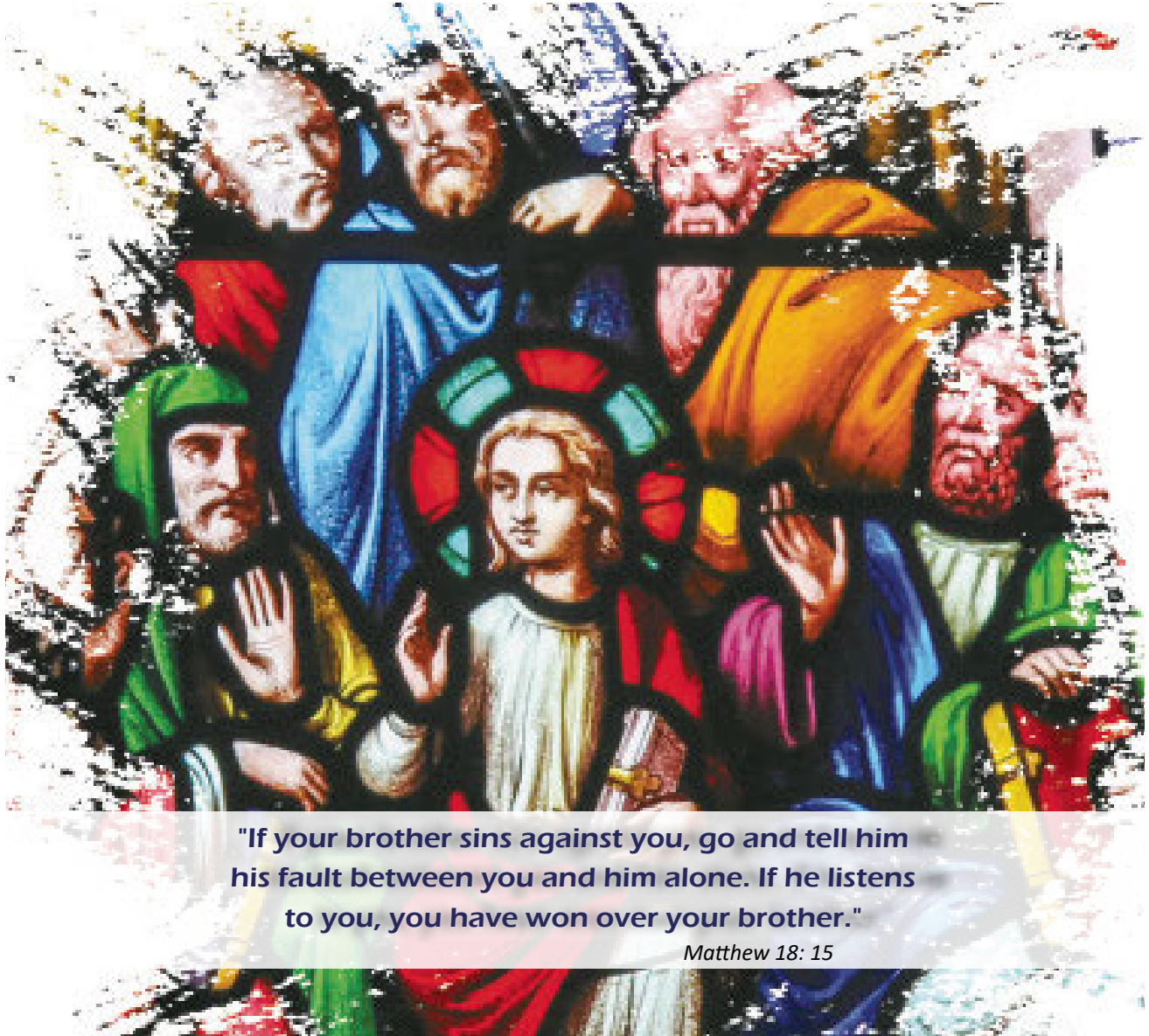


Honoring Our Franciscan Tradition



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 - The Twentieth-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

