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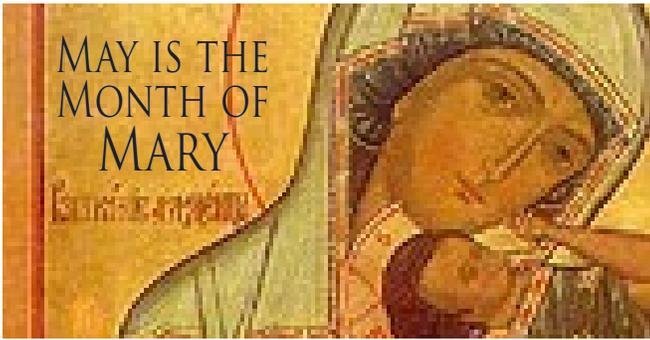
**"My children, I give you a new commandment:
love one another." - John 13:34a**



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Icons of the name "Joyful" are found in the Novodevichy Monastery in Moscow, and in the Vatopedi Monastery on Mt Athos.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During the Easter season, many things have been recounted in our Sunday Gospels: the discovery of the empty tomb, the first witnesses to the Resurrection, and the Resurrection Appearances to the Disciples. Today's gospel gives meaning to all these events and indeed to Christian Discipleship. Jesus gives us the imperative of Christian Love to our Faith. It is to be our sole distinguishing mark. We need to stop and think about how we can incorporate this imperative into our lives. The Risen Jesus invites us to transcend our human limitations and become agents of forgiveness and reconciliation. We are asked to overcome feelings of rancor and resentment and to do what St. Paul urges us to in the Letter to the Colossians -- "Over all these Clothes, put on Love". We are never told that the journey will be easy. Love overcomes all obstacles, and Easter Love demonstrated by the Lord is unmatched. As the Father loves Jesus, so Jesus loves us. It is in sowing the seeds of love in this troubled world that we prepare the way for the "new Heaven and the new Earth." (Book of Revelation, 2nd. Reading today).

Bishop Mueggenborg who gave the recent diocesan priests retreat, studied in Rome and spoke about his experiences volunteering with the religious congregation founded by the now St. Teresa of Kolkutta - The Missionaries of Charity. These recollections served to remind the priests that St. Teresa was someone who took the Christian Imperative to Love to Heart. St. Teresa established her congregation specifically to bring the Love of Christ to the distressed and the abandoned. I remember the then Mother Teresa giving an TV interview in the 1980's to explain why her congregation were opening religious houses in major western cities, including in the United States. She stated that while the people her congregation ministered to in the developing world experienced very real material poverty, the poor in the western world were more deprived, as they experienced a real lack of love. St. Teresa stated that when she encountered or looked at a person in abject circumstances, she saw the face of Christ. This belief or attitude provides much to challenge our Christian lives of discipleship.

Please keep the people of Ukraine and the need for a just and lasting peace in your prayers at this time.

"Over all these Clothes put on Love." - Colossians 3:14

- 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.



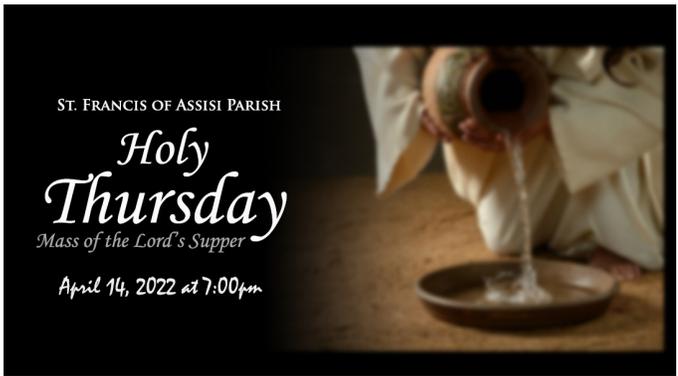
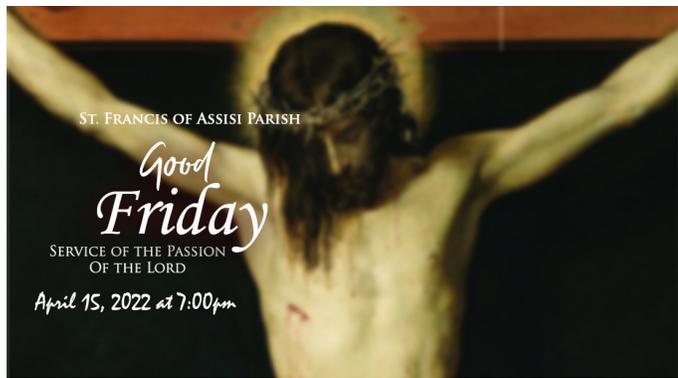
The Memorare Prayer

