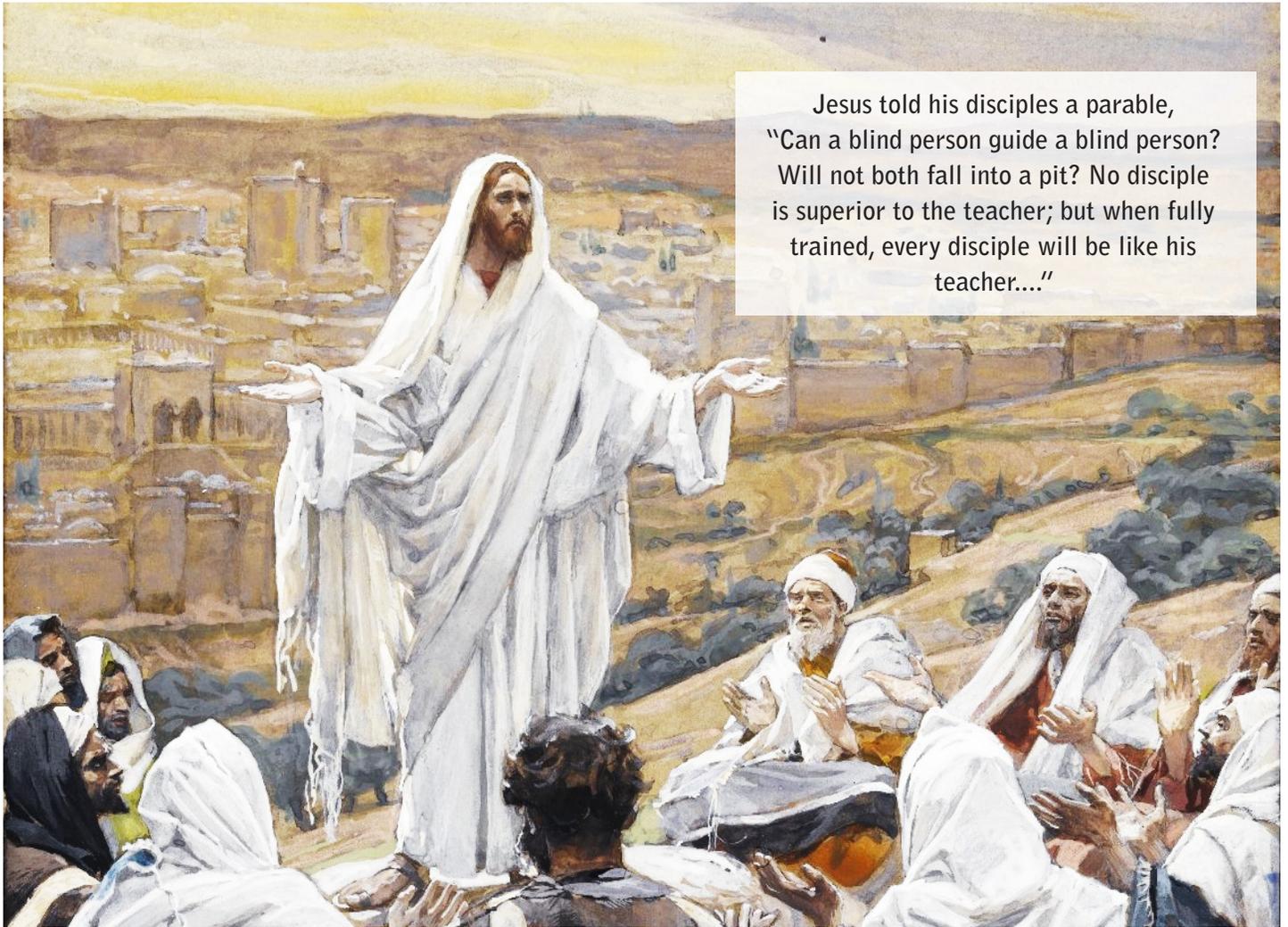


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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

FEBRUARY 27, 2022 - THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher..."

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Shrove Tuesday



March 1 -
Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday



March 2 -
Ash Wednesday; Fasting; Almsgiving



March 3 -
St. Katherine Drexel



March 4 -
St. Casimir; World Day of Prayer; First Friday





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In the First reading today, the Prophet Sirach asserts that we can judge a person's character by the way a person talks. Just as the fiery kiln is the origin of the finished clay pottery, the quality of a person's conversation is indicative of character. This wisdom should prompt us to reflect on how we talk, for our conversation provides evidence of our interior lives, our consciences, attitudes and intentions. In the Gospel, Jesus will warn us against judging others and justifying ourselves. Jesus presents us with the image of the fruit tree as a metaphor for a person's virtue. A good person produces goodness; evil produces evil. This serves to confirm the opinion of Sirach that a person's conversation is indicative of their virtue or lack thereof.

