22:1-7; Psalms 95:1-7ab;
Luke 21:34-36
- Sunday: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37



Ministries Schedule — November 29th & 30th**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Bristol, D.**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Peckos, T.**E.M.H.C.:** Benn; Buehler; Angelo, J. & J.; Lyons; Murray, G.; Lanctot**Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Veinotte, T.**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Puleo, S.**E.M.H.C.:** Boucher; Mularoni; Simpson; Leone; Pasden; Plourde**Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Oliu, M.**Altar Servers:** Wayne, K.; Kemp, D.**Lector:** Carr, K.**E.M.H.C.:** Quintas, J. & T.; DiRisio; Mussenden; Vazquez; Carr**Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Diaz, D.**Altar Servers:** Wrobel, J.; Wrobel, T.**Lector:** Harper, M.**E.M.H.C.:** LePochat; Whitehead; Hazzard; Byerley; Murray, A.; Sweeney**Homebound E.M.H.C.****1st Group:** Pete & Henri Plourde**2nd Group:** Janet Ganske & Dottie Mabe**3rd Group:** Mary Little & Maria Ocampo**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**November 23 — 30, 2014**

Monday November 24	Emaus Group	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday November 25	Legion of Mary	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday November 26	Dinner for the Needy MDS Group	4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday November 27	Thanksgiving Day	
Saturday November 29	Hispanic Faith Formation Hispanic Youth Group Hispanic Choir Practice	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

Please note....

There will be **NO Eucharistic Adoration** and the **Parish Office** will be **closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th**. Normal hours will resume Monday, December 1st. **Mass will be celebrated Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, at 9:00 a.m. in English and at 10:30 a.m. in Spanish.** Please join us as we thank our Heavenly Father for all He has given us.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you, Dear Lord, for all the blessings You have bestowed upon me.

Help me to always be mindful of all of Your gifts.

Through the love and sacrifice of Your only Son, You have shown me the true meaning of my own existence.

May the example You have given me guide me through all the days of my life. Amen.

**St. Francis Women's Guild**

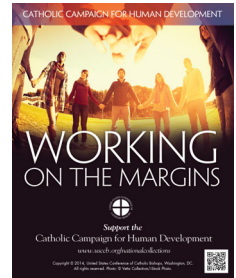
The Guild invites all the women of the parish to the next monthly meeting on **Tuesday, Dec. 2nd at 7 p.m.** in the Dinner Hall. We will be making a small Christmas craft to take home. Bring a friend and join us for spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

Boy Scout Troop 78

The Scouts would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners who donated to our Yard Sale. We were able to raise over \$800.00, which will support the Scouts going to camp. **Thank you!!**

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD grants improve education, support economic development, and help communities provide housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and aid those living on the margins of society. **Please give as generously as you can to the CCHD Collection.**



MARCH FOR LIFE, ST. AUGUSTINE

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, January 17, 2015



March for Life, St. Augustine is for anyone of any faith who believes in the sanctity of human life. Nativity Catholic Church of Brandon, FL is coordinating a bus trip for the *March for Life, St. Augustine*.

Registration for the trip will take place after all the Masses at St. Francis on Dec. 13th & 14th.

Baptism Class

The **next scheduled baptism class** for those parents wishing to have their children baptized here at St. Francis will be **Monday evening, December 1st at 7:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room. **Parents need to complete our series of three classes prior to having their child baptized.**

Reliable Car Needed - Catholic Charities Adoption Services

Our mission is to assist pregnant women and families, not ready or able to parent, in **choosing life** and making an adoption plan. We also help adoptive parents find a baby to complete their family. When many agencies are discontinuing adoption services, *Catholic Charities Adoption Services, Diocese of St. Petersburg* is serving four Dioceses. The key to our financial stability is having an agency vehicle for our workers. **We need a four door sedan, automatic, with air conditioning**, in good working condition. Please consider making a charitable donation to help us continue our mission. *Catholic Charities, DOSP* is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. **For information call Rose Llauget at 727-599-9122 or email rlauget@ccdosp.org**



St. Francis Chronicle



Blue Jay: Did you know we have a fine Scout Troop here in St Francis, dear Saint?

Francis: Bluey, I know nothing about scouts or scout troops, sorry. What is it?

Blue Jay: Well, a kind group of adults set up Troop 78 some years ago, you know to teach the young boys how to behave well in society, to learn various crafts, and do good deeds for the community.

Francis: That sounds wonderful indeed, God bless them all.

Blue Jay: Well maybe you heard about their Yard Sale just recently?

