

"YOU ARE HOLY, LORD, GOD ALONE, WHO WORKS MARVELS. YOU ARE STRONG. YOU ARE GRAND. YOU ARE MOST HIGH ..." - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

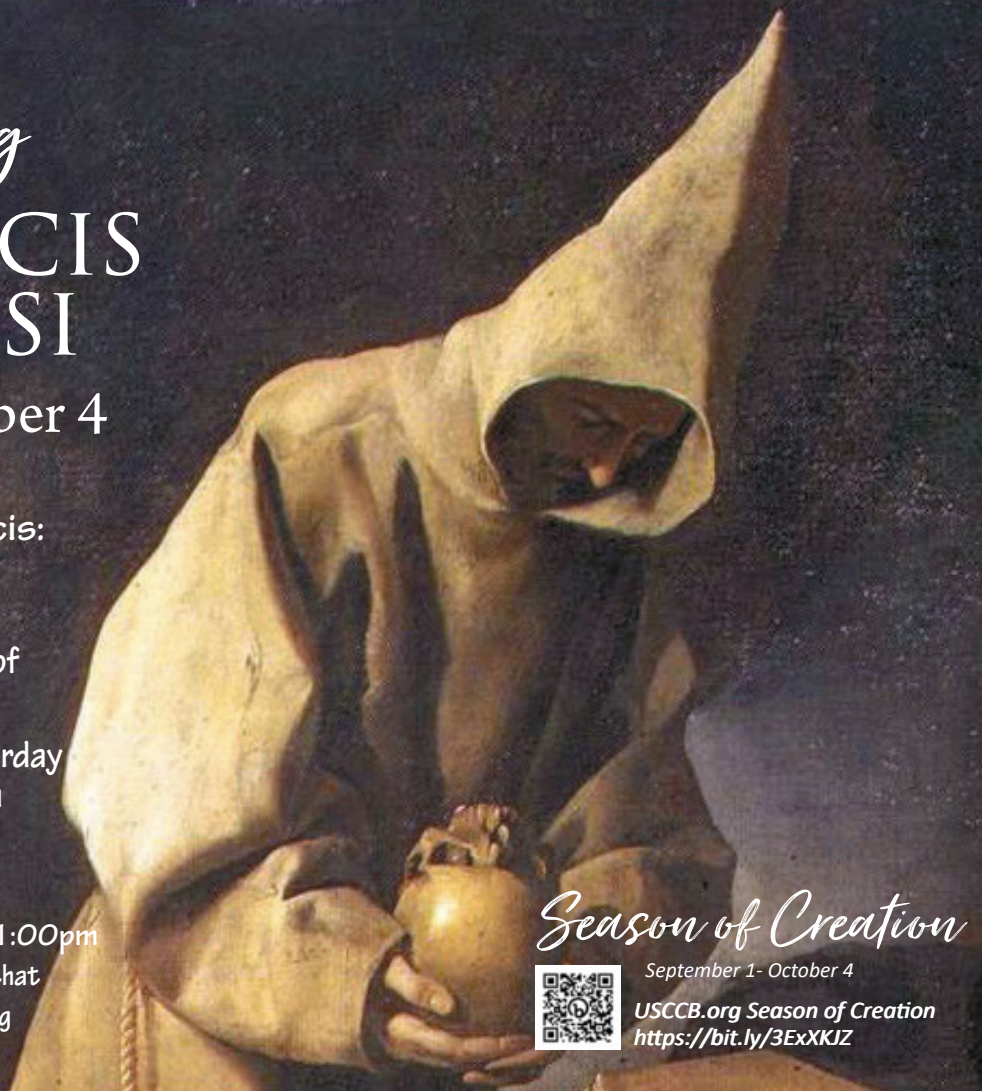


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

OCTOBER 01, 2023 - The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Celebrating ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI Feast Day: October 4

- **The Transitus of St. Francis:**
October 3 at 6:30pm in the church.
Also livestreamed.
- **Mass - Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis** at 12:10 on October 4.
- **Blessing of the Animals - Saturday Mass** on October 7 at 8:00am in the Parish Center courtyard
- **Feast of St. Francis Parish Picnic:**
Sunday October 8 from 10am-1:00pm in the church parking lot. Please note that the parking lot will be closed for parking



Season of Creation

September 1- October 4



USCCB.org Season of Creation
<https://bit.ly/3ExXKJZ>

Francisco de Zurbarán : Saint Francis of Assisi in meditation. Public Domain.