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.

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Sacred Pascal Triduum
 ON OUR **YouTube** CHANNEL AT
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Taize and Stations of the Cross streamed during Lent are also available on our YouTube site.

A MESSAGE FROM BETH

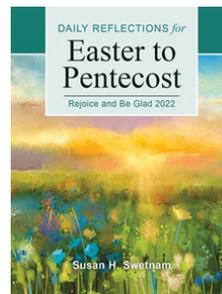
On June 1 this year, I will have completed 35 years of ministry in a variety of capacities in the Diocese of Sacramento. It has been a time filled with blessed opportunities to serve God's People and a lot of joy. Reflecting on this upcoming anniversary, and my 75th birthday last year, have led me to the conclusion that it is time for me to retire. It is certainly with mixed emotions that I make this decision. My seven years at St. Francis, working with you and Fr. Des, have been a joy, even with the challenges presented by the pandemic. My last day will be June 30. As I look forward to a new chapter in my life, St. Francis will always hold a special place in my heart.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children:

If you are looking for a spiritual home or are baptized Catholic but have not yet received Eucharist or Confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), and RCIA Adapted for Children may be for you. A new group is forming soon.

If interested, complete a registration form online at <http://bit.ly/SacPrepForm>
 For any questions, please contact DFF@stfrancisparish.com



**REJOICE AND BE GLAD:
 DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR
 EASTER 2022**

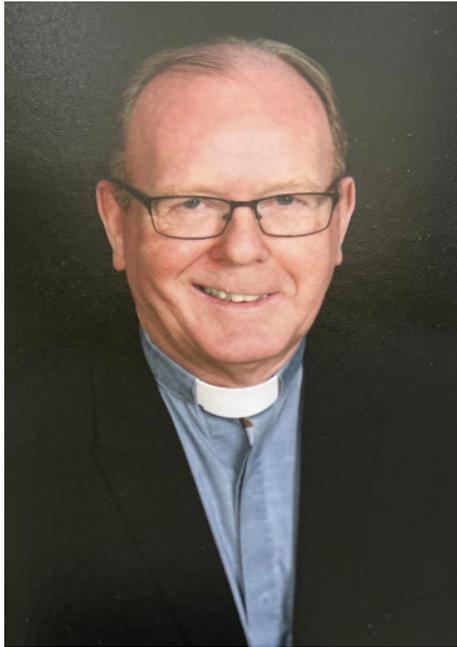
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 Daily Reflections for Easter to Pentecost 2022**
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Little Book for the Easter Season (PB: \$2.00/e-book: \$0.99)
<https://littlebooks.org/seasonal-books/easter-season>

WEEKLY READINGS

- Sun: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tues: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thur: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sun: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29



SAVE THE DATE

June 5th Farewell Fr. Des Mass and Reception

Sunday June 5th at the 9:30 am Mass followed by a reception in the parking lot. This will be an opportunity for the children of our School and members of the Parish to bid a fond farewell to our Pastor of the last 6 years.

Use this email address to send photos and/or messages for Fr. Des: celebratedes@stfranciselem.org (until May 31)

More Information to follow.