Francis: Bluey, there are so many things going on our property that my poor mind is in a tizzy.....

Blue Jay: Dear saint, some weeks ago the scouts asked parishioners to send in any used furniture, used clothing, or any other household goods.....and you know the response was overwhelming. So much so that the scouts realized over \$800 in a few hours one Saturday morning.

Francis: God bless them all, and the goods sold probably benefited the poorer people of the neighborhood?

Blue Jay: Isn't it wonderful what good will and a little hard work will do, dear saint?

Francis: Of course, it should be said that I do intercede with our Heavenly Father for the good of our little parish, and He does bless them abundantly.

Blue Jay: So that's it, dear saint, and I thought you were just an old statue hanging around the lobby, watching everything going on.....

Francis: And - I even ask God to bless our feathered brothers and sisters as well, so there!

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Maria LePochat	651-9813
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos	
Adam DeMary	
Clothing Pantry	
Bill Klosterman	708-4230
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	
Susan Boudreau	651-9150
Margarita Maria Colon	643-6421
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 **Kayleen Sweeney**, Lector...
Thank you, Kayleen!!

Stewardship Reflection

"...as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me" ~ Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, November 9, 2014

"Charity is above all a hymn of love."

Offertory Collection	\$8,425.88
Children's & Youth Envelope & Loose/Contents	20/\$89.09
On Line Giving/Offertory	\$1,480.00
Total Offertory for this week	\$9,994.97
Total Offertory, week of 2013	\$10,647.46
Decrease	\$652.49
Envelopes Issued/Used	661/243(37%)
Building Fund	\$853.00
On Line Building Fund	\$30.00
Total Building Fund for this week	\$883.00
Budgeted Expense This Month	\$52,000.00
Total Receipts Month to Date	\$21,664.91
2014 APA	\$161.00
On Line 2014 APA	\$85.00
Total 2014 APA for this week	\$246.00
Missionary Coop Appeal	\$2,790.99
On Line Missionary Coop Appeal	\$30.00
Total Missionary Coop Appeal	\$2,820.99

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 185	6:30 p.m. 406
8:30 a.m. 235	10:30 a.m. 245
4:30 p.m. 168	

Total Attendance: 1,239

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~ For the Week of November 9, 2014 ~

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\$334.08

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 is Baptism?

Baptism is the sacrament of rebirth through water and the Word. It is the washing of rebirth into the new life of Christ and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Without it no one can enter the kingdom of God. Baptism is a bath that purifies, justifies, and sanctifies. It is also called enlightenment, grace, anointing, garment of immortality, seal, most precious gift. The believer through Baptism enters into communion with Christ's death, is buried with Him, and rises with Him.

How is one baptized?

Baptism is conferred by immersing the person to be baptized or by pouring water on his head while saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". The pouring of water and saying the words must be done together. The baptized is then anointed with sacred chrism on the head, perfumed oil consecrated by the bishop, which signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit. The person is clothed in a white garment, a sign that he has put on Christ. A candle, lit from the Easter candle, is given showing that in Christ the baptized is the light of the world. The baptized, if of the age of reason, then receives first holy Communion, the body and blood of Christ. If still an infant, the child is brought to the altar where the prayer Our Father is recited in his name.



Who can receive Baptism?

Every unbaptized person can and should be baptized. The baptizing of infants is an ancient custom in the Church.

What is the role of faith in Baptism?

The faith required for Baptism is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning faith. The role of parents and of godfather and godmother is extremely important to nourish the immature faith of the young.

Who can baptize?

The ordinary minister of Baptism is the bishop and priest and deacon. In case of necessity anyone can baptize, even a non-baptized person, if he has the right intention and pronounces the right words "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" while pouring the water on the head.

Is Baptism necessary for salvation?

Baptism is necessary for salvation. Jesus sent His followers to the whole world and commanded them to baptize all. Baptism is necessary for all who have heard the Gospel and can ask for Baptism. God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but He Himself is not bound by His sacraments. Martyrs who were not baptized by water are considered baptized by blood and desire. But any person ignorant of the Gospel who seeks the truth and does the will of God as best he can, may be saved. The Church entrusts unbaptized children who have died to the mercy of God.

What are the effects of Baptism?

In Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin, personal sin, and punishment for sin. (Concupiscence, or the tendency to sin, remains, however). By Baptism one becomes a new creation, an adopted son or daughter of God, a partaker in the divine nature, a member of Christ and co-heir with Him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit. One is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in His priesthood.