

JANUARY 14, 2024

SECOND 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.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a



Sunday Offertory

12-25-2023.....\$8,205
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$5,505

YTD Offertory.....\$79,705
 Budget.....\$70,200
Surplus/Deficit.....\$9,505

12-31-2023.....\$3,081
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$381

YTD Offertory.....\$82,786
 Budget.....\$72,900
Surplus/Deficit.....\$9,886

01/07-2023.....\$2,637
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$63

YTD Offertory.....\$85,423
 Budget.....\$75,600
Surplus/Deficit.....\$9,823



1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

Through baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples. How well do we listen to his voice? How willing are we to do his will?

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 983

From the Pastor's Desk....

Hi everyone!

I wanted to let everyone know that we will be starting RCIA on Sunday, January 21 at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome!

Our first reading today tells the story of God calling the future prophet Samuel. A few things always stick out to me when I read this story. The first thing is that God calls in silence. Samuel only hears the Lord's voice in the night, when all the noise fades away. There is something about silence that allows us to hear God.

The second thing that sticks out to me is the figure of Eli. We like to think of Eli as a wise old priest, but he did not have a stellar reputation. His sons defiled the priesthood and the shrine at Shiloh. Eli did nothing to stop them. It almost reminds me of the priest abuse crisis of today. And yet, even the very broken figure of Eli is able to recognize the voice of God. He still points Samuel in the right direction. Even when our priests (including me!) Make mistakes and let us down, let's remember that God still used a broken priest to raise up Samuel as a prophet for the people.

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 13	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Purity Thomas
Sunday, January 14	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, January 15	No Mass	
Tuesday, January 16	Noon Mass Schwenk Family	Ken and Anna Mae
Wednesday, January 17	No Mass	
Thursday, January 18	No Mass	
Friday, January 19	Noon Mass	Angela Weindenbenner
Saturday, January 20	5:00 pm Vigil Mass Lora Murphy	+Aline McKasson and
Sunday, January 21	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Daniel McKasson

Parish Calendar & Announcements

DIRECTORY UPDATE: We received the draft which required a couple of corrections. Those have been made and sent back. Now we await for the new draft. Thank you for your patience!

LECTOR ROTATION - Below are the name and dates of the lector rotation.

01/14 Joseph Mata
 01/21 Lindsay May
 01/28 Lauren Vanderpool
 02/04 David Hicks
 02/11 Russ Cassidy
 02/18 Doyle May
 02/25 Steve Misczanski
 03/03 Sidney Cline

"If you cannot make your assigned date, feel free to contact a fill in for yourself or contact Sidney Cline at 606-424-8118".

ROSARY - We will be meeting at noon the first Saturday of each month to say the Rosary.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
 ENCOURAGE DEEPER
 UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature.

It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.—
 Father John Muir ©LPi

CIVIL RIGHTS DAY

In Catholic social tradition, "rights" correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities.

St. John Paul II writes, "every man is his 'brother's keeper', because God entrusts us to one another" ("Evangelium Vitae," 19). In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life. Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold human dignity and support true human flourishing.



- Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad
- Terry A. Williams, Becky Griffith's brother in law (lung cancer)
- Jimmie Goss
- Tim Deskins
- Christine Misczanski, Steve Misczanski's mother
- Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother
- Ryan Altman, Helen Altman's grandson
- Steve Misczanski, Sr. (cancer)
- Erica Hunt, Lisa Scalf's friend (kidney failure)
- Deacon Dirck Curry
- Frank Shortridge, Becky Griffith's brother (ALS)
- John Flieman, stroke
- Chona Curry
- Terry Williams
- Wanda Baker
- Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son
- Sandy Lowe, cancer
- Ron Saros
- Kenny Blackburn
- Helen Altman
- Margarita Gomez
- Fran Sykes

VOTIVE CANDLES:

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



A Haunting Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“What are you looking for?” asks Jesus of the two disciples who come to see who he is and what he is about. They are Jesus’ first words in John’s Gospel, and that’s what the entire Gospel of John is about, an answer to that piercing question.

I spent the week living with that question, never really finding an answer that seemed to fit, or perhaps I got too many answers, all of them somehow falling short. Why do I spend an hour early each morning sitting in the silence? I read some Scripture, but then mostly I sit with the silence. Many are the times when my mind drifts to other times and places and daydreams. Sometimes the silence is scattered with boredom; at other times it stumbles with prayerful words; and sometimes in the silence I look for answers to the plaguing whys of life. Mostly, though, I sit in the silence. I’d like to call it prayer, but then I wonder if I’m simply floundering in wishful thinking. So I return to that haunting question—“What are you looking for?”

I think perhaps the answer is similar to what I look for when I gather with friends. Sometimes the get-together is engaging, but not always. Sometimes it is memorable, but not always. Sometimes we just hang out, and that can be enough. Ultimately relationships keep me grounded. That also is why I spend time in the silence. It’s what I’m looking for when I pray—to be in relationship with God, to be grounded lest I drift away and grow lost. ●

**[Eli] said to Samuel,
“Go to sleep, and if you are
called, reply, ‘Speak, LORD,
for your servant is listening.’”**

1 SAMUEL 3:9

Reflect

*When you pray,
what are you looking for?*



Dear Padre,

If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

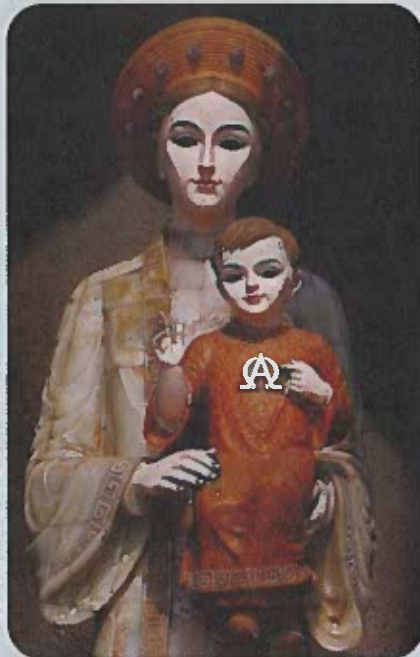
The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●



FRESCO OF APOSTLE ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST BY PIETRO GAGLIARDI / RENATA SEDMAKOVA

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



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May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.

**ANGELUS, ROME,
JANUARY 17, 2021**

MONDAY

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

TUESDAY

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

WEDNESDAY

January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,
40–51

Mk 3:1–6

THURSDAY

January 18

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

FRIDAY

January 19

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

SATURDAY

January 20

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19,
23–27

Mk 3:20–21

SUNDAY

January 21

*Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Jon 3:1–5, 10

1 Cor 7:29–31

Mk 1:14–20

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