

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



Jesus said,
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Matthew 13:24

July 23, 2017

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



Mass Intentions for the Week



- Saturday July 22**
4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday July 23**
8:30 a.m. †Erundina Perez
by Maria Guerra
10:30 a.m. †Vincent & Anna Bentz
by John & Dottie Mabe
4:30 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
by the Smith Family
- Monday July 24**
8:00 a.m. †Betty Hearne
by the Pasdens
- Tuesday July 25**
8:00 a.m. Int. of Harry & Mureen Riley & Family
by Nonie May Riley
- Wednesday July 26**
8:00 a.m. †Michael Casagrande
by Chito & Maria Ocampo
- Thursday July 27**
8:00 a.m. †Betty Hearne
by Chito & Maria Ocampo
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
Int. Donante
- Friday July 28**
8:00 a.m. †Joe Suppa by Bernadette Suppa
- Saturday July 29**
4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the
Claypoole & Camero Family
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday July 30**
8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
10:30 a.m. †Fr. Aidan McSorley
by the O'Connors
4:30 p.m. In Honor of the Holy Angels
by the Smith Family

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, Carmela Blair, Dorothy Bourassa, Richard & Marie Bowers, Dee Brown, Maria Celani, Helen & Jack Clark, Carmen Connors, John Danet, Lisa DeJordy, Doug Dimick, Omar & Jane Elwer, Barbara Fellabick, Robert Fisher, Jr., Mary Ellen Gabriel, Patty Gabriel, Philip Gabriel, Rosemarie Gabriel, Kenny Gay, Lilah Gill, Paul Guthrie, Bill Haladay, Charles Hall, Rachel Harlor, Carrie Carmody Haynes, Coleman & Marlene Hill, Doyle James, Patricia Koch, Cora Leewise, Mary Little, Barbara Mathews, Shawn McConnell, 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, Pat Racic, Gfren Ramos, Christine Reed, Harry Santos, Catherine Schaefer, Bill Shumsky, Andy & Pina Silva, 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, Joan Warner, Kurt Wicker, Mary Winiarski, Corsa Wise, the Homebound and their Caregivers and the repose of the soul of Aliceia Marrone and Amelia.

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. Callicoat | 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.

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—You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm—Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading—The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel—Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

The Mercy, Power and Love of God

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. **This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.**

Readings for the Week

Monday: Exodus 14:5-18; Exodus 15:1bc-6; Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Matthew 20:20-28

Wednesday: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3:52-56; Matthew 13:10-17

Friday: Exodus 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday: Exodus 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Parables, Anyone?

The first reading says that God's might is the basis for divine justice. We might take this to mean that God uses mighty power to punish sinners, in the legal sense of justice. But God is too powerful to be injured by our sins. God can afford to wait for us to repent. That is the point of the parable of the wheat and the weeds.

We are used to expecting swift justice. We like TV shows in which the bad guy is caught and convicted in an hour. The idea of God giving sinners until the end of time to repent is almost un-American—at least, until we realize that we are sinners, too. Yet God is still willing to wait for all of us to repent. That is the wonder of God's love, that God's Son came to die for sinners, even before we sinned.

Of course, that means that we also share forgiveness with others. **But the more often we go to confession, the more we are reminded of God's love and forgiveness.** Those reminders can help us to be more willing to show mercy ourselves. Let us ask God for the courage to seek forgiveness and the strength to forgive. ~Tom Schmidt

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Sharbel Makhluf
 Tuesday: St. James
 Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
 Saturday: St. Martha

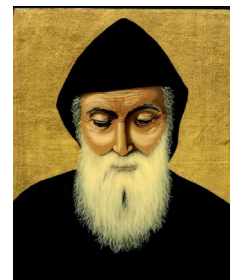
St. Sharbel Makhluf

Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka-Kafra where he was born, his influence has spread widely.

Joseph Zaroun Makluf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr. He professed his final vows in 1853, and was ordained six years later.

Following the example of the fifth-century St. Maron, Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875, until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. When his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel did so gladly.

He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified Sharbel in 1965, and canonized him 12 years later. His feast day is the 3rd Sunday in July (Maronite Calendar); July 24 (Roman Calendar).



Ministries Schedule — July 29 & 30

Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Dawn Silva

Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers

Lector: Marie Colvin & Alice Murray

E.M.H.C.: Angelo, J. & J.; Caskey; Subko; Lyons; Silva; Benn

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Henri Plourde

Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers

Lector: Keysha Figueroa

E.M.H.C.: ; Belinski; Claypoole, J. & C.; Mazur; Boucher; Mularoni

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Marilyn Oliu

Altar Servers: Brown, G.; Brown, C.

