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# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 -THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*O Lord, grant us the grace to respect and care for Your creation.  
Bless all Your creatures as a sign of Your wondrous love,  
Help us to end the suffering of the poor and bring healing to all Your creation,  
Help us to use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage we have  
done to Your Creation and to sustain Your gift of nature.*  
- Prayer of Petition, USCCB

*Season of Creation*  
September 1- October 4



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Sept. 12-  
The Most Holy Name of  
Mary



Sept. 13-  
St. John Chrysostom



Sept. 14- The Exaltation  
of the Holy Cross



Sept 15 - Our Lady of  
Sorrows

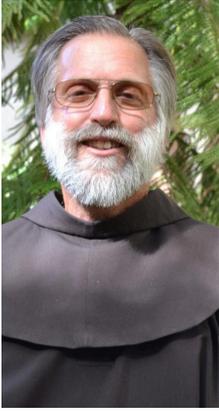


Sept 16- Ss. Cornelius  
and Cyprian



Sept 17 - St. Robert  
Bellarmine, St Hildefard  
of Bingen, Blessed Virgin  
Mary.

## “Catholic Social Teaching: Our Best Kept Secret”



Join us **September 24th from 10 to 11:30 am** for a spirited morning with **Brother Mark Schroeder, OFM.**

With his trademark vibrant style, Brother Mark will introduce us to the history, sources, and practical importance to our lives of the seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. His overview will inaugurate this *Pathways for Justice* series in which we'll dive into a different principle every quarter. **The series will be held both in person in Brunsman Hall and on Zoom. Let us know which you prefer when you register at: [pathwaysforjustice@stfrancisparish.com](mailto:pathwaysforjustice@stfrancisparish.com)**

## WEEKLY READINGS

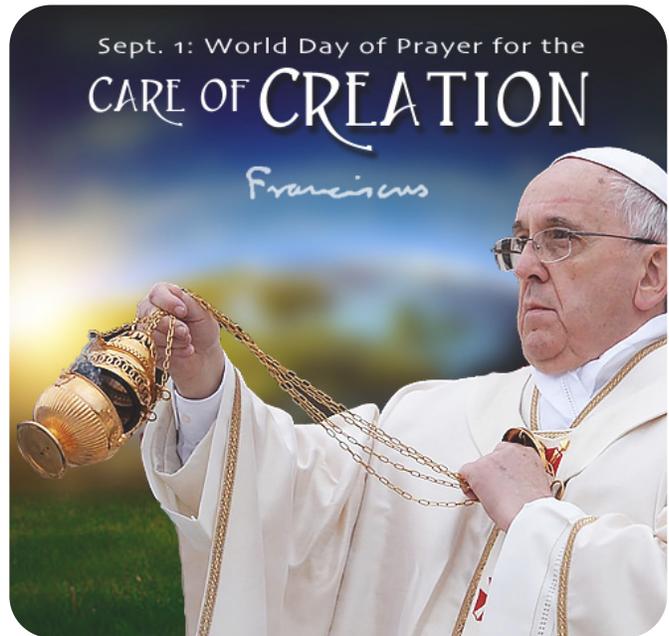
Sun: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]  
Mon: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10  
Tues: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17  
Wed: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Thur: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3  
Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
Sun: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

IN 2015 POPE FRANCIS DECLARED SEPTEMBER 1ST AS THE ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION.

The Pope explained, “The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers... a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” For more information see <http://bit.ly/2bFKRIC>

**BE PRAISED, MY LORD, FOR SISTER EARTH, OUR MOTHER, WHO NOURISHES US AND SUSTAINS US, BRINGING FORTH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES OF MANY KINDS ...**

- Canticle of Creation, St. Francis of Assisi



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**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH  
Gala 2022**

## Thank You!

The St. Francis Gala Committee wishes to thank Fr. Rey, the staff and parishioners for your generous support of the **14th Annual Homecoming Gala** on Saturday, August 27. It was a beautiful evening and a great time was had by all. Special

thanks to our musical entertainment “Who’s Counting,” the hospitable staff of the Hilton Hotel Arden West, and the many volunteers and donors who gave so graciously of their time and treasures to make the event possible. We wish you peace and all good!

