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FEBRUARY 3/4, 2024 - THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Feb 5 - St. Agatha



FEB 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions



Feb 8 -
St. Josephine Bakhita;
St. Jerome Emiliani



Feb 10 -
St. Scholastica

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Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024:

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-3
Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tues: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thu: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-4

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Finance Council is providing a regular look at contributions.

MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

Stewardship	\$ 39,503
(Stewardship budget for the month)	\$ 40,221
Building Fund	\$ 5,661
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 1,858

Thank you for your generosity!



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**CELEBRATING THE
FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
WITH A PARISH PICNIC IN
OCT' 2024 IS RIGHT AROUND
THE CORNER!**



**A 2024 Parish Picnic Coordinator
is Needed!**

Last year's picnic was fun and there were many volunteers to help with food, decorations, set up, and break down. Here is an opportunity for a parishioner to organize this year's event. The coordinator will have plenty of support. If interested, please contact **Richard at rah95816@aol.com** or **Melba at stepping2016stones@gmail.com** for more information.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS



Please join us from
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
(after 7:30am Mass)
on
Sunday,
February 11, 2024
in front of the church.

Join your fellow parishioners
as we huddle around
enjoy fun fellowship.

COUNTDOWN TO LENT... ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEB 14

OLD PALMS INTO ASHES ... NOW THROUGH FEB 18



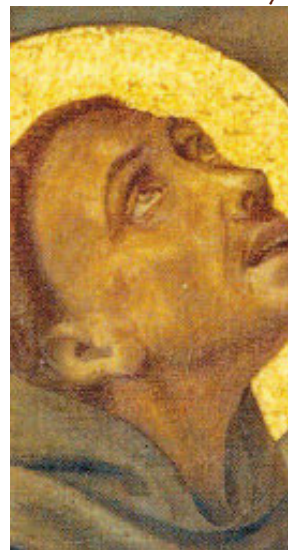
Ash Wednesday is fast approaching, and we invite you to bring in your palms from a previous year's Palm Sunday. We will burn them and use the ashes on Ash Wednesday. Please deposit your old palms by **Sunday, February 18** in the basket located at the front door of the church (after Feb 14 palms may be used in the future).

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.

*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.*

Amen.

Together as Catholics

WE BRING HEALING TO THOSE AROUND US



2024 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC

Appeal



Helps us bring Christ's saving mercy to our brothers and sisters - 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need.

COMING SOON!
We will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as companions to those who suffer emotional, physical and spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide support for another year. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

Prayer of the Faithful:

For our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Sacramento...may the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary help us to embrace the charity of Christ as we consider our participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal
Lord, hear our prayer



FRANCISFEST

APRIL 28, 2024

**Save the Dates:
Donation Days - February 10-11**

Before and after each mass in the church/school parking lot

THE FRANCISFEST COMMITTEE SEEKS YOUR DONATIONS OF NEW AND GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR OUR RETAIL BOOTHS AND AUCTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Treasure Chest

- Objets d'Art
- Religious Icons
- Jewelry
- Home Décor/Furniture (small)
- Kitchen/Tableware/Table Linens
- Seasonal Décor
- Working Bicycles/Tricycles/Wagons
- Sports Equipment
- Board Games/Puzzles

Bake Sale

Contact Francine Freitas in advance to arrange your donation of fresh baked goodies on April 27 and 28: francine2b@comcast.net

Book Nook

- Fiction – Non-fiction – Juvenile
- Travel – Mystery – Gardening Spiritual – Religious
- Sci-fi – Music – Craft – Sports
- Romance – History – Biography
- (NO cookbooks or coffee table books)

Pathways for Justice – Seeds for Change

Contact Karen Shepard or Jane Potter regarding your donation of labeled plants to be collected closer to the event: karenshepard@pacbell.net or jlp102ster@gmail.com
Also seeking donations of Gardening Implements
Outdoor statuary/Garden Art
Pots/Planters

Wine Cellar

Seeking bottles/cases of wine with a minimum retail value of \$20/bottle or more

Complete a Donation Form to receive acknowledgment of your tax deductible gift.

Please contact **Marcia Rooney** at ribney@att.net or **Mike Falasco** at mikefalasco1@gmail.com to make arrangements to donate items at another time or with questions. WE ALSO SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 27 AND 28!

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
February 3-4, 2024

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:

Lift Up Your Hearts

Roc O'Connor

REFRAIN

Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gra - cious mer - cy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is en - dur - ing.

*Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!" (Refrain)*

*Let the earth worship, singing your praise. Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord, bless God's holy name! (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 147: "Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted"

Jesse Manibusan

Praise the Lord, who heals the bro - ken - heart - ed.

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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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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dismissal of Catechumens (9:30):

Blessing of St. Clare

Cathy Tisel Nelson



May you al - ways be with God wher - ev - er you may be and may God be
with you al - ways. — May you al - ways be with God wher -
ev - er you may be and may God be with you al - ways.

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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+

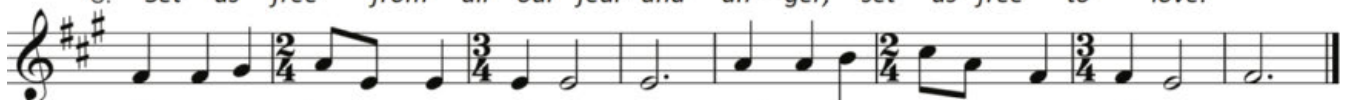
Preparation of Gifts :

Litany of Peace

Barbara Bridge



1. God of love, your gift of peace is plant - ed deep with - in our hearts:
2. God of peace, wher - ev - er there is ha - tred, may we bring your love:
3. May we bring your hope and glad - ness where de - spair and sad - ness are:
4. May we seek to un - der - stand an - oth - er with a pa - tient heart:
5. Faith - ful God, wher - ev - er there is dark - ness, may we bring your light:
6. God of mer - cy, help us to for - give when there is in - jury done:
7. Gra - cious God, when - ev - er peo - ple hun - ger, may we fill their need:
8. Set us free from all our fear and an - ger; set us free to love:



Make me an in - stru - ment of your peace. Make me an in - stru - ment of your peace.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

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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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion:

God of Mercy

Ricky Manalo, CSP & Bob Hurd

REFRAIN



God of mer - cy, ho - ly mys - t'ry, ev - er faith - ful one, you have pitched your
tent a - mong us, rec - on - cil - ing love. Heart and mind of Christ,
live with - in our lives, form us in - to peo - ple of mer - cy and grace...

You have called us each by name in your great compassion,
Encompassing our failings with mercy. God of mercy, lead us. **(Refrain)**

Slow to anger, rich in love, you bestow forgiveness.
May we, in turn, forgive those who harm us. God of mercy, lead us. **(Refrain)**

In our midst as one who serves, breaking down divisions,
to all in need you send us as neighbor. God of mercy, lead us. **(Refrain)**

Reaching out to those in pain, wounded and abandoned,
may we create safe havens for healing. God of mercy, lead us. **(Refrain)**

In the word of truth you speak, word of hope and challenge,
you summon us to speak for the voiceless. God of mercy, lead us. **(Refrain)**

In this Bread we break and share, in this Cup of blessing,
you summon us to work for true justice. God of mercy, lead us. **(Refrain)**

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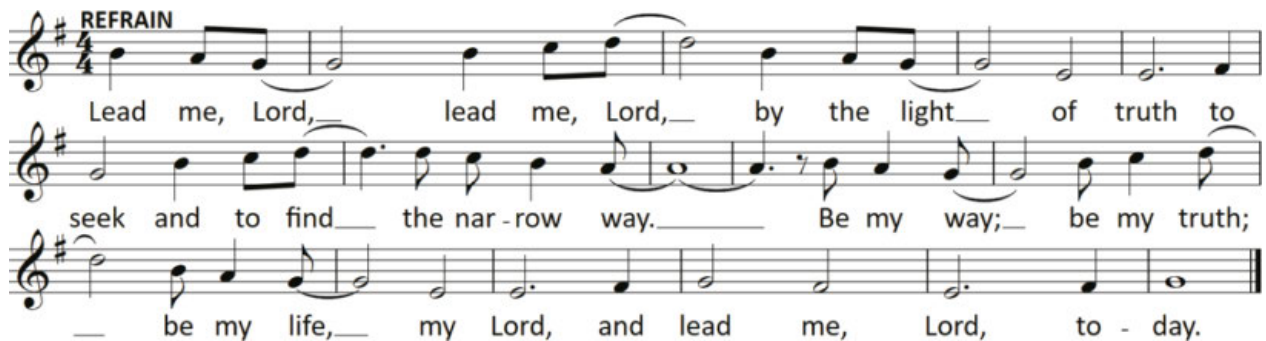
Sending Forth:

Lead Me, Lord

John D. Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, 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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