October 1 -
Respect For Life Sunday



October 2 -
The Holy
Guardian Angels



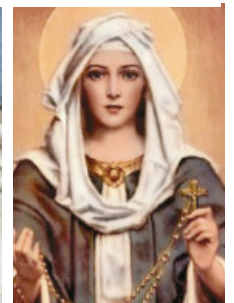
October 4 -
St. Francis of Assisi



October 05 -
St. Faustina Kowalska;
Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos



October 06 - St.
Bruno; Blessed
Marie-Rose



October -7 - Our Lady of
The Rosary



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

The Franciscan Saints

Each week between August 11, the Feast of St. Clare, and October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, we will highlight an individual who was inspired by the humility, simplicity of life, closeness to the poor, and spirit of prayer of St. Francis and St. Clare. These stories are found in the book *The Franciscan Saints* by Robert Ellsberg.



ST. ROSE OF VITERBO
 Mystic, Third Order Franciscan
 (1235-1252)

The short life of St. Rose was set against the background of turbulent ecclesial and political conflicts in which, even as a child, she played a significant role. From her earliest years she had displayed remarkable spiritual gifts, including, at the age of nine, a vision of Our Lady, who instructed her to enter the Third Order of St. Francis. In 1247, Rose's hometown of Viterbo was occupied by the forces of Emperor Frederick II. Though only twelve, Rose took to the streets. Dressed in the simple tunic of the Third Order and carrying a crucifix, she called on the growing crowds to defend the pope and to rise up and expel the usurpers. Rose spent her remaining years in prayer and seclusion in her parent's home. Though she wished to enter the Poor Clares, she was turned away for lack of a dowry. She died in March 1252 at the age of seventeen; she was canonized in 1457.

"If Jesus could be beaten for me, I can be beaten for Him. I do what He has told me to do, and I must not disobey Him."

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Loaves and Fishes with
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 Gratitude to all of our volunteers, too!!



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 October 1:

- Sun: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-3
- Mon: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Tue: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
- Wed: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
- Thu: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12
- Fri: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
- Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-4



2023-2024 Children's Faith Formation classes will begin on October 15, 2023.

Classes are for students in
1st through 8th grade
and are held on

Sunday from 11 am -12 pm in the Parish Center.

For additional information and registration, please visit:
https://www.stfrancisparish.com/children_formation.htm

REMEMBRANCE 'MUMS ORDERING STARTS NEXT WEEKEND!



Once again this year we will offer the opportunity for you to remember a loved one who has been called to eternal life by purchasing a potted Remembrance Mum.

The mums will be present in our church from **Saturday, Oct. 28 through Sunday, November 12**. At that time, mums can be taken home for planting or to the cemetery. The cost for each plant is \$25. You can designate the person(s) to be remembered.

Orders will be taken after all the Masses or online beginning **Saturday, October 7, and will continue through October 22**.

"I HAVE DONE WHAT WAS MINE TO DO, MAY CHRIST TEACH YOU WHAT IS YOURS TO DO." – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

*Saint Francis died just after sunset on October 3.
He recited Psalm 142 and, during the closing verse, he he died.
This death is solemnly recalled each year by Franciscans
around the world to honor this holy Saint's entrance into joy.*

You are invited to join the global Franciscan community to celebrate ...