*Judy Miranda, Janet Vitt, Jennie Littlewood, Kellie Parades, Rose Richards, Francine Freitas, Melba Hinojosa, Mike Falasco and Clayton Whitehead*

There will be a second collection—the **Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement**—at all Masses this weekend. This is our opportunity to take care of the faithful and dedicated priests who have spent their lives caring for our spiritual and sacramental needs within our Diocese.

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FROM BRO. MARK SCHROEDER, OFM  
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## ... things that have gone missing from your lives ...

Author and musician Jo Anne Taylor writes:

‘Over the past few weeks, we have already seen how Luke’s gospel is filled with examples of the many ways Jesus challenged the status quo. The theme of reversal threads its way throughout Luke’s story, and by now, it should come as no surprise that Jesus is going to flip things topsy-turvy whenever he opens his mouth...

‘The three parables [in this Sunday’s Gospel] all focus on the central theme of the lost getting found, and the joy that is shared in the finding.

‘... As I read these stories again and again, I am struck by the realization that, in order for the lost to be found, it had to belong to someone first. The lost sheep was not a wild sheep that the shepherd happened upon and added to his flock. That sheep had belonged to the shepherd from the beginning, and had strayed away. The coin that the woman lost had been part of her life savings. It belonged to her. When she found it, she rejoiced with her neighbors that something of her very own had been restored to her. When Jesus told these stories, he was describing things that had once been where they belonged, but had somehow gone missing.

‘As you ponder that thought, you might be thinking of things that have gone missing from your life over the years. Maybe you have lost touch with people who were once dear to you. Perhaps you have allowed a broken relationship to remain broken, and you have lost the sense of freedom that comes with forgiving and being forgiven.

‘... You don’t have to run away from God to be lost. Even if you do everything in your own power to be right, you can still be lost. To get found, you have to turn toward God, and away from everything else. Last week, Jesus challenged us to give up everything that matters to us most, in order to put him first and be his true disciple.’



## 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



*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.*

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.



## 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.

## THE FRANCISCAN SAINTS

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

### ST. JUNIPERO SERRA

Franciscan Missionary - 1713-1784

Born in Majorca, Spain, Serra entered the Franciscan order at the age of sixteen. After earning a doctorate in theology, he taught as a professor for many years before volunteering for the missions in New Spain. He spent twenty years in Mexico, then traveled by foot to California, where he spent the rest of his life. From his arrival in 1769 when he founded the mission of San Diego, until his death fifteen years later, he tirelessly traveled the length of California, established nine missions, and baptized many thousands of Indians. "What I should like to be able to do is to affix to their hearts the words, 'Put you on the Lord Jesus Christ.'" Serra's canonization in 2015, the first to take place on North American soil, was not without controversy. Critics raised questions about missionaries' methods used to incorporate Indian converts into the settlements. Defendants praised the protection of the Indians by the missionaries from abuse by secular authorities. Serra died in 1784. He is buried in the sanctuary floor of the Mission San Carlos Borromeo in Carmel.



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## St. Francis of Assisi Parish Women in Conversation



### Back In Person!

Please join us at **9:00 AM on Saturday, September 17th** for our first in-person **Women in Conversation** gathering in over two years. Our 2-hour event combines song, prayer, storytelling, and small group discussions. We will be meeting in Brunsmann Hall. So that we can all stay safe together, masks will be required and, for this first gathering, no refreshments will be served. We hope to see you soon for a wonderful reunion!