Farewell Committee Team

Ivan Hrga, Emer McKenna, Beth White, JD Warrick and Bob Reid



2022 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Election will be held May 28 & 29th at all Masses.

The Parish Pastoral Council is an elected body of parishioners each bringing different gifts to the table to help support our parish and assists the pastor in serving the parish community. The council currently has five positions up for election this year. If you are interested in sharing your heart, ideas, knowledge and insights with our community please consider running.

How to apply: You can download a PDF application at: <https://stfrancisp parish.com/PPC/apply2022.pdf> or pick up a paper copy in the church. **Paper applications must be mailed to the Parish Council Election Committee in a sealed envelope post marked no later than May 14, 2022. Emailed submissions must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2022.** A head shot of each person applying must be emailed to ParishCouncil@stfrancisp parish.com. You must be 16 years older and a registered parishioner for at least one year in order to be eligible to apply.

How to vote: The Election will be held the weekend of May 28/29 after each mass. You must be 16 years older and a registered parishioner for at least one year in order to be eligible to vote.

Election Results: Results of the election will be certified at the June Parish Pastoral Council meeting and posted on the parish website/Facebook page. The newly elected members will take their seat at the July Parish Pastoral Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please email ParishCouncil@stfrancisp parish.com

Mail application to: Parish Council Election Committee, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 1066 26th St. Sacramento CA 95816

Quarterly Report to Parish: January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022

OPERATIONAL INCOME

Offertory Collections	\$ 119,940.00
Sacramental Service	\$ 5,738.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 6,334.00
Building Fund	\$ 7,952.00
Covenant of Sharing	\$ 6,850.00
Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 626.00
Parish Programs	\$ 950.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ 130.00
Religious Education	\$ 655.00
Other Receipts	\$ 792.00
Total Operational Income	\$ 149,967.00

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Salaries, Wages and Related Expenses	\$ 84,203.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 490.00
Parish Programs	\$ 400.00
School Tuition Assistance	\$ -
Parish Fundraising	\$ -
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 22,095.00
Parish Center - Office	\$ 7,284.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 13,373.00
Property & Liability Insurance/Assessments	\$ 19,978.00
Religious Education	\$ 637.00
Other Expenses:	
Church Utilities	\$ 12,400.00
Church Supplies	\$ 2,627.00
Parish Center Utilities	\$ 8,392.00
Rectory Utilities	\$ 1,673.00
Friary Utilities	\$ 1,223.00
Total Operational Expenses	\$ 174,775.00
Net Income/(Loss) from Operations	\$ (24,808.00)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

All financial questions are welcome and may be submitted to the Parish Finance Council at financecouncil@stfrancisp parish.com

This report is also available on our website at <https://bit.ly/3MApqjj>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
May 14-15, 2022

Gathering:

Halle, Halle, Halle

Tony Alonso, Gabe Huck, John L. Bell

REFRAIN



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!_____

Cantor: Glory ...

All: Halle, hallelujah!

Cantor: Glory ...

All: Halle, hallelujah!

Cantor: Glory ...

All: Hallelujah, hallelujah! (Refrain)

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Gloria:

Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen

REFRAIN



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will._____
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo - ple 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. **(Refrain)**

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 on us. **(Refrain)**

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. **(Refrain)**

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Psalms: 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:

