



# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **Priests of the Institute of Charity (Rosminians)**

### **Pastor**

Fr. Michael C. A. O'Neill, I.C.

### **Parochial Vicar**

Fr. Henry Konnoth Sebastian, I.C.

### **Priest in Residence**

Fr. James McAteer, I.C.

Deacon Jerry Thomas

Deacon Dick Beaudry

### **Hispanic Ministry:**

**Fr. Rafael Martos**

### **Mass Schedule**

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

**JUNE**  
**25**  
**2017**

*What I say to you  
in the darkness,  
speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered,  
proclaim on the housetops.*

**Matthew 10:27**



## **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# Mass Intentions for the Week



- Saturday June 24**  
 4:30 p.m. †Betty Muley  
 by Sally Hazzard  
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass  
 †Stefan Tyska  
 by Linda Santos
- Sunday June 25**  
 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
 10:30 a.m. For All Saints by Maria Acevedo  
 4:30 p.m. Intention of Austin Smith  
 by his Mother
- Monday June 26**  
 8:00 a.m. †Estelle Morrow by Billie
- Tuesday June 27**  
 8:00 a.m. 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of  
 Fr. James McAteer, I.C.
- Wednesday June 28**  
 8:00 a.m. †Granger Redgrave  
 by St. Francis of Assisi Women's Guild
- Thursday June 29**  
 8:00 a.m. †Joe Suppa  
 by Bernadette Suppa  
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass  
 Int. Donante
- Friday June 30**  
 8:00 a.m. †Michael Davis  
 by the Mengel Family
- Saturday July 1**  
 4:30 p.m. †Thomas Karnath  
 by Rick & Sue Berst  
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday July 2**  
 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
 10:30 a.m. †Evelyn Vargas by Iris Mussenden  
 4:30 p.m. †Jacqueline Pape  
 by her Daughter

**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:**

Anthony Augello, James Barry, Kathy Barry, Bill & Delores Bednarovsky, Rick Bishop, Fran Calvani, Carmela Blair, Richard & Marie Bowers, Dee Brown, Maria Celani, Helen & Jack Clark, Carmen Connors, Frank Crowley, John Danet, Lisa DeJordy, Doug Dimick, Becky Durand, Omar & Jane Elwer, Barbara Fellabick, Robert Fisher, Jr., Patty Gabriel, Philip Gabriel, Rosemarie Gabriel, Kenny Gay, Scott Gill, Paul Guthrie, Brent Gray, Bill Haladay, Charles Hall, Rachel Harlor, Carrie Carmody Haynes, Coleman & Marlene Hill, Patricia Koch, Mary Little, Aliceia Marrone, John & Charlotte McFaul, Joan Miller, Billie Morrow, Darryl Mummert, Robin Murphy, Ed & Gerry Murray, Beverly Natter, John Openlander, Helen O'Connor, Bonnie Ostrowski, Charles Paisley, Don Parker, Tim Pasden, Margo Perez, Joseph Polak, Mary Elizabeth Polumbo, John Poulos, Luisa Puerto, Shirley Puerto, Pat Racic, Gfren Ramos, Harry Santos, Catherine Schaefer, Bill Shumsky, Darrell Sitton, Catherine Mary Skidmore, Stanton Sullivan, Bernadette Suppa, Joseph Suppa Jr., Phyllis Suppa, Betty Valleri, Al Veinotte, Alice Veinotte, Dorian Vicario, John Vicario, Martin Vicario, Carol Wagner, Gabriel Wagner, George Wagner, Joan Wagner, Kurt Wicker, Mary Winiarski, the Homebound and their Caregivers.