The Gospel today concludes St. Luke's recounting of the Sermon on the Plain which we began two weeks ago. The Lord concludes his teaching by giving us a number of parables. The images are still real to us at a remove of over 2000 years. The blind cannot lead the blind; a disciple cannot be a good teacher unless they have learned from a teacher. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others, you must take care of yourself. Try not to look for the speck in your brother or sisters eye until you have recognized your own faults. Only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the Lord requires. To produce good works, you must have integrity of heart. When people see your good deeds, they will know that this is because you have a good heart. The final short parable in this sermon, not read today, reminds us that we must build our lives upon a solid foundation of faith.

This week-end we present to you the needs of Our Annual Catholic Appeal. This appeal funds projects and programs which assist the under privileged and deprived in our midst. Whilst appreciating that many feel justified anger about the scandal of Sex Abuse committed by Clergy in our Church, I feel sure that you will respond with your usual generosity. Last year the St. Francis Parish Community contributed just over \$70,000.00 to this appeal. Twenty-five per cent of your Parish contributions will be returned to St. Francis to fund our own programs. Thanking you in anticipation. Finally, be sure to note on the envelopes that St. Francis is your parish - this ensures that the parish will receive the fullest amount in the distribution of proceeds.

We continue to receive good news in regard to the adverse effects of the pandemic. However, this progress reminds us that continued vigilance is still necessary. Our sacrifices and regains could be jeopardized by a rash resumption of pre pandemic behavior. We are comforted by the certain knowledge that Our Lord is accompanying us in this time of trial. Let us continue to support and pray for one another. May our Lenten Journey which commences this Wednesday truly be a time of Renewal in Faith for all of us.

"Every tree can be told by its own fruit." Luke 6:4

- Fr. Des.

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.*

The Memorare Prayer



Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your
protection, implored your help
or sought your intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins,
my Mother. To you I come, before
you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy
hear and answer me.
Amen.

COUNTDOWN
TO
LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 2



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH SACRAMENTO

TAIZE Lenten Prayer Service

TAIZE LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE LIVESTREAMED

Fri Mar 4 and each Wed during Lent at 6pm
via YouTube, at <https://bit.ly/37XEfK3> starting March 4th.
Join us on YouTube.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH SACRAMENTO

STATIONS OF STRENGTH

Praying the Stations of the Cross in Times of Suffering

STATIONS OF THE CROSS-STATIONS OF STRENGTH

**Fri Mar 4 and then each Weds at 7pm following Taize,
Fridays at 3:00pm during Lent.** Livestreamed only
via YouTube, at <https://bit.ly/37XEfK3> starting March 4th.
Join us on YouTube.

*The Franciscans have been closely identified with this devotion since 1342,
when the Franciscan friars were given custody of
the holy sites in the Holy Land.*

You are holy, Lord, the only God,
and Your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong. You are great.
You are the Most High. You are
Almighty. You, Holy Father are
King of heaven and earth.
You are Three and One, Lord
God, all Good.

- St Francis of Assisi, given to Bro Leo

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Wednesday, March 02, 2022

8:30 am*, 12:10 pm, 6:30 pm in the Church

* Livestreamed at <https://bit.ly/37XEfK3> at 12:10 and 6:30 Masses *

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The Lenten season is not just a matter of personal renewal and healing. We do not enter it alone. We enter as community, seeking to renew the heart and soul of our community.

(*The 8:30am Mass will be with the students, faculty and staff of our parish school only.)

For the safety of all we will continue with our mask policy. Social Distancing will be observed. Hand sanitizing will be offered prior to receiving Communion. Limited seating!

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE



FAST

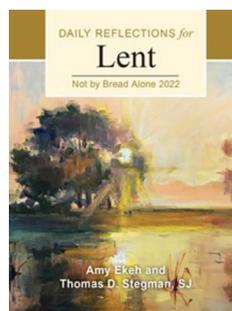
Abstinence from Meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all of the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics 18 to 59 years old. The traditional norm for fasting is to eat only one full meal. Smaller meals throughout the day, if all added up, should not be more than one full meal.

PRAY

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT, TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY.

starting Feb 27, after each Mass



Again this year we will be offering a small booklet prayer opportunity for our Lenten journey! **These will be available for \$1 in the church after Mass.** Welcome God daily into your life with these short scripture reflections.