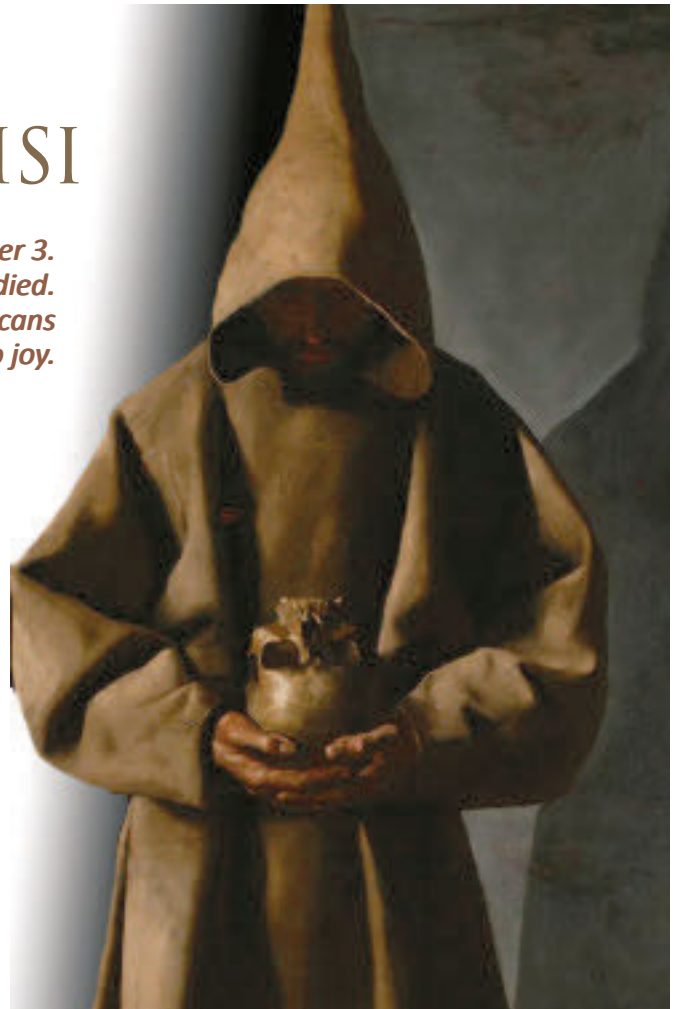
The Transitus (Passing) of St. Francis

Please join us to commemorate the passing of St. Francis to his eternal home on **Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm in the church**. Refreshments will follow in the school yard.

Also join us for
Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Francis
in the Church on Oct 4 at 12:10pm

Mass celebrating the Blessing of the Animals
in the Parish Center Courtyard on Oct 7 at 8:00am

Mark your calendars for the
Feast of St. Francis Parish Picnic
on Sunday October 8 in the church parking lot.
You can **VOLUNTEER** or **REGISTER TO ATTEND** at



Next Sunday (10/8): Parking Lot Closed

We will be celebrating the
Feast of St. Francis Parish Picnic
next weekend!

**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARKING LOT WILL BE
CLOSED FOR ALL MASSES ON SUN OCT 08.**

FRANCISFEST '24



A CELEBRATION OF FELLOWSHIP, FOOD & FUN

**Save the Date:
April 28, 2024**

EARLY BIRD DONATIONS

Based on the **rousing success** of this spring's **first-ever FrancisFest**, the planning committee is already hard at work planning next year's event.

In advance, we welcome "treasures" for the upscale yard sale, dubbed the Treasure Chest. If you are cleaning out drawers or closets anytime this fall, winter or early spring, we will gladly accept, right away, any new or gently used items. *(Please no clothing, exercise equipment or non-working bikes.)*

Contact Marcia Rooney at ribney@att.net or Mike Falasco at mikefalasco1@gmail.com to make arrangements to donate your items.



**Loaves and Fishes 40th Anniversary
Celebration**

All are welcome to celebrate Sacramento Loaves and Fishes 40th Anniversary of providing radical love and survival services to our unhoused sisters and brothers.

Bishop Jaime Soto will open the program with an invocation and a reflection of the ministry of Loaves and Fishes. LeRoy Chatfield, founding Executive Director, will present historic and contemporary insights into the mission of Loaves and Fishes. Former guests will tell how Loaves and Fishes changed their lives. Volunteers from over the years will be honored. The program will conclude by 5:30, with refreshments to follow.