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**  
**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Brunsmann Hall**

There is no cost to attend,  
but please RSVP by Wednesday 9/14 to  
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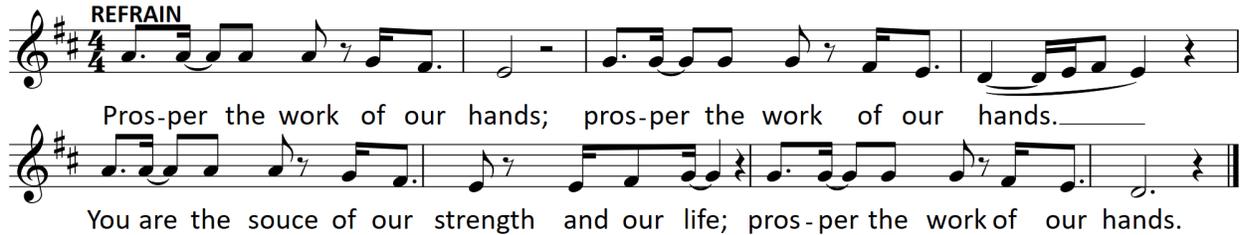
# The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
September 10-11, 2022

## Gathering:

**Prosper the Work of Our Hands** Tom Tomaszek/Tom Booth/Vallimar Jansen

**REFRAIN**



Pros-per the work of our hands; pros-per the work of our hands. \_\_\_\_\_  
You are the souce of our strength and our life; pros-per the work of our hands.

1. Father, we offer to you all that we are and will be. Pour out your mercy and pour out your grace;  
prosper the work of our hands. **(Refrain)**
2. Lord Jesus Christ, light our way; open our eyes to see you. Give us the courage to carry our cross:  
prosper the work of our hands. **(Refrain)**

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## Gloria:

### **Mass of Renewal**

Curtis Stephan

*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 51: "I Will Rise"

Curtis Stephan



I will rise, I will rise, I will rise and go to my fa - ther.

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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 24th 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:

### *Where There is Love*

Bob Hurd

REFRAIN



Where there is love, where mer-cy a- bounds, where jus - tice pre- vails, there sure-ly is God found in our midst, where there is love.

How can we hope to love God, whom we cannot see,  
If we turn our eyes away from brothers and sisters standing in need? **(Refrain)**

We know only one command, one great rule of life:  
To love our God and neighbor with all our heart, with all our might. **(Refrain)**

We have broken the bread of life; we have tested the cup.  
We must go forth to build the kingdom, the new creation fo justice and love. **(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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Communion:

## As We Remember

Rory Cooney

**REFRAIN**

As we re-mem-ber, we are be-com-ing; what we see bro-ken,  
we hope to be. Show us your mer-cy, show us your  
mer-cy, your mer-cy, harsh and love-ly as the sea.

Windfall of waybread scattered on sand, lavished by love we cannot understand. **(Refrain)**

Passover Lamb, slain and consumed, that we be slaves not to tempter nor tomb. **(Refrain)**

Here are our hearts marked with blood of the lamb: death will pass over God's people again. **(Refrain)**

No one rejoices, or suffers alone; meal of the spirit brings many to one. **(Refrain)**

Each has been washed, each is anointed, servant and healer and prophet appointed. **(Refrain)**

Temple not built by muscle and bone: house of the heart that God's people call home. **(Refrain)**

Cup of forgiveness, bread of our peace; children, come home to a parent's embrace. **(Refrain)**

Feast of belonging, feast for the lost; banquet eternal where Christ is the host. **(Refrain)**

Christ in the meal to which we are called points toward the cross and beyond, into God. **(Refrain)**

Love of our Abba, Spirit of Christ, filling your own with the gift of your life. **(Refrain)**

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## Sending Forth:

## City of God

Dan Schutte

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night. **(Refrain)**

**REFRAIN**

Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be turned in-to danc-ing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in-to day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day. The One who has loved us has brightened our way.

The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for all people to set their hearts free. **(Refrain)**

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