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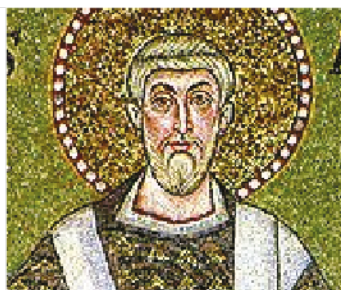
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

JULY 16, 2023 - THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A sower went out to sow.
And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path
and birds came and ate it up.
Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.
It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep,
and when the sun rose it was scorched,
and it withered for lack of roots.
Some seed fell among thorns, and the
thorns grew up and choked it.
But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced
fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.
Whoever has ears ought to hear."



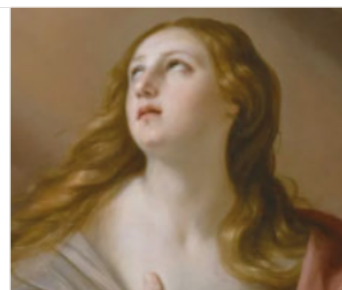
July 18 -
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest



July 20 -
St. Apollinaris, Bishop and
Martyr



July 21 -
St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest
and Doctor of the Church



June 22 -
St. Mary Magdalene

FRANCISFEST



A CELEBRATION OF FELLOWSHIP, FOOD & FUN

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

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 16th

Sun: 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
Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tue: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thu: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Fr. Michael Kiernan's 50th Jubilee!



Ordained at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Waterford, Ireland, June 3, 1973

To celebrate Fr. Michael Kiernan's 50 years of Priesthood you are warmly invited to join him in the celebration of Mass followed by a simple reception.

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament: Sunday, July 16,

Mass times are: 8:00 and 10:00 AM in English and 12 Noon in Spanish.



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

GETTING TO KNOW ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

St. Clare's story continued...

On Palm Sunday, 1212, Clare did not go to Bishop Guido to receive the blessed palm as did the others; rather he walked to her and placed it in her hands. Later that night she left her home accompanied by an un-named companion and managed to leave the city secretly. They left for the little chapel of Our Lady of the Angels, also known as the Portiuncula, where Francis and the Brothers awaited her. She was formally received by Francis who cut her hair as a sign of her offering of self to God. Her clothes were exchanged for a penitent's garb, and in the presence of the Brothers she committed herself to God, in obedience to Francis. After the reception, for her safety, Clare was taken to San Pablo, a house of Benedictine nuns.

Clare's decision was not without serious consequences within her family. There had been attempts to arrange a suitable marriage for her that would expand the family's land and wealth. She rejected these proposals, intent on following the gospel way of Francis. Some members of her family tried to convince her to return home, even by using force, but were unsuccessful. After some time, Clare moved to San Angelo in Panza, a house of Penitents, where her sister Catherine joined her (who would be known in religious life as Agnes). Her uncle Monaldo tried to capture her and bring her home; he was unsuccessful. Both Clare and Catherine eventually moved to San Damiano where they found a more permanent arrangement. San Damiano was the first church Francis restored after hearing God's words, "Francis, go repair my house which, as you see, is falling into ruin." As Francis restored this house, he prophesied that some day it would be the home of holy virgins.



St. Clare, by Simone Martini (1322-24), public domain

Within a short period of time, others joined her: Benvenuta from Perugia, Pacifica, who had been a frequent visitor at her home since childhood, even her mother, Ortulana, and sister Beatrice. In the sixth chapter of her Form of Life, Clare relates that Francis kept an eye on her small community and when he saw that they had no fear of poverty, hard work, trial, or contempt of the world, he provided them with a "form of life." It was a simple statement describing the Trinitarian foundation of the life at San Damiano, as well as the close ties that would bind the Poor Ladies with Francis and his brothers.

To be continued.... **Soon St. Clare will join her soul mate in this church.**

Canonization of St. Francis. By Giotto Di Bondone (1300, public domain)



Died: October 3, 1226. Canonized: July 16, 1228 by Pope Gregory IX

Mission Appeal weekend



Fr. Thomas Kagumisa is a catholic priest originally from the Diocese of Bukoba in Tanzania but currently doing ministry in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, AZ, on acceded terms. He will be celebrating Mass with us on July 22 & 23. Please extend a warm St. Francis welcome to him!

Supporting the Education of Major Seminarians in Bukoba Diocese, Tanzania.

Bukoba Catholic Diocese is one of the 34 dioceses found in Tanzania, East Africa. It is located in the northeastern part of the country, on the shores of Lake Victoria. The diocese has a population of about 1.1 million and out of these, 58% are Catholics. The diocese is made up of 40 parishes and more than 300 mission stations.

The Diocese of Bukoba struggles to train enough priests to meet the demands. Meeting these expenses is a big challenge for Bukoba Diocese. By your participation in this mission appeal, you will be helping to form our future priests. A gift of any size makes a huge difference. We will appreciate it if you consider making your generous gift by contributing to today's second collection.

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The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
July 15–16, 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 Us In

Marty Haugen

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.


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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 65: "The seed that falls on good ground"

Curtis Stephan




The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruit - ful har - vest.

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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 15th 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:

Food for the Journey

Rufino Zaragoza, OFM

REFRAIN

Food for the jour - ney flows from a love di - vine;
Je - sus, bro - ken liv - ing bread, Je - sus, out - poured wine.

As manna fell from the starry heaven behold, my bread for you, my chosen, my beloved. **(Refrain)**

I am the bread of life; whoever believes in me will never thirst again.

All who come will never hunger. **(Refrain)**

I long to hold you through all pain, nourish you along the uphill road;

So I entrust this simple food, my own self I give to you. **(Refrain)**

Each broken life is called to form this body, this sacred cup all share; I laden with the outcast. **(Refrain)**

Come, my people who gather as one; feed on my love, then go forth and feed the world. **(Refrain)**

My body broken, my blood shed, goes before you showing the way.

Give of your body, risk your blood, that the kingdom of God may reign. **(Refrain)**

In all the poor perceive this humble banquet and the lowly shall arise to guide you on your journey. **(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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The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion:

Tend the Ground

Curtis Stephan

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.

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)**

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)**

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

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)**

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)**

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)**

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:

How Can I Keep from Singing

Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn That hails a new creation. **(Refrain)**

No storm can shake my in-most calm, while to that rock I'm cling-ing Since
Love is Lord of heav-en and earth, How can I keep from sing-ing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;
It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing? **(Refrain)**

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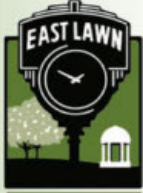
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