There is no admission charge but a free will offering will be available.

Sunday, October 15, 2023. 4:00 p.m.
Doors open at 3:30.
St Mark's United Methodist Church
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The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
September 30—October 1, 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:

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.


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Kyrie:

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 25: "Remember Your Mercies..."

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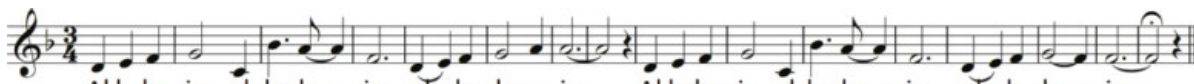


Re-mem-ber your mer-cies, O Lord. Re-mem-ber your mer-cies, O Lord.

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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

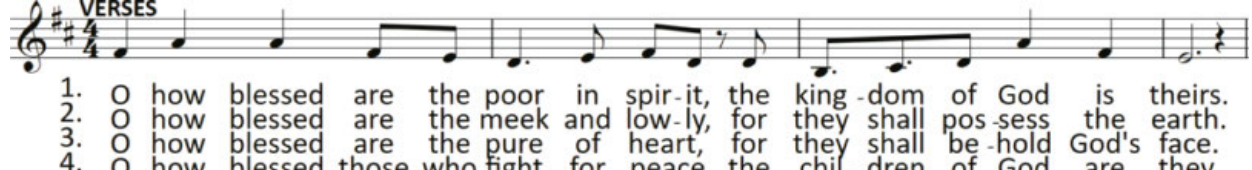
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from 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:

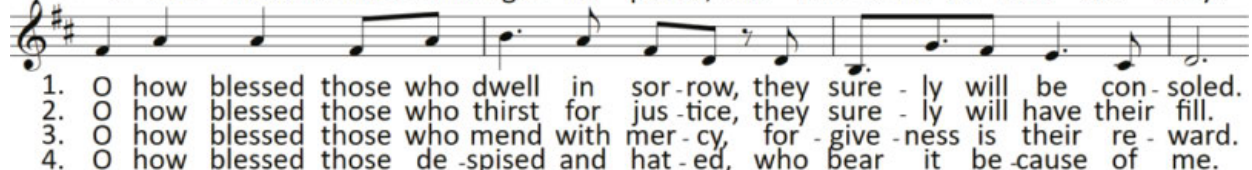
O How Blest

Dan Schutte

VERSES

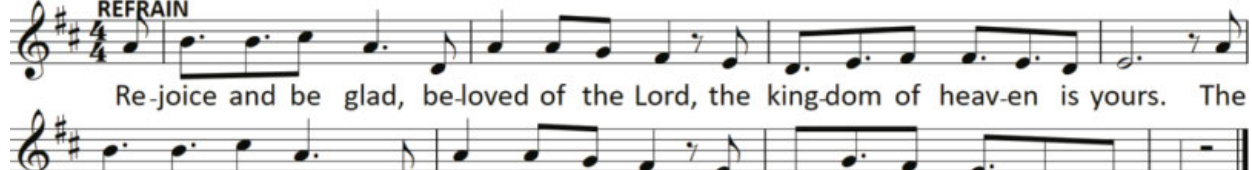


1. O how blessed are the poor in spir-it, the king-dom of God is theirs.
2. O how blessed are the meek and low-ly, for they shall pos-sess the earth.
3. O how blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall be-hold God's face.
4. O how blessed those who fight for peace, the chil-dren of God are they.



1. O how blessed those who dwell in sor-row, they sure-ly will be con-soled.
2. O how blessed those who thirst for jus-tice, they sure-ly will have their fill.
3. O how blessed those who mend with mer-cy, for-give-ness is their re-ward.
4. O how blessed those de-spised and hat-ed, who bear it be-cause of me.

REFRAIN



Re-joyce and be glad, be-loved of the Lord, the king-dom of heav-en is yours. The first shall be last, the last shall be first, for such is the king-dom of God.

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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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