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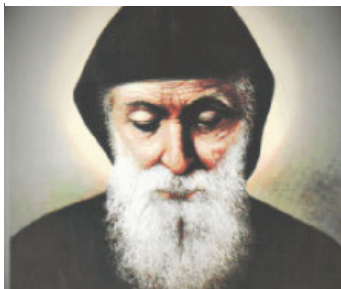


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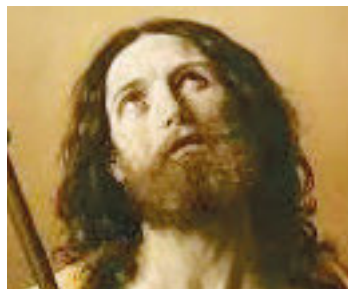
JULY 23, 2023 - THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Matthew 13:43

**"...the righteous will shine like
the sun in the kingdom of their Father!"**



July 24 -
St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest



July 25 -
St. James, Apostle



July 26 -
St. Joachim and Anne, Parents
of the Blessed Virgin Mary



July 29 -
Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazerus

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.

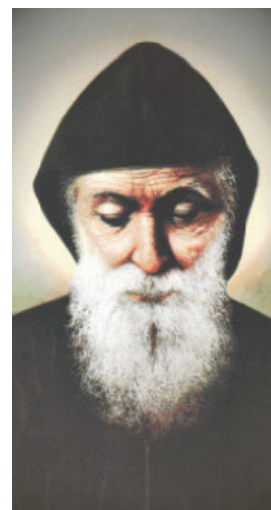
Amen.

*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.*

July 24

St. Sharbel
Makhlūf

"A man who prays
lives out the mystery of
existence, and a man
who does not pray
scarcely exists."



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 23th

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

Mon: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tue: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thu: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Sat: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/
Rom 8:28-30/



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...

San Damiano, in its earliest years (1212 - 1216), was a charismatic community of women called "to do penance." With the "Form of Life" given to them by Francis, Clare saw herself and her Sisters as belonging to Francis' Order, which had been given Papal approval by Pope Innocent III in 1209. She desired a life like Francis, following the poor and humble Christ, sharing the life of the poor through manual labor, attending to the suffering and poverty around her, and living a life of prayer and poverty.

It was not long before Clare was asked to accept the title of abbess at the insistence of the Bishop and Francis. While she did submit, she never used the term and she lived her life among her sisters as one who served.

She requested of Pope Innocent III the "Privilege of Poverty" and received it in 1216, which stated that "No one can compel you to receive possessions." Other monasteries of women at that time would be expected to own property to provide a reliable source of income. Clare chose instead reliance on the work of their hands, the alms received through the begging of the Friars, and God's Providence. For Clare it was not negotiable; she defended the Privilege to the day she died. Perhaps that Privilege allowed her to think that the "Foundation" was secure from interference in its way of life.

Within two years Clare and her Sisters would be faced with the Rule of Hugolino, an adapted form of the Benedictine Rule. For Clare and her Sisters, two central points were missing from that Form of Life: the pursuit of Gospel poverty inspired by Francis and dependence on the Friars. And so a struggle began for Clare that was to continue throughout the remainder of her life. In 1227, Hugolino was elected to the papacy, and chose the name Gregory IX. He was a great supporter of female religious during the Middle Ages. However he was not happy with the intense poverty embraced by Clare and her sisters and attempted to dispense her from following her ideal. Clare responded that she would never wish to be absolved from following Christ. He finally relented and in 1228 he renewed her



Privilege of Poverty.

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.



Looking for a volunteer 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

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 *this weekend!* 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 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
July 22–23, 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:

Now is the Time

Tom Kendzia

REFRAIN

Come to us, you who say, "I will not for-get you." Be with us, you who say,
"Do not be a - fraid." Take hold of us, our hearts, our
minds, our whole be - ing. Make us your own, now is the time.

Cantor: Spirit of love, **All:** Crush the pain of hatred.
Cantor: Spirit of hope, **All:** Stand before our eyes.
Cantor: Spirit of light, **All:** Dance within our darkness.
Make us your own, now is the time. (Refrain)

Cantor: Spirit of peace, **All:** Silence tongues of anger.
Cantor: Spirit of life, **All:** Break the chains of death.
Cantor: Spirit of joy, **All:** Overcome our sadness.
Make us your own, now is the time. (Refrain)

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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 68: "Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Tom Booth

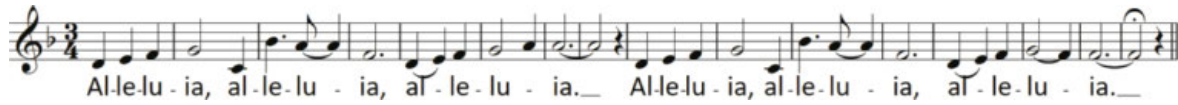
Lord, you are good and for - giv - ing. Lord, you are good and for - giv - ing.

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The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stephan



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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:

Let Justice Roll Like a River

Marty Haugen



How long shall we wait, O God for the day of your mercy to down,
The day we beat our swords into ploughs, when your peace reigns over the earth? **(Refrain)**

Hear this, all of you who use the poor in the thirst of power and riches:
The Lord will turn your laughter to tears, on the wondrous day of our God. **(Refrain)**

Even now return to me, let our hearts be broken and humble,
for I am gracious gen'rous and kind; come and seek the mercies of God. **(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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Communion:

Here at this Table

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

REFRAIN

Come and be filled here at this ta-ble. Food for all who hun-ger and
 drink for all who thirst. Drink of his love, wine of sal-
 va-tion. You shall live for-ev-er in Je-sus Christ the Lord.

You who labor for justice, you who labor for peace,
 You who steady the plow in the field of our God. **(Refrain)**

You with lives full of pain, you who sorrow and weep,
 You, beloved of Christ, come to God, come to God! **(Refrain)**

Children of ev'ry color in ev'ry land,
 You are God's own, God gathers you gently.
 Don't you grow weary, for when you run, you run with the Lord! **(Refrain)**

You, the aged among us, holy, faithful and wise,
 May the wisdom you share form our lives and our world! **(Refrain)**

Let each woman and man learn from the stranger;
 we're not so diff'rent and so much unites us.
 For we are one, blest with the Spirit and the power of love! **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Marty Haugen

Cantor/Choir: You are salt for the earth, O people:

All: Salt for the kingdom of God!

Cantor/Choir: Share the flavor of life, O people:

All: Life in the kingdom of God! **(Refrain)**

REFRAIN

Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the king-dom of peace;
 bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God.

Cantor/Choir: You are a light on the hill, O people:

All: Light for the city of God!

Cantor/Choir: Shine so holy and bright, O people:

All: Shine for the kingdom of God! **(Refrain)**

Cantor/Choir: You are a seed of the Word, O people:

All: Bring forth the kingdom of God!

Cantor/Choir: Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice:

All: Grow in the kingdom of God! **(Refrain)**

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