**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:**

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|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Daniel Hutton      | Brittany L Jones Baker | Kevin Lime           |
| Aran Miller        | Adam Baker             | Patrick Jonker       |
| Jarred Taracido    | Cameron Trinkle        | Remy Herrero         |
| Joseph Michalek    | Zachary Trinkle        | Leobardo Martinez    |
| Juan Cruz          | Brandon Trinkle        | Alejandro Cuesta     |
| Spencer Dewey      | Dan Holder             | Wesley Kosierowski   |
| Kris Urquhart      | Jesse Doyle            | Christopher Jeffers  |
| Mickey Reese       | Kenneth Urquhart       | Jared Michael Null   |
| Christopher Heacox | Aaron C. Lint          | Haley Elizabeth Null |
| Ryan Levy Cruz     | Lawrence Morgan Null   | Donovan O'Connor     |
| Jeff Calvani       | John Andrew Marple     | Anna Jeffers         |
| Ryan Hurley        | James E. Desaulniers   | Jaiden Andrus        |
| J.P. Zotomayor     | Brennan Tyska          | Tony Cuesta          |
| Helen Castillo     | James Kropp            | Michael Mulhern      |
| Derrick M. Shea    | Robin Brown            | Jeanine Hatfield     |
| Nathan Berry       | Josh Silva             |                      |
| Devon M. Callicoa  | Charles Laing III      |                      |
| Matt Daniels       | Mario Perez            |                      |
| Jack Vine          | Joshua Eicholz         |                      |
| Jesse Witt         | Shai Ane Belinski      |                      |



Eternal rest, grant unto them,  
 O Lord, and let perpetual  
 light shine upon them.  
 May the souls of the faithful  
 departed through the mercy  
 of God rest in peace. Amen.

*Rest In Peace*

## 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—The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalm—Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

Second Reading—The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel—All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

## Fear Not

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to "Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Cyril of Alexandria
Wednesday:	St. Irenaeus
Thursday:	Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Friday:	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Saturday:	St. Junipero Serra; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; Canada Day

## Prayer

They pray best who do not know that they are praying.  
~St. Anthony of Padua

## The Paradox of Faith

"Fear no one," Jesus says. He is talking about fearing those who persecute you for your faith. In the verses before this Gospel passage, He tries to prepare us for that persecution and says that since it was done to Him (Jesus), it would be done to His followers.

But what happened to Jesus? He was crucified, but rose from the dead. So He triumphed over His persecutors; they could not stop Him. And that is what He promises us. Whatever persecution, ridicule, or discrimination we suffer for our faith, we cannot be destroyed as long as we keep that faith.

Now the best way to keep that faith is to give it away. That sounds like a paradox, but it means that when we spread the faith, our faith grows, too. Sure, it takes courage to talk about our faith to another, but when we share our stories about what God means to us, we relive those experiences; we remind ourselves what God has done for us. And when we allow others to share their faith with us, we are encouraged and supported. That is why Jesus says that what is hidden will be made known: True faith never stays hidden; it needs to be shared.

Sometimes we may hesitate to talk about our faith. If we let ourselves be tempted to silence, we are letting the devil have his way. That is the only thing to fear: not Satan's power, but our weakness. That's why Jesus said whoever denies Him will be denied by Him. Yet Jesus died for our sins, so even they cannot destroy us if we turn back to the Lord. Just as God knows every sparrow that falls, so He knows us when we fall and values us more than sparrows.

So thank Him for His forgiveness, but don't forget to spread the news that you are forgiven. You might give someone else the courage to come back to the Lord, and so score another victory for faith over fear.

~Tom Schmidt

## With Your Constant Help, O Lord

"I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side!'" (Jeremiah 20:10). **Of what are we afraid?** Are we afraid of people speaking ill of us? Of those who seek our very lives? Are we afraid of falling into poverty? Of war on our own soil? It has been said that we are all just one hospitalization away from poverty; we should not be so confident in our material goods. We never know what may befall us. We must have mercy on those who have fallen into misfortune, and be ready to help our sisters and brothers just as **God has mercy and helps us when we have tripped and fallen.**

## Walking Toward God

If we walk one step toward God,  
God will run ten steps toward us.  
~Anonymous

**Ministries Schedule — July 1 & 2**

**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass**

**Rosary Leader:** Dawn Silva

**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers

**Lector:** Maria Lopes

**E.M.H.C.:** Subko; Lyons; Hall; Silva; Benn; Lanctot

**Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Rosary Leader:** Henri Plourde

**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers

**Lector:** Alice Murray

**E.M.H.C.:** Bull; Claypoole, C. & J.; Mazur; Ganske; Belinski

**Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Rosary Leader:** Marilyn Oliu

**Altar Servers:** Brown, C.; Perez, I.

**Lector:** Paul Nunes

**E.M.H.C.:** Monaldi, F. & J.; Quintas; Carr; Mussenden; Vazquez

**Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass**

**Rosary Leader:** Joan Miller

**Altar Servers:** Arevalo-Cortes, K.; Mia, Y.

**Lector:** David Wayne & Sally Hazzard

**E.M.H.C.:** Whitehead; Byerley; Harper, B. & J.; Redgrave; Sweeney

**Homebound E.M.H.C.**

**First Group:** Stu & Kristin Martin

**Second Group:** Pete & Henri Plourde

**Third Group:** Janet Ganske & Mary Little

**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.

**Marriage**

Contact 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**

**June 25—July 1, 2017**

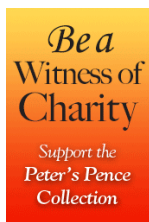
<b>Tuesday June 27</b>	Legion of Mary	8:30 a.m.
<b>Wednesday June 28</b>	Dinner for the Needy Choir Practice	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday June 29</b>	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.

