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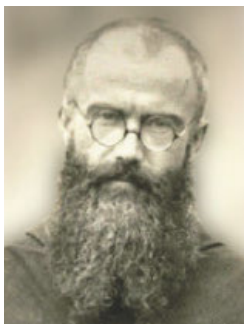


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

AUGUST 13, 2023 - The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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August 14 -
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr



August 15 -
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



August 16 -
St. Stephen of
Hungary



August 19 -
St. John Eudes, Priest



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Contact Fr. Rey for job description and further information: resume@stfrancisparish.com

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The Franciscan Saints

Each week between August 11, the Feast of St. Clare, and October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, we will highlight an individual who was inspired by the humility, simplicity of life, closeness to the poor, and spirit of prayer of St. Francis. These stories are found in the book *The Franciscan Saints* by Robert Ellsberg.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, OFM CONV

Saint Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941), entered the Franciscans at the age of 16 in Poland. In February 1941 he was arrested and, by May, he was on his way to Auschwitz, the notorious Nazi camp. He passed the time leading his fellow prisoners in prayer, preparing them for death.

In July, a prisoner escaped and in retaliation 10 inmates of cellblock fourteen were selected for death. When one prisoner cried out that he would never see his family again, Fr. Kolbe offered to take his place.

In 1982, Pope John Paul II, who as bishop of Krakow had often prayed at the site of Kolbe's death, presided over his canonization in Rome. Present for the ceremony was the man whose life Kolbe had saved.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly
to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis



While this prayer has always been attributed to St. Francis, the author is actually unknown. The prayer does wonderfully represent the spirit of St. Francis and the Franciscan Orders.

Lord, make me an instrument of your **peace**;
where there is hatred,
let me sow **love**;
where there is injury, **pardon**;
where there is doubt, **faith**;
where there is despair, **hope**;
where there is darkness, **light**;
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek
to be consoled, as to **console**;
to be understood, as to **understand**;
to be loved, as to **love**;
for it is in giving that we **receive**,
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

Amen.

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of August 13

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-3
- Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1
- Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues. August 15
(Holy Day of Obligation)



MASSES WILL BE AT 8:30AM WITH THE ST. FRANCIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND 12:10PM AND 6:30PM WITH THE PARISH.

On this day we celebrate our belief that Mary was taken up into heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. **All Masses will be in the Church.**

"A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." - Revelation 12:1

GETTING TO KNOW ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

St. Clare's story continued...

In 1224 Clare suffered a serious illness that forced her to remain bedridden for much of the remainder of her life. She continued to function as Abbess and worked at cloth making, providing corporals and altar linens for churches in Assisi.

The story is told that in 1240 Saracen troops surrounded Assisi and also San Damiano. The Sisters approached Clare seeking protection and help. She gathered them in prayer and proceeded to confront the enemy with a pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament, asking God to preserve them and the city of Assisi. The Saracens withdrew without causing damage.

In 1247 Pope Gregory's successor, Pope Innocent IV, provided a new Rule for all the monasteries of the Order of Saint Damian, binding the Sisters to its observance. It was a milder form than Hugolino's Rule of 1228. The reference to observe the Rule of St. Benedict was replaced by a reference to the Rule of Francis along with the three vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience. It mitigated fasting and permitted them to receive, to have in common, and to freely retain possessions. Clare realized that she would not be able to accept these norms.

She then begins to draft a new Rule in order to preserve the original vision of Gospel Life that she and Francis had shared and the Privilege of Poverty she had received. Her Rule offers a combination of the fruits of common life shared by Clare and her Sisters at San Damiano and those directives that would insure papal approval. When quoting Hugolino and Innocent, she



added phrases such as "except for a useful, reasonable, evident and approved purpose." Chapter 6 is the heart of this Rule which incorporates both the "Form of Life" and the "Last Will" of Francis. She completed the Rule by 1251. When passing through Assisi, Raynaldus of Ostia, Cardinal Protector of the Sisters and future Pope Alexander IV, visited Clare and gave his signature of approval. Still she sought the approval of Pope Innocent.



Mark Your Calendars!!! Sunday Oct 8 from 10:30-1:30

The St. Francis Parish Picnic, to honor our beloved St. Francis, will take place on Sunday, October 8th from 10:30-1:30. This is a community building event - *not a fundraiser* - to share laughter, food, and games. At this time a planning group has been meeting via email and during one in-person meeting. Moving forward, we'll have weekly meetings but

a lot of the planning will continue to take place via email.

Be of Service! Please, we always need more volunteers, from donating potluck dishes, bottled water, loaning us canopies/tents, being involved the day of the event with setting up, cleaning up, etc. **If you want to be included in the emails sent to the planning group, please send an email to Melba Hinojosa at stepping2016stones@gmail.com and she will add you to the list.** Ministry leaders, please think about how/if your groups would like to be involved. The planning group is working hard to involve the school community as well.

We'll continue to provide updates on how the picnic plans are progressing.