As we have done before, we also offer this alternative for you to purchase a booklet on your own:

Not by Bread Alone

Daily Reflections for Lent 2022

<https://pastoral.center/not-by-bread-alone-2022>

Little Black Book for Lent

<https://littlebooks.org/seasonal-books/lent>

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Today we join together through the Annual Catholic Appeal. We may not all be social workers, yet through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the whole Catholic community leans in to help our Catholic charities...and our own parish...to sustain programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of the hardships of poverty.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, 314,000 people were helped by Appeal-funded charitable works. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone's life.

Give online at www.scd.org/acagive

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Quarterly Report to the Parish
October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

OPERATIONAL INCOME

Offertory Collections	\$ 128,126.00
Sacramental Services	\$ 4,555.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 8,608.00
Building Fund	\$ 8,033.00
Covenant of Sharing	\$ 25,625.00
Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 20,840.00
Parish Programs	\$ 729.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ 100.00
Religious Education	\$ 1,990.00
Other Receipts	\$ 706.00

Total Operational Income \$ 199,312.00

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Salaries, Wages and Related Expenses	\$ 86,796.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 1,686.00
Parish Programs	\$ 266.00
School Tuition Assistance	\$
Parish Fundraising	\$
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 22,095.00
Parish Center - Office	\$ 18,572.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 11,472.00
Property & Liability Insurance/Assessmen1	\$ 19,978.00
Religious Education	\$ 639.00
Other	\$ 16,312.00

Total Operational Expenses \$ 177,816.00

Net Income/(Loss) from Operations \$ 21,496.00

Thank you for your generosity!



*To sign up for Online Giving go to
<https://osvhub.com/st-francis-of-assisi-parish-1/funds>



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Border Experience INVITATION

The St. Francis Parish Pathways for Justice Ministry invites you to take part in a virtual presentation about the plight of refugees at the U.S.-Mexico border, **taking place Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM.**

Sister Janet Ackerman, OP and her pilgrimage team from St. Andrew Catholic Church, Boulder City, NV, will share prayerful reflections and stories about their October 2021 experience at Casa Alitas in Tucson, AZ where they ministered to asylum-seekers released by ICE and Border Patrol detention into the Tucson Community.

To register please send an email to pathwaysforjustice@stfrancisparish.com. A Zoom link will be sent to those who are registered prior to the event.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sun:	Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Mon:	1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tues:	1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wed:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thur:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Fri:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sat:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sun:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
February 26-27, 2022

Gathering:

Alleluia, Give the Glory

Ken Canedo and Bob Hurd



Al-le - lu - ia! _____ Al-le - lu - ia! _____ Al-le - lu -
- ia! _____ Give the glo - ry _____ and the hon - or _____ to the Lord! _____
_____ Al-le - lu - ia! _____ Al-le - lu - ia! _____ Al-le - lu -
- ia! _____ Give the glo - ry _____ and the hon - or _____ to the Lord!

I am the vine and you are the branches.

Abide in me and bear much fruit.

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Gloria:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

*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 92 "Lord it is Good to Give Thanks"

W. Clifford Petty



Lord, it is good_ to give thanks to you.
Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. Lord, it is good to give
thanks to you. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

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The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Acclamation:

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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:

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and you shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia.

You do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
that comes forth from the mouth of God; Allelu, alleluia.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst;
and whatsoever you ask I will do; Allelu, alleluia.

Text: Mathew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. by Karen Lafferty, b. 1948, Tune: SEEK YE FIRST, Irregular; Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

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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 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion:

Tend the Ground

Curtis Stephan

REFRAIN

We till the earth, we tend the ground, sow-ing hope and peace where none is found. In self-less love God's life a-bounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1. As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts, let us receive these gifts of love, and make return to bless the world, to bless the world. **(Refrain)**

2. All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and praises ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing! **(Refrain)**

3. With open hand our Lord has giv'n his life for all that we might live. No greater love is there than this, no greater love, no greater love. **(Refrain)**

4. Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, trampling upon the fledgling seed, help us to tend to others' needs, open our eyes, open our eyes. **(Refrain)**

5. On rocky paths and trodden roads, Lord, clear the ground where thorns have grown. Give us the grace to follow you. Make straight the way, make straight the way. **(Refrain)**

6. Let plows be forged from swords that kill. Let tools of war be shaped to till and break the hard and stony ground. Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace. **(Refrain)**

7. Let mercy fall on us like rain to clear the air and heal the pain.

Where sin has broken bonds of love let mercy reign, let mercy reign. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Go Out, Go Out

Curtis Stephan

REFRAIN

Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News! Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second and third staves continue the melody for the second and third lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, all you nations;
Glorify him, glorify him, you peoples! **(Refrain)**

Steadfast, steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures! **(Refrain)**

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