**Centennial Celebration of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima**

St. John Vianney Parish, St. Pete Beach, is blessed with an outdoor grotto of Our Lady of Fatima. Bishop Parkes has granted permission to use this grotto as a public place for veneration for the centennial of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month, from May through October, there will be two public gatherings to pray the rosary in the grotto. For more information, please contact the parish office at 727-360-1147.

**Peter's Pence**



Our second collection today is for *Peter's Pence*, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis.

Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be as generous as your means provide. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**St. Leo University Offers**

**Robotics Summer Camps for Girls**

Saint Leo University will host *Girls Can!* Robotics camps in July at the campus at 33701 State Road 52, St. Leo, FL, 33574. The day camps are for girls ages 10 to 15. Beginner camps will be held the weeks of July 10 - 14 and July 17 - 21. A day camp July 24 - 26 is for girls at the intermediate level. See [www.saintleocamps.com](http://www.saintleocamps.com) and scroll down to robotics.



**Save Up**

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts. ~Anonymous

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

That time has come! Retirement sounds good from a distance, but when it comes around it sounds more like a closing door..... thankfully, that door will not be closing behind me since our Provincial superior wants me to stay in your midst as ‘priest in residence’, just like Fr. Jim has been over the last number of years. By the way, we wish him every blessing as he wends his way back to St Theresa, Springhill, he, and Moses, and Tiger!



I thank the Lord for the 17 years I have spent here in St. Francis, years of blessing and love that have brought me closer to Him, and to you all - what a wonderful family you have proven to be!

Fr. Henry will be staying on, too, and he will be busier than before as he picks up Fr. Jim’s and my little ministries, God bless his presence among you.

Our new pastor, Fr. Edison, you will remember from a former month he spent here some years ago. He comes from St Theresa parish and is well-versed in parish ministry.....however, this will be his first parish as pastor, so be real nice to him, please!

So, onward we go, glorifying the Lord and witnessing to His love in our lives, and may our patron, St. Francis, be our companion along the way, Amen. *Fr. Mick*

**Ministry Help Needed!!**



Would you like to use your *Stewardship of Time* to give back to St. Francis? **If so, we are in need of two individuals who would like to**

**run our Clothing Closet.** The Closet is now open on Monday, 1-3 p.m., and Wednesday, 3-4:30 p.m. If interested, please call the Parish Office during business hours.

**Installation of Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C.**

Please join us **Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**, at the **10:30 a.m. Mass** for the Installation of St. Francis’s third pastor, Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C. The Most Rev. Bishop Gregory Parkes will be the main Celebrant, along with several priests who will concelebrate with the Bishop. Please join us for this special occasion as we warmly welcome Fr. Edison to St. Francis. A reception will immediately follow Mass.



**Kids...Mark Your Calendars!!**



**Vacation Bible School** will take place **July 17<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>**, 9 a.m. to 12 noon for kids K4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme this year is “*Maker Fun Factory*.” Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they’re lovingly crafted by God Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life! The cost is \$10 per child. **Adult and teenage volunteers are needed.** Please contact Judy Erlendsson, 813-244-2853, to volunteer or for more information.