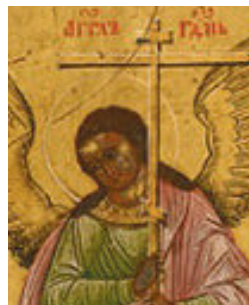
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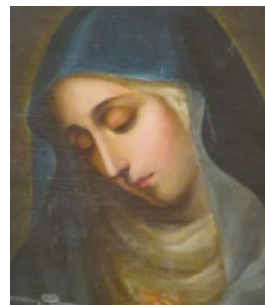
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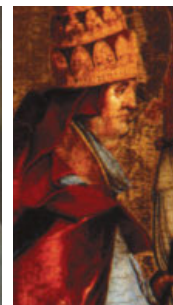
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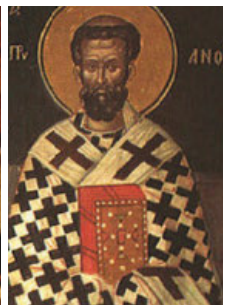
Sept 14- The Exaltation of
The Holy Cross



Sept 15- Our Lady of Sorrows



Sept 16 - Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian





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

THIS Weekend - At the conclusion of each Mass, John Brozek and Francine Freitas will deliver a short presentation on how to evacuate the church during an emergency situation.

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.



FATHER MYCHAL JUDGE (1933-2001)

Fr. Mychal Judge was the Franciscan Chaplain who responded to the scene of the destruction of the twin towers at the World Trade Center with the firefighters with whom he served on Sept. 11, 2001. Fr. Mychal was listed as the first certified casualty of 9/11. He joined the Franciscans at the age of 15 and was widely known for his ministry among the poor and homeless, alcoholics, and people with AIDS.

Fr. Mychal lived with this simple spirituality: **"God is not an obligation or a burden. God is the joy of my life!"**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Women in Conversation



Grief: A Journey of Love and Loss

Join us in person! Please come to our next gathering at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 23rd. 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, September 23, 2023
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Brunsmann Hall



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**.

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.

Amen.

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of September 10

- Sun: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
- Mon: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
- Tue: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
- Wed: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
- Thu: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-3

Picnic RSVP & Event Help needed!

Feast of St. Francis 2023



The Parish is in need of Volunteers to be part of the Festival planning committee & event team. We are also looking for help with:

- o Set Up and Clean Up
- o BBQ
- o Games & Prizes
- o Kid's Games
- o Welcoming Committee

If you would like to be part of this fun-filled committee, please contact Melba at steppingstones2016@gmail.com or Richard at rah95816@aol.com

No experience required. Teens, adults and seniors are all welcome! Join the fun!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 8, 2023
10:00am – 1:00pm

St. Francis Parking Lot

Feast of St. Francis Picnic: RSVP and Volunteer Sign Up

I/we will be there:

- 1 person
- 2 people
- 3 people
- 4+ people

Free Attendance
(donation accepted!)

I/we can help with:

- SET UP (7:30am)
- WELCOME TABLE
- FOOD TABLES
- GAMES
- CLEAN UP (throughout event)
- BREAK DOWN (1:00pm)
- WHATEVER IS NEEDED

I/we will bring

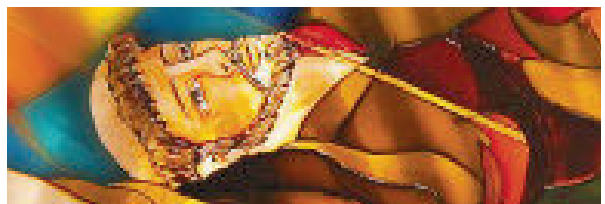
- Salad
- Side Dish/ Deserts (bite size)
- Pop up Tent(s) by 7:30am
- Picnic Food donations - deliver by 9:00am

For all things Picnic, please contact:
Melba at steppingstones2016@gmail.com
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NAME(S): _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

