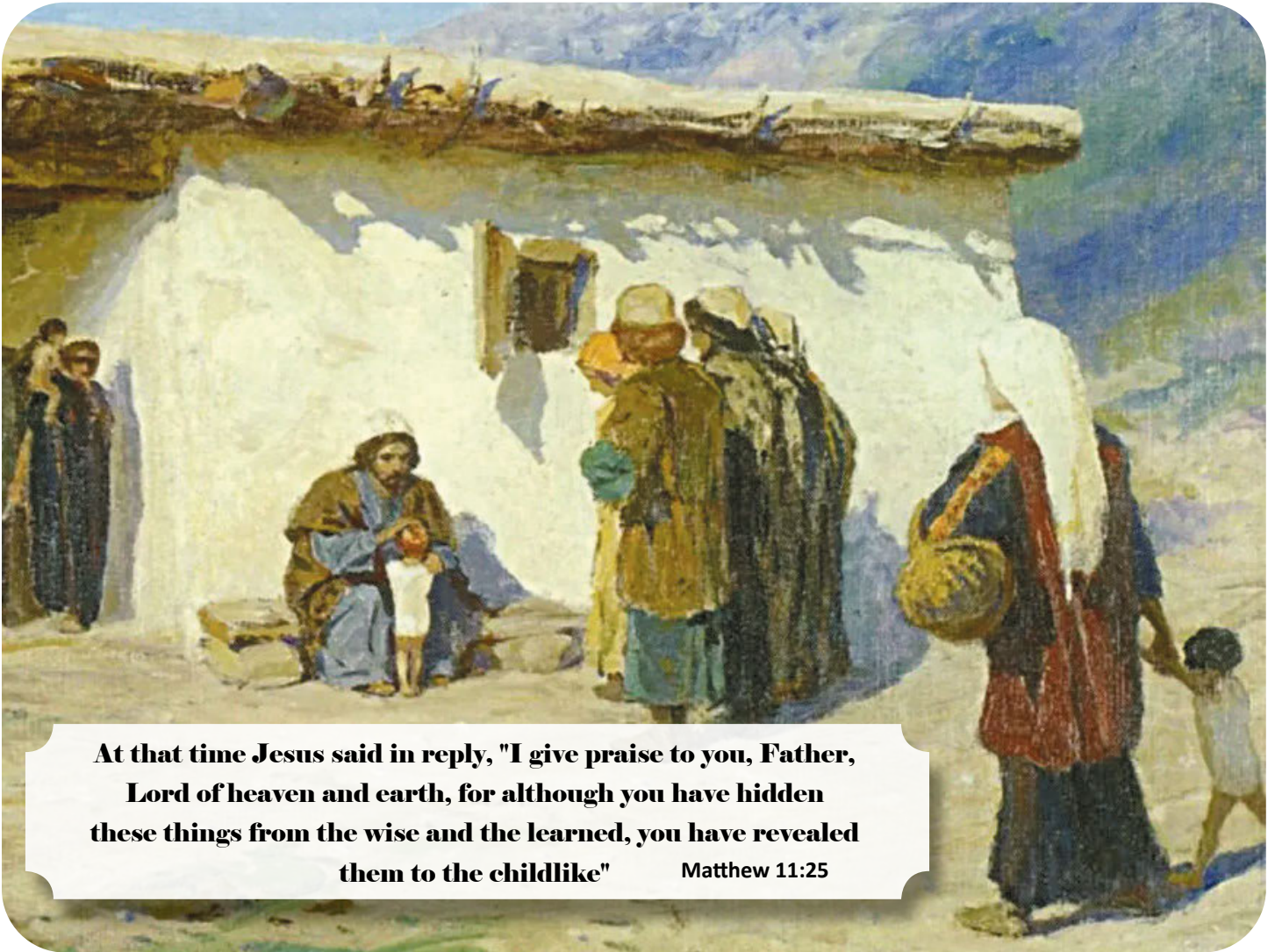


Nurturing Our Franciscan Tradition



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

JULY 09, 2023 - THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to the childlike" Matthew 11:25

"From the life of Christ" by Vasily Polenov



July 11 -
St. Benedict



July 13 -
St. Henry



July 14 -
St. Kateri Tekakwitha



June 14 -
St. Bonaventure

The FRANCISFEST Committee is pleased to report the following information to our fellow parishioners.

Father Rey directed us to have two primary goals for FrancisFest:

- First and foremost, the festival was to be a community builder in the wake of the pandemic. More than 250 parishioners, representing over 50% of regular church goers, attended the event. Additionally some 50 church members volunteered their time and talent to make FrancisFest a success. Many more donated baked goods, garden plants, books and items for the various retail booths. Best of all, everyone had fun!

