

Nurturing Our Franciscan Tradition



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AUGUST 20, 2023 - The Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."**



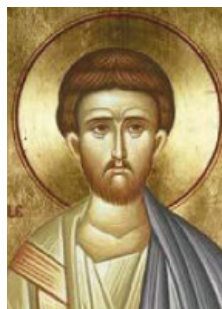
Aug 21 - St. Pius X



Aug 22- The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Aug 23- St. Rose of Lima



Aug 24- St. Bartholomew



Aug 25 - St. Joseph Calasanz; St. Louis





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Sacramental Ministry Coordinator (15 hours/week)

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

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 and St. Clare. These stories are found in the book *The Franciscan Saints* by Robert Ellsberg.



ST. JOHN XXIII

St. John XXIII (1881-1963), born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected the 260th successor of St. Peter, serving as pope from October 1958 to June 1963. Best known for launching the Second Vatican Council, on Oct. 4, 1962, the eve of its opening, Pope John went to Assisi to pray to the Blessed Mother and St. Francis for the success of the Council, honoring the Franciscan roots that were planted at the age of 14 when he was received as a Third Order Franciscan. He died on June 3, 1963. From his deathbed he dictated this final message: "Now more than ever... our intention is to serve people and not only Catholics; to defend above all and everywhere the rights of the human person and not only those of the Catholic Church; it is not the Gospel that changes; it is we who begin to understand it better..." Pope John XXIII was canonized in April 2014.



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



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.

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.

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of August 20

- Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
- Wed: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



Summer Bottled Water Drive

A chance to reach out and help our neighbors!

Once again this year, your **Parish Pastoral Council** is leading a bottled water supply drive to benefit the efforts of **Loaves and Fishes** (<https://sacloaves.org>) which has long time ties to our parish.

During the hot summer months, **Loaves and Fishes** has a great need for water donations which they share with those they serve.

Can you please donate cash or a case or two of bottled water? If so, you can bring the water after any Mass (5:15, 7:30, 9:30) on August 26th & 27th, September 2nd & 3rd and 9th & 10th to Brunsmann Hall in the Church parking lot.

NEW!! Or if you would prefer, you can also order bottled water from online stores and have it directly delivered to
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Thank you for responding generously to Jesus' parable, **"When I was thirsty, you gave me drink."**

GETTING TO KNOW ST. CLARE OF ASSISI (Pt 6)

As Clare's health was deteriorating, she began her preparation for death by writing a Testament, a kind of spiritual autobiography. It begins with giving deepest thanks to our glorious God for our vocation, written as an exhortation for her Sisters to remain faithful to the life of the Gospel. Clare places her love of poverty within the context of the life of Jesus "who was placed poor in the crib, lived poor in the world, and remained naked on the cross."

Clare was ill during all of the early months of 1253. Hearing that Clare was near death, Pope Innocent arrived to see her, asking what was her deathbed wish; she answered that she wished for his approval and seal of her Rule. The next day she received the bull "Solet Annuere" with its papal confirmation of the Rule dated August 9, 1253. She was overjoyed and kissed it over and over. The approval of Clare's Rule was a canonical milestone. It was the first and only occasion when a Rule of Life written by a woman for other women was formally sanctioned by the authority of the Church.

On August 11, 1253, Sister Death made her appearance. Clare died in the Assisi monastery where she had spent over forty years, surrounded by her Sisters and two of Francis' very first companions, Angelo and Leo. Two of her Sisters heard Clare speaking before she died. When asked to whom she was speaking, she responded, "I am speaking to my soul: Go without anxiety for you have a good escort for your journey, Go." Innocent celebrated her funeral, and in only two months time, he directed the Bishop of Spoleto to open the Process of Canonization. Alexander IV (formerly Cardinal Raynaldus) presided at the ceremony in 1255.



Our new St. Clare statue, in the church.

In the last hours of her life Clare left a Blessing for her Sisters which ended with the words: "Always be lovers of your souls and those of all your Sisters. And may you always be eager to observe what you have promised the Lord. May God always be with you and may you always be with God. Amen"

We celebrate Clare's feastday on August 11.

Pathways for Justice
Solidarity

Solidarity is a key theme of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) that describes us as “one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers.” CST, a subcommittee of the Pathways for Justice ministry at St. Francis, brings its quarterly program, this time on Solidarity, to the parish on **Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. in Brunsman Hall and on Zoom.**

As the subject of immigration is frequently in the news and on our minds, the upcoming program will focus on the plight of migrants crossing the southern border and the organizations and volunteers in the Sacramento area helping them on their journey to safety.

Please register and tell us if you’ll join us in person or on Zoom at: pathwaysforjustice@stfrancisparish.com



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.

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The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
August 19–20, 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:

Gather Your People

Bob Hurd

REFRAIN

Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord... Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord. One...
bread, one bod-y, one spir-it of love... Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord...

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light. **(Refrain)**

We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides. **(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 67: "O God, Let All the Nations Praise"

Timothy Smith

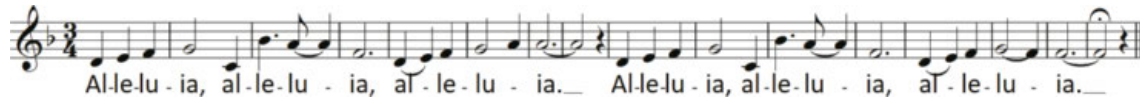
O God, let all the na - tions praise your name,
let all the na - tions praise your name.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stephan



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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:

We Walk By Faith

Marty Haugen

We walk by faith, and not by sight,
no gracious words we hear,
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O God, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near,
and seek where You are found:

That when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as You are,
With full and endless sight.

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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:

Many and Great

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Many and great are bearers of the Word: the Christ speaks; the heart seeks.
Gathered as one, we listen to the Word and share the meal of new birth.

REFRAIN

The wheat grows from spring - time to fall; the wine flows; in
Christ we re - call the shar - ing of our lives with one and all.

Many and great are seeds upon the field: the hand sows; the seeds grow.
Take now and eat the covenant fulfilled, the bread of promise and life. **(Refrain)**

Many and great are voices of despair: the rain falls; the voice calls.
Take now and drink the wine of hope and care; our cup of blessing we share. **(Refrain)**

Many and great are pebbles in the sand: the sun glows; the wind blows.
Take now and spread the Word to every land, the Word of goodness and hope. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Lead Me, Lord

John Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their God,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

REFRAIN

Lead me, Lord, — lead me, Lord, — by the light — of truth to
seek and to find — the nar - row way. — Be my way; — be my truth;
— be my life, — my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to - day.

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied. **(Refrain)**

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