

OCTOBER 17, 2021

• TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Text to Give: (833) 938-2034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

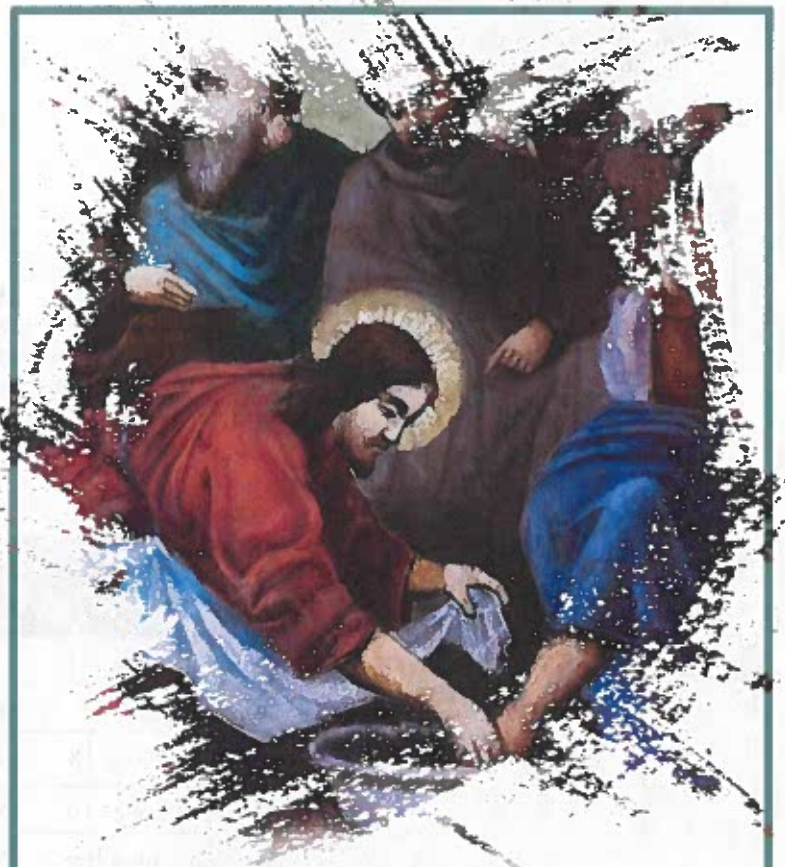
PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Rob Adams

Deacon: Dcn. Joe Jacobs

Administrative Assistant: Becky Griffith

Custodian: Lisa Scalf



**"WHOEVER WISHES TO BE GREAT AMONG YOU WILL BE
YOUR SERVANT; WHOEVER WISHES TO BE FIRST
AMONG YOU WILL BE THE SLAVE OF ALL."**

- MK 10:43-44

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

10-10-2021.....	\$1,781
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
Surplus/ Deficit	\$919
YTD Offertory.....	\$39,331
Budget.....	\$40,500
Surplus/ Deficit	\$1,169
10-10-2021 Building Fund.....	\$240

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We currently owe \$66,793 on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



Isaiah 53:10-11
 Hebrews 4:14-16
 Mark 10:35-45

True greatness (holiness) is found in serving one another and by giving ourselves as did Jesus who suffered that we might be justified. He is our compassionate high priest in whom we have placed our hope.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1064

Happy Sunday!

I wanted to remind everyone that we will be having an outreach planning meeting on Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. While we will certainly have time to discuss some new ideas, we will need to figure out the situation on our Christmas giveaway. Please come with any helpful suggestions and be ready to be helpful!

Fr. Rob

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a Eucharistic family of Catholic Christians. Nourished by the sacraments and guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim Jesus Christ and the Good News of salvation. Following the spirit of the Gospel, St. Francis parish provides continous religious education and spiritual growth for all parishioners, varied opportunities for social enrichment, and support for the needs of families in Pike County, our nation and the world.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, October 16	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Jim Altman
Sunday, October 17	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, October 18	No Mass	
Tuesday, October 19	No Mass	
Wednesday, October 20	No Mass	
Thursday, October 21	Noon Mass	+Lucy Ewer
Friday, October 22	Noon Mass @ St. George Church	
Saturday, October 23	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Fredrick Ewer
Sunday, October 24	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

POOR BOX: During the month of September 2021 we collected \$88 in the poor box to assist the ministry of Helping Hands! Thank you!



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“What do you wish me to do for you?”

Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER - Missionary Disciples - We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege. ©LPi

PSYCHICS AND MEDIUMS

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: “Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone” (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us. ©LPi

OUTREACH MEETING: There will be an outreach meeting, Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Discussions will be about the Christmas giveaway and any other ideas for outreach. Please come with any helpful suggestions and be ready to be helpful!



Tim Deskins, cancer

Tina Dawahare Fields, cousin of Frank Dawahare, cancer

Nancy Goss

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

Steve McCoy, stroke, Lisa Scalf's Cousin

Ron Saros

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry and Helen Altman

Carol Rashella

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50

Can You Drink the Cup?