- The second goal was to raise revenue to help meet our parish's budgetary needs. To that end, St. Francis of Assisi Parish grossed **approximately \$17,000**. The Committee worked diligently to keep costs to a minimum – there were **only \$3,000 in expenses**. Special thanks to parishioners and friends who loaned us tables, tents, umbrellas and even the use of their pick-up truck without cost. *By comparison, the August 2022 Gala drew about 100 people and netted \$16,000 after expenses.*

Our hope is that FrancisFest will be back and even better in 2024! Look for live entertainment, more wonderful silent auction items along with inexpensive "treasures," additional food options, and increased participation by the staff and students of St. Francis Elementary School. A date next spring is to be determined.

Yours in St. Francis and St. Clare,
Clayton Whitehead, Chair,
and the FrancisFest Committee

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Women in Conversation



Embracing St. Clare and St. Francis

Come see us in person! Please join our next gathering at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 15th. We will feature song, prayer, storytelling, and small group discussions (tables of 6). Masks are optional and light refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend and no RSVP necessary. We'd love to see you for coffee and conversation.

Saturday, July 15, 2023

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Brunsmann Hall

Women in Conversation (WinC) is a ministry for women of St. Francis to nurture the Spirit of God – alive, growing and abundant. Our focus is on everyday spirituality and ways that women can lead more meaningful lives. We seek guidance from the Holy Spirit, celebrate community, share stories, support one another, and honor the feminine spirit.



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 July 9th

Sun: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/
Mt 11:25-30
Mon: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
Tue: Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thu: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Parish Pastoral Council

Thank you!

We are grateful to all those who have joined us for our recent parish town hall meeting. Your valuable and insightful comments have been truly inspiring, and we cannot thank you enough for your contributions. Here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we are dedicated to serving our congregation to the best of our abilities, and your feedback will play a major role in guiding us towards a bright and prosperous future. Rest assured that your ideas will be thoughtfully considered and prioritized as we move forward with our research and prayerful discernment.

Once again, thank you so much for your participation. We couldn't have done it without you.



We are hiring for the part-time position:

Sacramental Ministry Coordinator (15 hours/week)

Responsible for coordinating the sacramental ministries of the parish (Baptism, Weddings, Funerals, First Communion, Confirmation) under the direction of the Pastor and in coordination with staff and parish program leaders.

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



Mosaic in Assisi

GETTING TO KNOW ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Clare of Assisi was the third of five children and oldest daughter born to one of twelve noble families of that city. The family included seven knights. Clare's birth date is generally accepted as 1193. Caught in the difficulties of the time resulting from the rise of the merchant class in Assisi, Clare's family fled to Perugia when she was still a child, and returned to Assisi in 1205, when she was about twelve years old. That was the same year in which Francis of Assisi renounced his father and began the life of a penitent.

There is a story told of prophecy concerning the birth of Clare: that she would be one who will be "light over the whole world." Ortulana, Clare's mother, was a devout woman who had made a number of religious pilgrimages. Clare lived a life of prayer, fasting, and good works even before leaving her family home.

No one knows for certain when Clare encountered Francis. It may have been when he preached on the piazza in front of the cathedral of St. Rufino which Clare's family home faced. It may have been through her cousin Rufino, one of the first of the youth to join Francis in his new way of life. We know that she was moved by his preaching. We also know that he had heard of her holiness and wanted to meet her. After several meetings, she chose to leave her home and join him in his gospel way of life.

To be continued....

Soon St. Clare will join her soul mate in this church.

The Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha is celebrated July 14



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, our elder sister in the Lord, pray that God will give us the courage, the boldness and the strength to build a world of justice and peace among ourselves and among all nations. Help us to encounter the Creator God present in the very depths of nature, and so become witnesses of Life. With you, we praise the Father, Son, and Spirit. Amen.

Prayer from <http://kateritekakwitha.net/prayer/>



OUR BELL IS RINGING AGAIN!

The bell in the church is working again! The repair took place last week, so you may hear the ringing of the bell during the day and before Mass. Starting last week we began praying the the **Angelus** during weekday masses. The Angelus is a devotion commemorating the Incarnation of Christ. The name Angelus is derived from the first few words of the text: *Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ* ("The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary"). The Angelus is usually accompanied by the ringing of the bell, which is a call to prayer - and to spread goodwill to everyone. Enjoy the bell.

You can download the Angelus prayer from the USCCB website at <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/angelus>



Looking for a Feast of St. Francis Picnic Coordinator!