Drop this portion of page into the Collection Basket or return to the Parish Center, most days 9am-12pm





Seeking Volunteers for St. Francis of Assisi Parish Property Improvement Committee

The Catholic Diocese of Sacramento adheres to Canon Law. Canon Law states: "In the building and repair of churches, the principles and norms of the liturgy and of sacred art are to be observed, after the advice of experts has been taken into account." (Can.1216). Thus, St. Francis of Assisi Parish is **seeking volunteers to serve on a Parish Property Improvement Committee.**

The purpose of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Property Improvement Committee is to assist Fr. Rey in the ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the parish and parish complex. Some responsibilities may include, but are not limited to; communication with Fr. Rey and the Parish Finance Council, communicating with contractors and governing agencies/bodies in relation to parish improvement or construction projects, obtaining construction bids for parish maintenance or improvement projects, and contributing to the general knowledge and understanding of compliance with local, state, federal, Sacramento historical society, diocesan and/or Canon Law mandates.

If you are interested in serving on a volunteer basis and/or want to know more about participating in parish improvement efforts, please contact a Parish Council member or email: ParishCouncil@stfrancisparish.com.

Thank you for your interest!



Summer Bottled Water Drive

A chance to reach out and help our neighbors!

Once again this year, your **Parish Pastoral Council** is leading a bottled water supply drive to benefit the efforts of **Loaves and Fishes** (<https://sacloaves.org>) which has long time ties to our parish.

During the hot summer months, **Loaves and Fishes** has a great need for water donations which they share with those they serve.

Can you please donate cash or a case or two of bottled water? If so, you can bring the water after any Mass (5:15, 7:30, 9:30) on August 26th & 27th, September 2nd & 3rd and 9th & 10th to Brunsmann Hall in the Church parking lot.

NEW!! Or if you would prefer, you can also order bottled water from online stores and have it directly delivered to

Loaves and Fishes/ST FRANCIS
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Thank you for responding generously to Jesus' parable, "**When I was thirsty, you gave me drink.**"

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The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
September 9-10, 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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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 95: "If Today..."

Bob Hurd and Joe Bellamy

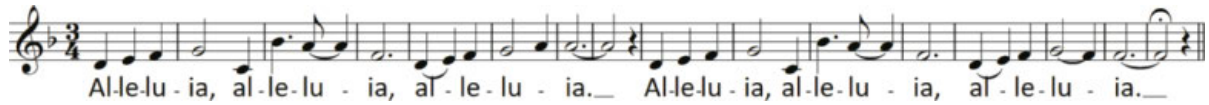
If to day _____ you hear the voice of God, _____ if to day _____ you
hear _____ God's own voice, _____ hard-en not your heart, _____
hard-en not your heart _____ hard-en not your heart _____ to day. _____

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The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Acclamation:

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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:

In Every Age

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

1. Long before the mountains came to be and the land and sea and stars of the night, through the endless seasons of all time, you have always been, you will always be. **(Refrain)**



2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word we return to dust and scatter to the wind. A thousand years are like a single moment gone, as the light that fades at the end of day. **(Refrain)**

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be patient even as we wait. Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain. To sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong. **(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:

There Is a Longing

Anne Quigley

REFRAIN

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O God, for you to re-veal your-self to us. —

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

God save us, take pity, light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

I Want to Praise Your Name

Bob Hurd

Praise with the trumpet, praise with the harp, Praise with the timbrel, the dance and the lyre;
Let everything that has breath give praise to God. **(Refrain)**

REFRAIN

I want to praise your name I want to
sing your good - ness Glo - ry, O God;

1, 2 To Verse Final time
Glo - ry. Glo - ry.

Mountains and valleys, rivers and seas, Stars in the heavens and fish in the deep;
Let all creation give praise to God on high. **(Refrain)**

Mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, All of God's people, the old and the young;
Let all who hunger to do God's will give praise. **(Refrain)**

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