Lector: Rick Zawlocki

E.M.H.C.: Erlendsson; Mabe; DiRisio; Quintas; Carr; Mussenden; Vazquez

Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Joan Miller

Altar Servers: Sweeney, S.; Mai, Y.

Lector: Bob Winiarski

E.M.H.C.: Hazzard; Whitehead; Byerley; Murray, A.; Sweeney; Harper, B. & J.

Homebound E.M.H.C.

First Group: Jerry & Florence Monaldi

Second Group: Stu & Kristin Martin

Third Group: Dottie Mabe & Kathy Carr

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

July 23—29, 2017

Tuesday July 25	Legion of Mary	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday July 26	Dinner for the Needy Choir Practice	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Thursday July 27	Bible Study Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting	8:30 a.m. 6:30 a.m.

Faith Formation News

Classes begin **September 10 at 5:30 p.m.** Registration forms have been mailed to previously registered families. **Please turn in registration forms by Sept. 1st** to the office or drop box. New families may pick up registration forms at the office or from our website, stfranciscc.com. A copy of your child's baptism is required for new registration. I will be available the weekend of **August 19th and 20th** after all the Masses for registration and questions. **Reminder:** Students must attend 2 consecutive years to receive any Sacrament. Please feel free to contact me at 813-244-2853. Thanks!

Judy Erlendsson, Faith Formation Director

****We are still looking for a few teachers, assistants and substitutes to teach our children. No experience is necessary!****



Faith Formation

Please contact the Parish Office...

If you, or a loved one, are sick or in the hospital, please inform the Parish Office. Also, if you have a relative or know of someone who is serving in the military, please advise the parish office so we may include their name(s) in our prayer list in the bulletin.

Ministry Help Needed!!



Would you like to use your *Stewardship of Time and Talent* to give back to St. Francis? If so, we are in need of **Ushers, Rosary Leaders, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion** and **Altar Servers** for our weekend Masses. If interested, please call the Parish Office during business hours. Thank you!

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" ~ Luke 10:2

HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES: Can you believe they're starting to talk about "Back to School" ALREADY? The kids JUST GOT OUT! But there's still time to give yourself a break and share some time to refresh and renew your relationship before school starts! Join us on the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend August 25-27 at the *Franciscan Center*. Space IS limited, so apply early! For more information, check out flwc-wwme.org or call 813-270-7832.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Judy Erendsson.....	244-2853
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos.....	334-3454
Clothing Pantry	
Contact the Parish Office.....	681-9115
Eucharistic Adoration	
Susan Soleau.....	689-6914
Faith Formation	
Judy Erendsson.....	244-2853
Eucharistic Ministers	
Pam Caskey.....	651-1165
Helping Hands	
Dottie Mabe.....	681-2421
Hispanic Religious Education	
Sr. Evelia.....	305-9242
Hispanic Baptism Classes	
Maria Elena Parilla.....	657-0218
HomeBound/Nursing Home Visitation	
Janet Ganske.....	943-9928
Knights of Columbus	
Humberto Alvarez.....	215-8010
Lectors	
Alice Murray.....	315-9613
Legion of Mary	
Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
Respect Life	
Carl Francis Kosierowski.....	546-9440
Rosary Leader	
Dawn Silva.....	649-8957
RCIA	
Fr. Henry Konnoth Sebastian.....	681-9115
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	
Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
Youth Group	
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, *John Wilbur*, Lector...
Thank you, John!!

Stewardship Reflection

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.”
~Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all “good seeds,” blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow “good seeds” on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Offertory Collection.....	\$7,646.33
Children's & Youth Collection.....	\$53.35
On Line Giving/Offertory.....	\$1,685.00
Total Offertory for this week.....	\$9,384.68
Total Offertory, week of 2016.....	\$9,454.36
Decrease.....	\$69.68
Envelopes Issued/Used.....	657/193(29%)
<i>Total Building Fund this week.....</i>	<i>\$680.00</i>
Budgeted Expense This Month.....	\$57,662.00
Total Receipts Month to Date.....	\$20,366.93
Total APA This Week.....	\$110.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 180	6:30 p.m. 241
8:30 a.m. 117	10:30 a.m. 507
4:30 p.m. 148	

Total Attendance: 1,193

~ For the Week of July 9, 2017 ~

POOR BOX DONATIONS
\$240.00
DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS
\$130.20

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

“Those who are just must be kind,” says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.