Children's Faith Formation Volunteer Information Session

Please join us **Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 1-2p.m. in the Parish Center Chapel** for an information session on volunteer opportunities for the upcoming 2023-24 Children's Faith Formation year. We will discuss the many ways you can volunteer your time and talents to this important program for the children of Saint Francis and begin planning for the year. There is not a need to RSVP, but if you have any questions, contact Sara Pietrowski at spietrowski@saintfrancisparish.com. **All are welcome!**

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The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
August 12–13, 2023

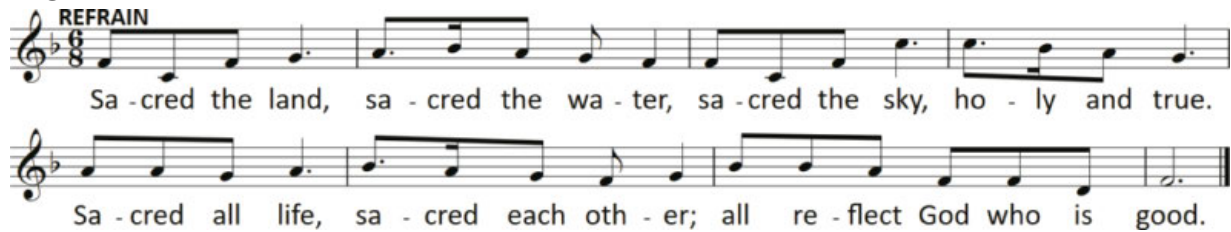
We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Gathering:

Sacred Creation

Rufino Zaragoza, OFM

REFRAIN



Sa - cred the land, sa - cred the wa - ter, sa - cred the sky, ho - ly and true.
Sa - cred all life, sa - cred each oth - er; all re - flect God who is good.

All praise be yours through Brother Sun, bearing a likeness of you Most High One.
Sister Moon and Stars who are precious, splendid, ride your glorious sky. **(Refrain)**

Brother Wind and Air that pervades, vary their moods to sustain all you've made.
Sister Water, useful and pure, lowly, freely sharing her life. **(Refrain)**

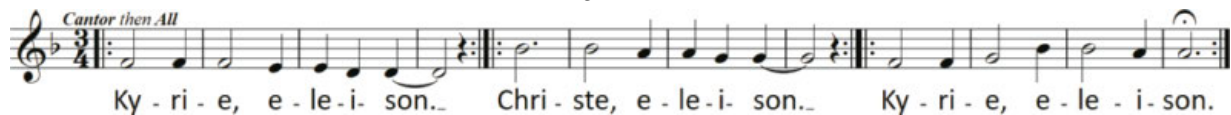
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Kyrie:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

Cantor then All



Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son... Chri - ste, e - le - i - son... Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

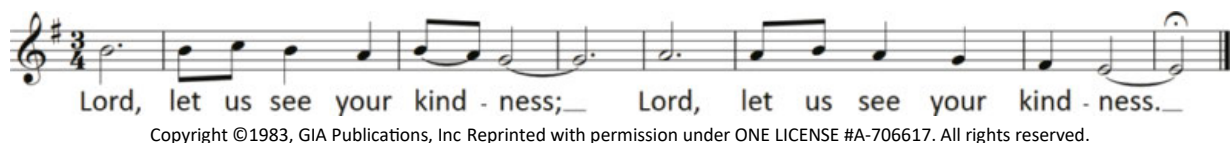
*We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy, have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.*

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Psalm: Psalm 85: "Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness..."

Marty Haugen

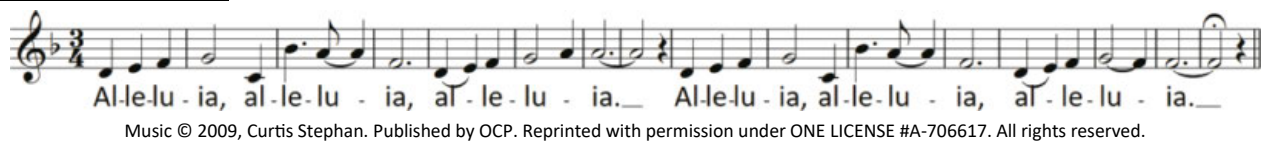


Lord, let us see your kind - ness;... Lord, let us see your kind - ness...

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Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stephan



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia... Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia...

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

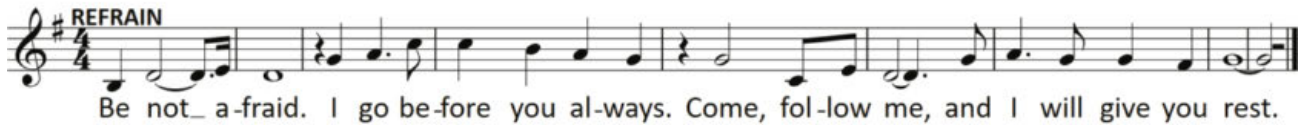
AMEN+

Preparation of Gifts:

Be Not Afraid

Robert J. Dufford, SJ

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live. **(Refrain)**



If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. **(Refrain)**

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you! **(Refrain)**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Communion:

In the Footprints of Jesus

Cathy Tisel Nelson

REFRAIN

May we fol - low in the foot - prints of Je - sus Christ as we make our way_ to You. In - ward - ly cleansed and en - light - ened, on fire with the Spir - it, may we fol - low in the foot - prints of Je - sus.

Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, setting the prisoner free.
Bringing Your justice to all the earth, to all the earth, O God. **(Refrain)**

Friend to the stranger, hope for the hopeless, caring for all those in need.
Bringing Your justice to all the earth, to all the earth, O God. **(Refrain)**

Simple our living, few our possessions, trusting in You for our needs.
May we remember how we are called to serve You all our days. **(Refrain)**

With living waters, You have refreshed us; now we are filled with Your fire.
May we have courage, wisdom and grace, to do Your will, O God. **(Refrain)**

As we move forward into the future, led by Your Spirit, O God,
Grant us a vision, show us the way that brings us all to You. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Let All Creation

Paul Tate

REFRAIN

Let all cre-a-tion sing al-le-lu-ia!
Let all cre-a-tion sing al-le-lu-ia! In
one heart and voice let all crea-tures re-joice in God!

Cantor first, then all repeat:

All creatures of our God most high
Lift up your voices to the sky!
burning sun with golden beam
and silver moon with softer gleam! **(Refrain)**

Let all things their creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh praise Creator, praise the Son,
And praise the spirit, Three in One! **(Refrain)**

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