Marty Haugen



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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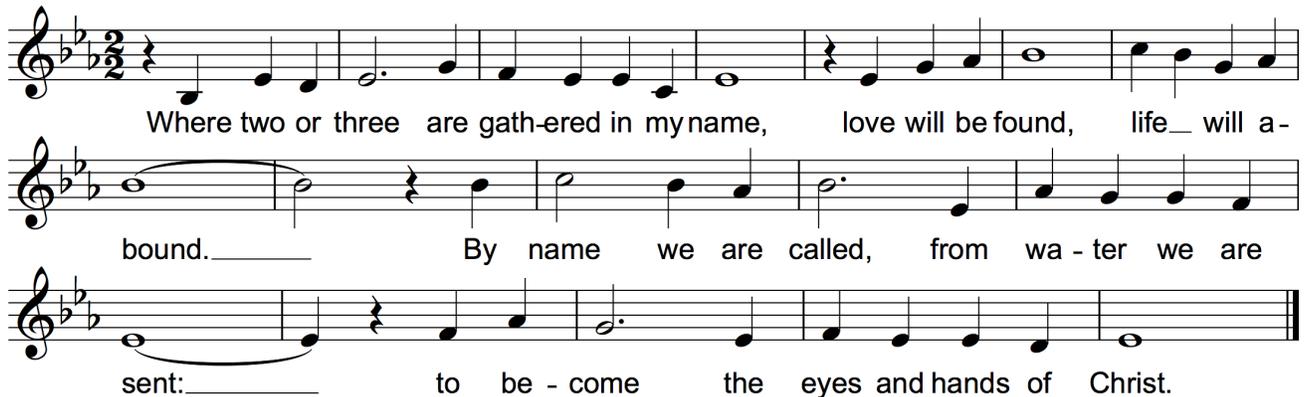
APOSTLE'S CREED

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:

The Eyes and Hands of Christ

Tom Kendzia



Where two or three are gathered in my name, love will be found, life will a-
bound. By name we are called, from wa - ter we are
sent: to be - come the eyes and hands of Christ.

One we become no longer strangers. No longer empty or frail.
Filled with the Spirit ev'ry hunger satisfied. Christ is the center of our lives. **(Refrain)**

One in the Spirit, one in the Lord. One in the breaking of the bread.
Life-giving witness of our dying and new life. Held by the promise in our hands. **(Refrain)**

Not what we are, but what we become. Not what we say, but what we do.
Living the challenge as bearers of light. We are the eyes and hands of Christ. **(Refrain)**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen

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.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Communion:

Ubi Caritas

Bob Hurd



U-bi ca-ri - tas est ve-ra, est ve-ra: De-us i - bi est, De-us i - bi est.



1. The love of Christ joins us to - gath - er. Let us re - joice in
2. In true com - mu - nion let us gath - er. May all di - vi - sions
3. May we who gath - er at this ta - ble to share the bread of
4. For those in need make us your mer - cy, for those op-pressed, your
5. May we one day be - hold your glo - ry and see you face to



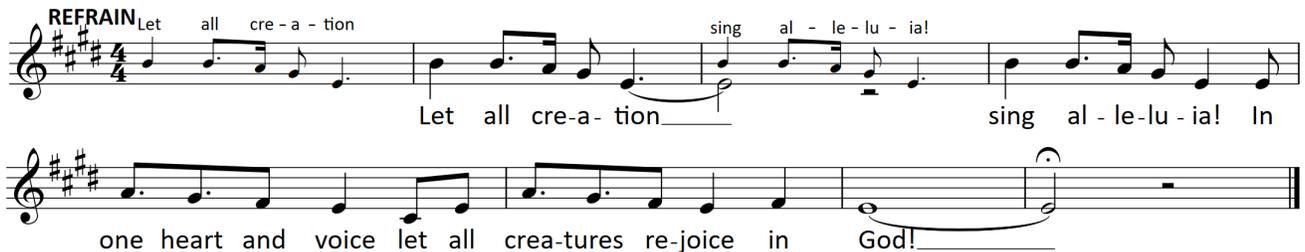
1. him, and in our love and care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. life be - come a sac - ra - ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. might. Make us, your Church, a ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. face, re - joic - ing with the saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

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Sending Forth:

Let All Creation

Paul Tate



Cantor first, then all repeat:

All creatures of our God most high
Lift up your voices to the sky!
burning sun with golden beam
and silver moon with softer gleam! **(Refrain)**

Let all things their creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh praise Creator, praise the Son,
And praise the spirit, Three in One! **(Refrain)**

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