

Cherishing Our Franciscan Tradition



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 - The Twentieth-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Matthew 16:20

"THUS, THE LAST WILL BE FIRST,
AND THE FIRST WILL BE LAST."

Season of Creation

September 1- October 4



USCCB.org Season of Creation
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Matthew 18: 21-22

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Sun -
Priesthood Sunday



Sept. 26 - Sts. Cosmas and Damian,
Martyrs



Sept. 27
St. Vincent de Paul



Sept 28 - St. Lawrence
Ruiz and Companions;
St. Wenceslaus



Sept 29 - Ss. Michael,
Gabriel, and Raphael



Sept 30 -
St. Jerome



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



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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. ANGELA MERICI
 Founder of the Ursulines,
 Third Order Franciscan
 (1474-1540)

Born in Lombardy and orphaned at an early age, Angela Merici became a Franciscan tertiary and embraced a life of prayerful simplicity. After she had settled in Brescia, she had a group of 28 women prepare to consecrate themselves with her to God's service. Angela devised a simple rule for her community, and did not conceive of them as a religious order. The members wore no habits and took no vows and continued to live with their families rather than behind and enclosure. By the time of her death on January 27, 1540, Angela was revered as a living saint in Brescia.

"Do now what you'll wish you had done when your moment comes to die."



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 24

- Sun: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
- Mon: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
- Tue: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
- Wed: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
- Thu: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
- Fri: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
- Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: 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

"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 ...

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. We will celebrate the feast of St. Francis on Wednesday, October 4th at the 12:10 Mass.

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

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
<http://stfrancisparish.com/PDF/2023-ParishPicnicFlier.pdf>



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

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



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.

FRANCISFEST '24



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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.

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The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
September 23-24, 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 You Works of God

Marty Haugen

REFRAIN

All you works of God, ev - 'ry moun - tain, star and tree, bless the One.
— who shapes your beau - ty, who has caused you all to be one great song of love and
grace, ev - er an - cient ev - er new. Raise your voic - es, all you works of God!—

Cantor/Choir: Sun and moon:	All: Bless your Maker!
Cantor/Choir: Stars of heaven:	All: Chant your praise!
Cantor/Choir: Showers and dew:	All: Raise up your joyful song. (Refrain)
Cantor/Choir: Winds of God:	All: Bless your Maker!
Cantor/Choir: Cold and winter:	All: Chant your praise!
Cantor/Choir: Snowstorms and ice:	All: Raise up your joyful song. (Refrain)

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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 145: "The Lord is Near..."

Jesse Manibusan

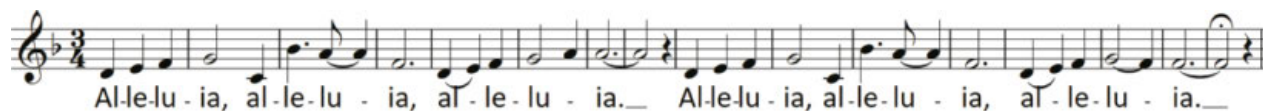
The Lord is near_ to all_ who call_ up - on_ him.

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The 25th 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:

The Summons

KELVINGROVE, John L. Bell

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name. Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

God, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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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. (x2)

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

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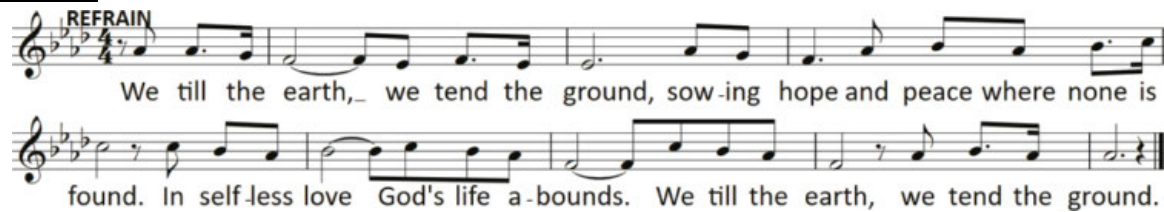
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Communion:

Tend the Ground

Curtis Stephan



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We till the earth, we tend the ground, sowing hope and peace where none is
found. In self-less love God's life abounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts let us receive
These gifts of love, and make return to bless the world, to bless the world. **(Refrain)**

All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope.
The rocks cry out and praises ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing! **(Refrain)**

With open hand our Lord has given his life for all that we might live.
No greater love is there than this, no greater love, no greater love. **(Refrain)**

Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, trampling upon the fledgling seed.
Help us to tend to others' needs, open our eyes, open our eyes. **(Refrain)**

On rocky paths and trodden roads, Lord, clear the ground where thorns have grown.
Give us the grace to follow you. Make straight the way, make straight the way. **(Refrain)**

Let plows be forged from swords that kill. Let tools of war be shaped to till
And break the hard and stony ground. Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace. **(Refrain)**

Let mercy fall on us like rain to clear the air and heal the pain.
Where sin has broken bonds of love let mercy reign, let mercy reign. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Rain Down

Jaime Cortez



REFRAIN
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth. **(Refrain)**

God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you. **(Refrain)**

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