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# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 - The Twentieth-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## Season of Creation

September 1- October 4

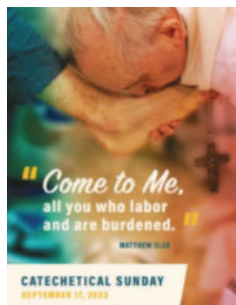
PETER APPROACHED  
JESUS AND ASKED HIM,  
"LORD, IF MY BROTHER  
SINS AGAINST ME,  
HOW OFTEN  
MUST I FORGIVE?  
AS MANY AS  
SEVEN TIMES?"  
JESUS ANSWERED, "I SAY TO YOU,  
NOT SEVEN TIMES  
BUT SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES."

*Matthew 18: 21-22*



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Sept 17 -  
Catechetical Sunday



Sept 19 -  
St. Januarius



Sept 20 -  
Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,  
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and  
Companions



Sept 21 - St. Matthew



Sept 23 - St. Pius



**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](mailto:resume@stfrancisparish.com)**



**Prayer for Priests**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

**The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites you to celebrate Priesthood Sunday on September 24, 2023.**

**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.*



**BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS**  
 Franciscan Theologian  
 (CA. 1266-1308)

John Duns was called Scotus on account of his birth in Scotland. He entered the Franciscans at 15 and was later ordained a priest. After studies in Oxford and Paris, he went on to hold teaching positions in Paris and Cologne, where he was acclaimed as one of the greatest of the Scholastic theologians. Duns Scotus defined God as infinite love. He taught that incarnation was not required as payment for sin, it was willed through eternity as an expression of God's love, and hence God's desire for consummated union with creation.

*Duns Scotus died on November 8, 1308. He was beatified in 1993.*



**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 September 17**

- Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
- Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16



# 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](mailto:steppingstones2016@gmail.com) or Richard at [rah95816@aol.com](mailto: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*

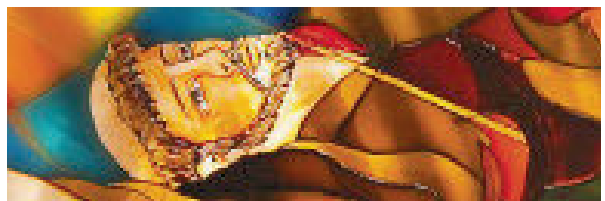
- Salad
- Side Dish/ Deserts (bite size)
- Pop up Tent(s) by 7:30am
- Picnic Food donations - deliver by 9:00am

For all things Picnic, please contact:  
Melba at [steppingstones2016@gmail.com](mailto:steppingstones2016@gmail.com)  
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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.  
 Brunsman Hall



**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!



**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](https://www.stfrancisparish.com/children_formation.htm)

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# The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
September 16-17, 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:

### **Sing Out, Earth and Skies**

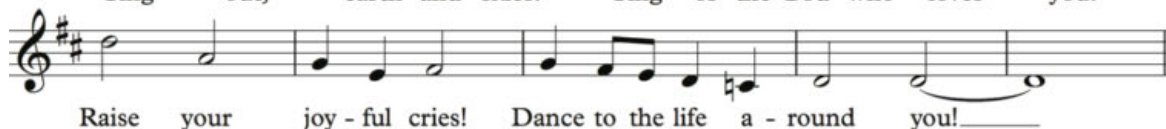
Marty Haugen

**Cantor:** Come, O God of all the earth:

**All:** Come to us, O Righteous One;

**Cantor:** Come and bring our love to birth:

**All:** In the glory of your Son. (Refrain)



**Cantor:** Come, O God of wind and flame:

**All:** Fill the earth with righteousness;

**Cantor:** Teach us all to sing your name:

**All:** May our lives your love confess. (Refrain)

**Cantor:** Come, O God of flashing light:

**All:** Twinkling star and burning sun;

**Cantor:** God of day and God of night:

**All:** In your light we all are one. (Refrain)

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## Kyrie:

### **Mass of Renewal**

Curtis Stephan



## 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 103: "The Lord is Kind and Merciful..."

Jeanne Cotter

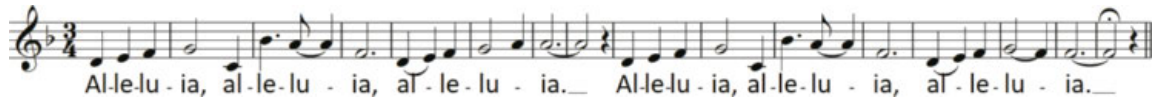


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# The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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:

### **Open My Eyes**

Jesse Manibusan

1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your  
 2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your  
 3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like  
 4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O

1. face. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.  
 2. voice. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.  
 3. you. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.  
 4. Love. I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

**Bridge:** And the first shall be last  
 And our eyes are opened  
 And we'll hear like never before.  
 And we'll speak in new ways,  
 And we'll see God's face  
 In places we've never known.

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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:

## *Come To the Table*

Tony Alonso

### REFRAIN:

Come to the ta - ble of life ev-er last- ing, take this bread and be God's presence.

Come to the ta - ble of hope for all peo ple, take this cup and live in the love of God.

Ev'ry hunger fed, ev'ry thirst is quenched  
In this bread of new life, wine of our peace: Jesus Christ our Lord! **(Refrain)**

When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup,  
We share in your death, we share in your life, until you come in glory. **(Refrain)**

Food from heav'n above, living sign of love,  
Come fill our hearts, come fill our minds with faith, hope and love. **(Refrain)**

Take and eat this bread, take and drink this cup,  
All who eat this bread and drink this cup will never thirst or hunger. **(Refrain)**

Wake us to your call, to seek your face in all  
Who come to your feast, the greatest, the least, the presence of your love! **(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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Do you like to sing? **Come join the choir** as we prepare for Advent and Christmas!  
Commitment is a Rehearsal on Tuesday evenings at **7:00pm**  
and rehearsal one hour before 5:15pm Mass or 9:30pm Mass.  
Contact John Iosefa at [johni@stfrancisparish.com](mailto:johni@stfrancisparish.com) for more details and come talk to us after Mass!

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