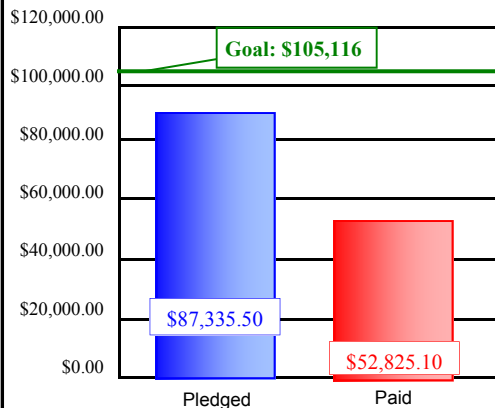
**Please Note...**

Mass on **Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** Please plan to attend as we recognize those who have made this country possible and give thanks to God for all He has given us. There will be **no Eucharistic Adoration** and the **parish office will be closed on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Normal hours will resume Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Have You Invited A Neighbor To Join You For Mass Lately?**

**APA 2017 - St. Francis of Assisi**

as of June 19, 2017



**Goal: \$105,116.00**  
 Total Pledged: \$91,377.00  
 Total Paid: \$61,219.10  
**Pledge Balance: \$30,157.90**

Families: 704  
 Pledges: 261  
 Average Pledge: \$350.10

**Total Balance Due: \$43,896.90**

*“The Lord leads us to follow His path - that of service, sharing and giving; and that little that we have, the little that we are, if shared, becomes a treasure because the power of God, who is love, descends to our poverty and transforms it.”*  
 -Pope Fran-

**Parish Ministries**

<b>Altar Servers</b>	
Judy Erendsson.....	244-2853
<b>Church Musicians</b>	
Ramon Martos.....	334-3454
<b>Clothing Pantry</b>	
Contact the Parish Office.....	681-9115
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	
Susan Soleau.....	689-6914
<b>Faith Formation</b>	
Judy Erendsson.....	244-2853
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	
Pam Caskey.....	651-1165
<b>Helping Hands</b>	
Dottie Mabe.....	681-2421
<b>Hispanic Religious Education</b>	
Sr. Evelia.....	305-9242
<b>Hispanic Baptism Classes</b>	
Maria Elena Parilla.....	657-0218
<b>HomeBound/Nursing Home Visitation</b>	
Janet Ganske.....	943-9928
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	
Joe Halle.....	334-9526
<b>Lectors</b>	
Alice Murray.....	315-9613
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	
Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
<b>Respect Life</b>	
Carl Francis Kosierowski.....	546-9440
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	
Dawn Silva.....	649-8957
<b>RCIA</b>	
Fr. Henry Konnoth Sebastian.....	681-9115
<b>Sacristans</b>	
Maria Ocampo.....	653-3011
<b>Scouts</b>	
Kathy & Ted Domey.....	685-8242
<b>Tender Care/Food Pantry</b>	
John Familetti.....	681-9115
<b>Ushers</b>	
Ron Mullen.....	661-5983
<b>Women's Guild</b>	
Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
<b>Youth Group</b>	
Steve Jarosz.....	404-9658

**Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute**

In gratitude of God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we wish to acknowledge and salute, *Stu Martin*, Lector and Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound... *Thank you, Stu!!*

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."* ~Matthew 10:32  
 Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

**Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving**

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Offertory Collection.....	\$7,970.17
Children's & Youth Collection.....	\$49.11
On Line Giving/Offertory.....	\$1,855.00
<b>Total Offertory for this week.....</b>	<b>\$9,874.28</b>
Total Offertory, week of 2016.....	\$10,882.75
<b>Decrease.....</b>	<b>\$1,008.47</b>
Envelopes Issued/Used.....	648/219(33%)
<i>Total Building Fund this week.....</i>	<i>\$705.00</i>
Budgeted Expense This Month.....	\$48,650.00
<b>Total Receipts Month to Date.....</b>	<b>\$21,340.68</b>
Total APA This Week.....	\$1,433.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

4:30 p.m. 145	6:30 p.m. 260
8:30 a.m. 134	10:30 a.m. 236
4:30 p.m. 142	
<b>Total Attendance: 917</b>	

~ For the Week of June 11, 2017 ~

**POOR BOX DONATIONS**

**\$159.42**

**DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS**

**\$182.19**

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!!*

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**Stewardship by the Book**

*"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,"* Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, *"and nothing hidden that will not become known."* May our stewardship of God's gifts be such that we would not be ashamed if it were seen in the clear light of day.



# Vacation Bible School

July 17<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>

9 a.m. to Noon

Kids K4—5th Grade

Cost: \$10 per child

For more information call:  
Judy Erlendsson at 244-2853



*At Maker Fun Factory VBS,  
kids will learn they're created  
by God and built for a purpose!*



***Adult & Teen-age Volunteers Needed!!!***

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to volunteer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Adult \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Teen-ager \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

***Registration Deadline: July 7<sup>th</sup> (T-Shirts will be purchased July 1<sup>st</sup>)***