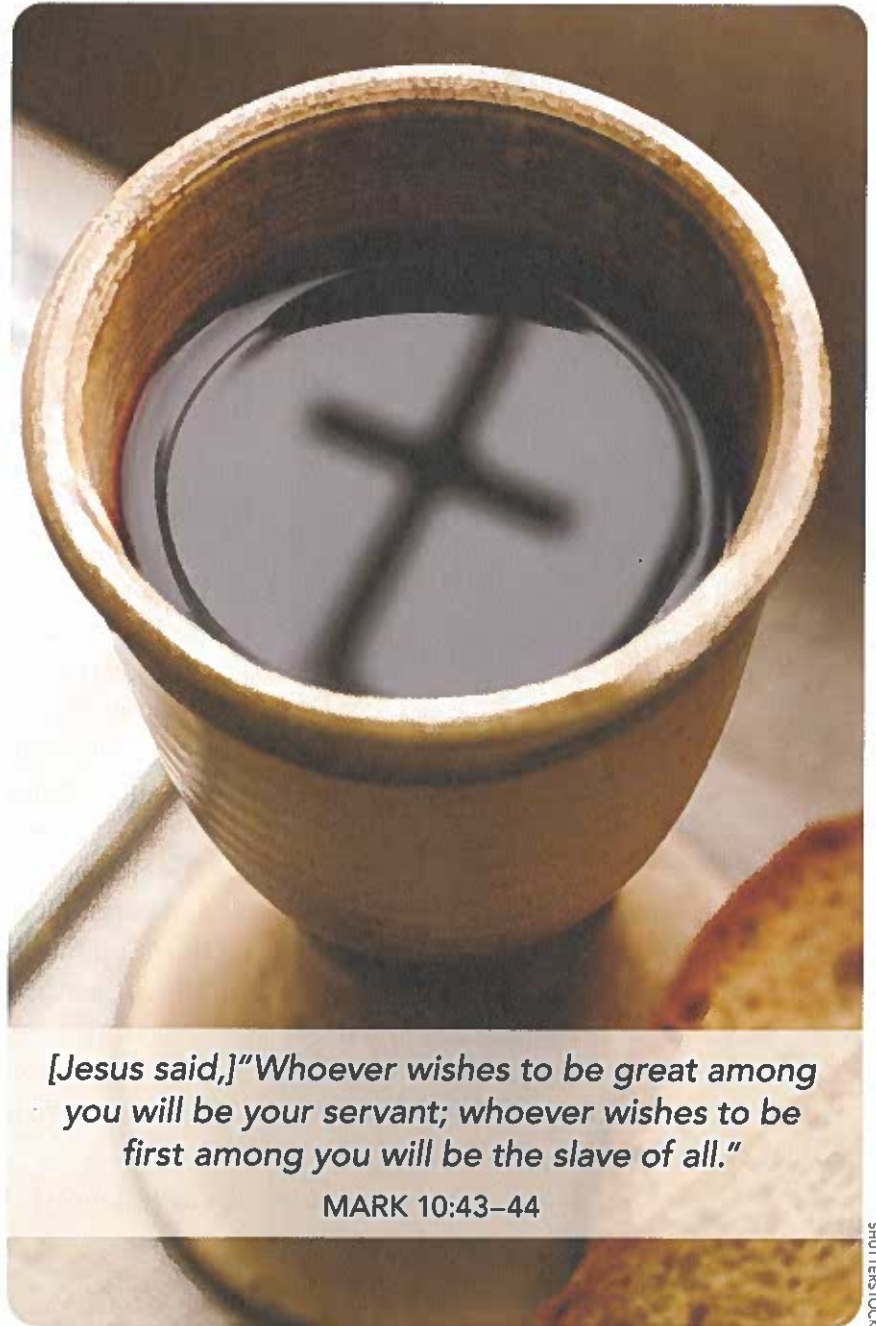
That is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honor. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish...my servant, the just one, shall justify the many" (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role?

Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,] "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

MARK 10:43–44

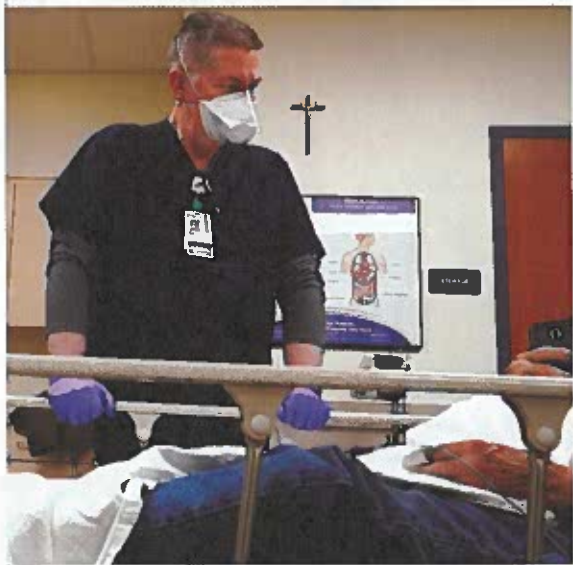
FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Think of times when the welfare of another made you forget about yourself.*
- ✦ *Do you always seek praise? Are you indignant when others are praised? What can you do about this?*

Dear Padre,

Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?

You did the right thing. The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see page xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople



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who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for

the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels and parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the cathedra (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred chrism are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The way of service is the most effective antidote against the disease of seeking first place....Therefore, as disciples of Christ, let us receive this Gospel passage as a call to conversion, in order to witness with courage and generosity a Church that bows at the feet of the least, in order to serve them with love and simplicity.

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 21, 2018

Calendar

- Monday**
OCTOBER 18
St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday**
OCTOBER 19
Sts. John de Brébeuf
and Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday**
OCTOBER 20
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday**
OCTOBER 21
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48
- Friday**
OCTOBER 22
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday**
OCTOBER 23
Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday**
OCTOBER 24
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 31:7-9
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52

