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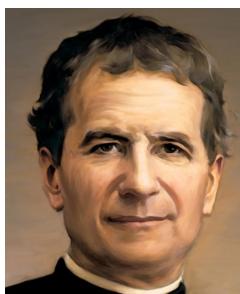


# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

JANUARY 30, 2022 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Sun. Jan 30 - Catholic Schools Week

Mon. Jan 31 - St. John Bosco

Tues. Feb 01 - Lunar New Year  
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Wed. Feb 02 - Presentation of The Lord; World Day for  
Consecrated Life;  
Groundhog Day

Thur. Feb 03 - St. Ansgar;  
St. Blaise; Blessings of  
Throats

Sat Feb 04 - St. Agatha

The Gospel today concludes the account of Jesus' return to his native village of Nazareth. Home has a particular resonance for all of us. As I stated in last week's reflection, it is usually the place where we most feel accepted and affirmed. Yet today we learn that Jesus was rejected by the very people he assumed would be welcoming and accepting. This must have been difficult and disconcerting for him, as indeed it would be for any one of us. We should be reassured and heartened by the knowledge that this experience served to deepen his sense of mission. It reaffirmed for him the necessity to seek and find a more welcoming and receptive community. This challenge continues to be issued today. It is incumbent on us as followers of Christ through our common baptism to continually reflect on and accept the challenge and invitation of the Gospels. This challenge has a freshness that can never be exhausted and will be the means of assuring that we are truly at home with God.

Today in the first reading we hear of the call of the Prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah is given as a model of Jesus' own understanding of his mission as one sent by God. Jeremiah's call had many unique features. He is designated from the womb for his work. This beautiful verse reminds us that we are precious to God from the first moment of our existence. The Gospel writers saw Jesus as the new Jeremiah--God had intended his coming from the beginning of time. Jeremiah would face great opposition during his lifetime, as Jesus too was to experience. To the casual observer it might look as though opponents had crushed Jeremiah, but God assures him that in the end his enemies will not prevail against him. Even more pointedly, the most determined opponents of Jeremiah are the priests and rulers - the same groups that will oppose Jesus. The call of Jeremiah and the details of his experience provide a perfect counterpoint to the rejection of Jesus in today's Gospel.

St. Paul's great celebration of love is also read today. This reading is particularly appropriate at weddings, but it also serves to remind us that the challenge of Christianity is to be people of love at all times. The type of love demonstrated for us by the Lord is a self-sacrificing love. Christian love should motivate us not just to love those who love us, but rather to pray that the Lord will strengthen us to transcend our human limitations and thereby enable us to become channels of Christian love. Only through such a focus can we claim to be his disciples.

This Sunday we celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools have a well deserved reputation for excellence, in all aspects of education. They are also critical in fostering a sense of discipleship and service. Students are challenged to develop their faith: they are enabled to recognize the ways they can Grow in Faith and in the Love and Knowledge of the Lord. They are encouraged to participate in the faith life of the Church, through the celebration of the Eucharist and involvement in parish activities Catholic Schools are required by law to be self funded. Consequently, due to the large financial commitment, many parents are unable to enroll their children in Faith Schools. Notwithstanding this fact, we have been commissioned through our Common Baptism to assist the work of Faith Development, primarily through our Christian Witness. Parents are the primary educators of their children in all aspects of life, but never more so than in the area of Faith Education. I also wish to acknowledge the much valued service of our Parish Faith Formation Team in the critical area of Faith Development. Please keep all who work in the service of Faith Education in your prayers at this time.

With regard to the pandemic, we have grounds for optimism in recent days. Yet, despite Covid Fatigue we should continue to pray for the gifts of perseverance and persistence. We remain confident that the Lord will guide his people through this time of trial.

"Faith, Hope and Love. The Greatest of these is Love."  
-- 1 Corinthians 13:13.

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## 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 **pardon**ed,  
and it is in dying that we are  
**born to eternal life**.

Amen.

## 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.



# A ST. FRANCIS HOMECOMING Gala 2022

## Homecoming 2022

our 14th Annual St. Francis Parish Gala,

has been rescheduled for

**Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Sacramento's Hilton Hotel Arden West.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our yearly celebration of community.

The Gala's auctions and raffle are among the parish's primary fundraisers of the year. If you have donations of new or gently used items please contact Clayton Whitehead. You can reach him at [gala@stfrancisparish.com](mailto:gala@stfrancisparish.com) or (916) 208-6992.

**Home is where the heart is, and St. Francis Parish is our HOME.**

Watch for details in the months ahead. We look forward to seeing you.



Christmas Eve Family Mass-4:00pm



Christmas Eve Mass-10:00pm



Christmas Eve: Lessons & Carols-9:00pm



Christmas-9:30am

All Masses available to view at <https://bit.ly/37XEfK3>

## YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*The Finance Council is providing a regular look at contributions.*

### MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021

Stewardship	\$ 34,725
Building Fund	\$ 2,191
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 1,935

**Thank you for your generosity!**



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

## WEEKLY READINGS

- Sun: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30
- Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wed: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Thur: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Fri: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
- Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sun: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

# The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
January 29-30, 2022

## Gathering:

### **You Have Called Us**

Bernadette Farrell

**REFRAIN**

You have called us by our name. We be - long to you.  
— You have called us by our name and we are Yours.