On October 8, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, our church would like to celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis** with a picnic across the street in Sutter's Fort Park.

We are looking for someone who would like to coordinate the various components required to produce a fun filled picnic event for our parishioners.

This person would work with a team of volunteers to coordinate set up, food and beverage service, entertainment, kid activities, etc.

If you are interested in getting more information, please contact Melba Hinojosa at stepping2016stones@gmail.com or Richard Hernandez at rah95816@aol.com for further information.

Our Feast of Francis Celebration is only a few months away and this event will be much appreciated by all our parishioners

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The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
July 8–9, 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:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Horatius Bonar

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest:
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.


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Gloria:

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 145: “I Will Praise Your Name”

Ben Walther



I will praise your name for ev - er, my King_ and my God_____

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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:

Come to Me

Michael Joncas

REFRAIN



Come to me, come to me, come when you are wea - ry;
come to me, come to me, and I will give you rest.

All who labor and are burdened, all who labor and are burdened,
Let them come to me, come to me, and I will give you rest. **(Refrain)**

Take my yoke upon your shoulders, take my yoke upon your shoulders,
Come and learn from me, learn from me, for I am gentle of heart. **(Refrain)**

For the heart I hold is humble, yes the heart I hold is humble,
and my yoke is easy, my burden light, and you will find rest for your souls. **(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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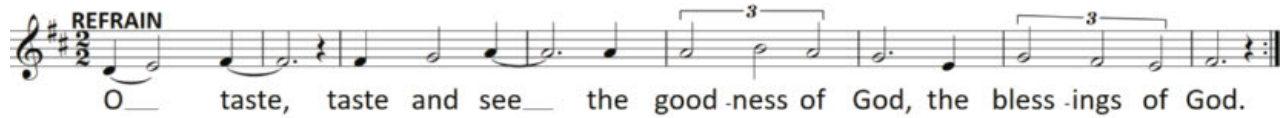
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Communion:

O Taste and See

Marty Haugen



I will sing God's praises all the days that I shall live.

My soul will glory in my God, the lowly will hear and be glad.

O glorify God's name with me, together let us rejoice. **(Refrain)**

For God has heard my anguished cries, and delivered me from all my foes.

O look to God that you might shine, your faces be radiant with joy. **(Refrain)**

When the poor cry out, God hears and saves them, rescues them from their distress.

God's angel watches near to those who look to their God to save them. **(Refrain)**

O taste and see that God is good, how happy the ones who find refuge.

The mighty shall grow weak and hungry, those who seek God lack nothing. **(Refrain)**

Come, my children, hear me, I will teach you the fear of God.

Come, all of you who thirst for life and seek joy in all of your days. **(Refrain)**

For God is close to the brokenhearted, near to those crushed in spirit.

The hand of God redeems your life, a refuge for all those who seek. **(Refrain)**

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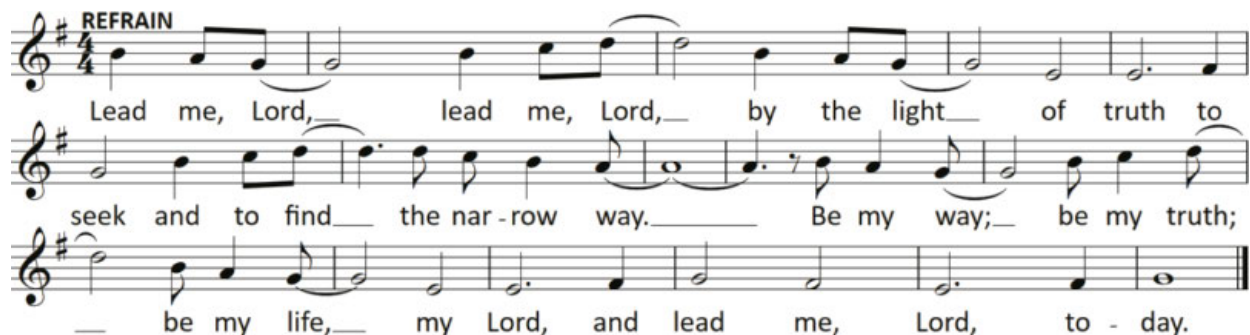
Sending Forth:

Lead Me, Lord

John 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)**



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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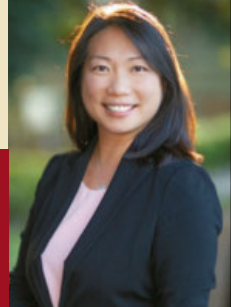
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