**VERSES**

1. You have cho - sen us to be mem-bers of your fam - i -  
2. You will lead us to your light, walk be - fore us thorugh the  
3. You will hold us when we fall, give new strength to hear your  
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ly. In your love you have cre - at - ed us to live in u - ni - ty.  
night. You will guide us on our jour-ne-y. You will keep our vi-sion bright.  
call. You will nev - er be be-yond us, for your love is all in all.

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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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## Salm: Psalm 71 "I will sing of your salvation..."

Thomas Muglia

I will sing of your sal - va - tion; I will sing, I will sing.

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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 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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:

### *I Will Choose Christ*

*Tom Booth*

The musical notation is for a hymn titled "I Will Choose Christ" by Tom Booth. It features a treble clef, a key signature of four sharps, and a time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. A "REFRAIN" section is indicated above the first two staves. The lyrics are: "I will choose Christ, I will choose love, I choose to serve..". Below this, another staff shows: "I give my heart, I give my life, I give my all to you." The music concludes with a final staff.

1. How many times must he call my name and show to me that he is God?  
And as a servant he calls to me, "You must serve too." (**Refrain**)

2. Christ, my teacher and healer, teach my heart and heal my soul.  
And as I walk this road with you, teach me to love. (**Refrain**)

3. As I look upon your cross, so too must I die with you.  
And with the death of my own desires, I'll rise with you. (**Refrain**)

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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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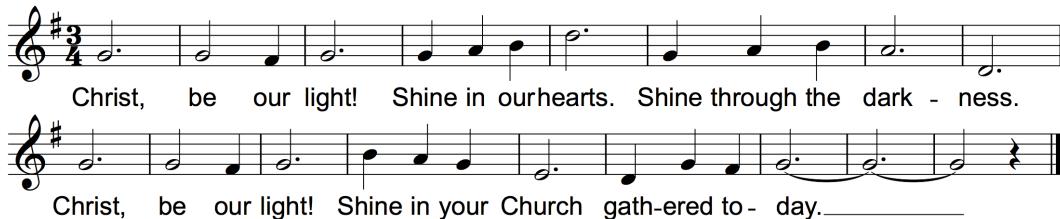
# The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Communion:

### ***Christ Be Our Light***

Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. (**Refrain**)



Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (**Refrain**)

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (**Refrain**)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (**Refrain**)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. (**Refrain**)

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## Sending Forth:

### ***God Has Chosen Me***

Bernadette Farrell

1. God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.  
God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light:  
God has chosen me, chosen me:



2. God has chosen me, God has chosen me to set alight a new fire.  
God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth:  
God has chosen me, chosen me: (**Refrain**)

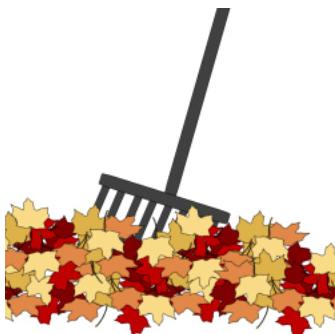
3. God is calling me, God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard.  
God is calling me, God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice:  
God is calling me, calling me: (**Refrain**)

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## Gardening Ministry - Can You help?

### WINTER Gardening Help NEEDED

On Saturdays at 7:00 am  
If interested, just show up on any Saturday at 7:00am and meet with Felipe at the front of the church.  
**IT IS OUTSIDE ONLY WORK, BUT MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED!**



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#### A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

- Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*



## St. Francis of Assisi Parish Women in Conversation a Pilgrim Journey: Walking the Camino de Santiago

This event takes place on Saturday morning, February 5th from 9:30 to 11:00, safely via Zoom.

After we gather together, a brief small group "ice breaker" conversation will take place. Then we'll come back together for prayer and our storyteller.

A second longer small group conversation will follow. We will also have a door prize drawing (each gift will be mailed to the winner's address) before our closing prayer.

If you are interested, please send your RSVP by Thursday, February 3rd to [st.franciswomeninc@gmail.com](mailto:st.franciswomeninc@gmail.com) to receive a link to be a part of our gathering.

We'd love to see you!

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL MASSES:

Social Distancing will be observed. Masks are still required, as is hand sanitizing prior to receiving Communion. Limited seating! As contact tracing is no longer required, all the doors of the church will be open for entering and exiting the church.

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:15pm – Mass in the church
- Sunday at 7:30am – Mass in the church
- Sunday at 9:30am Mass in the church

*The 9:30am Mass will be livestreamed as usual (<https://bit.ly/37XEFK3>).*

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon, Weds and Fri at 12:10pm, in the church

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