

OCTOBER 24, 2021

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

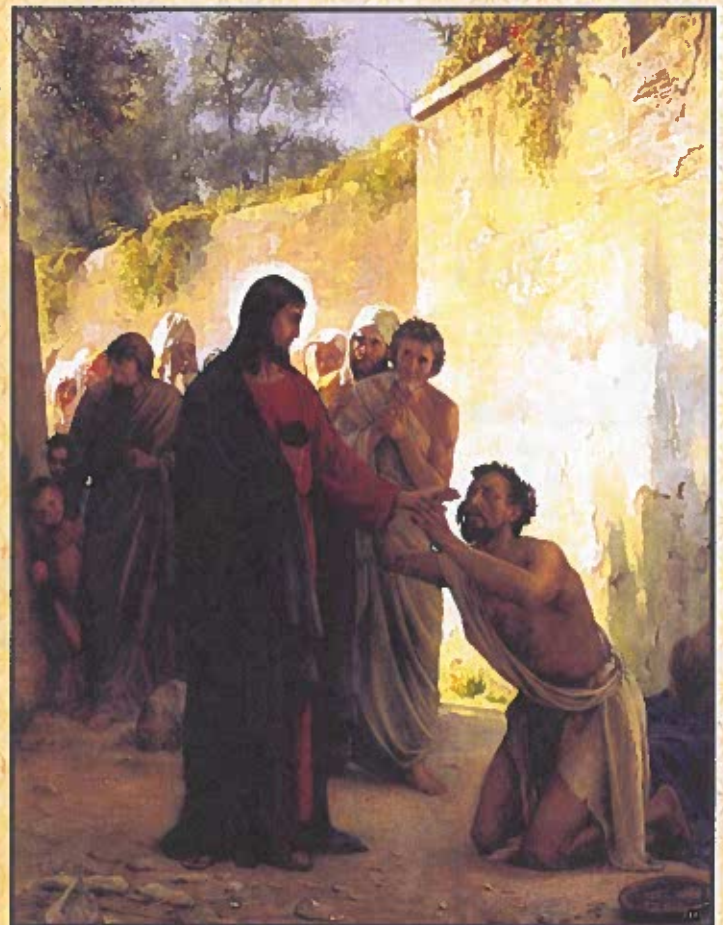
PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Rob Adams

Deacon: Dcn. Joe Jacobs

Administrative Assistant: Becky Griffith

Custodian: Lisa Scalf



30th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

10-17-2021.....\$1,843
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
 Surplus/Deficit.....\$857

YTD Offertory.....\$41,174
 Budget.....\$43,200
 Surplus/Deficit.....\$2,026

10-17-2021 Building Fund.....\$0

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



Jeremiah 31:7-9
 Hebrews 5:1-6
 Mark 10:46-52

An "oracle of consolation" regarding the restoration of Israel finds its fulfillment in the person of Jesus, our merciful high priest. His healing of the blind man witnesses to the inauguration of the kingdom.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1067

Happy Sunday Morning,

Thanks to everyone who came out to our meeting last Thursday evening! This year, we hope to provide Christmas gifts and groceries to 20 local families. We will also be trying to help local veterans and other charities.

If everything goes according to plan, I would like to have these outreach meetings on a quarterly basis. That way, we can debrief on how things have been going and have a forum to bring up new ideas in front of a group.

Stay tuned for more info about outreach opportunities!

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 continuous 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 23	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Fredrick Ewer
Sunday, October 24	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, October 25	No Mass	
Tuesday, October 26	Noon Mass	+Jim Altman
Wednesday, October 27	Noon Mass	+Drew and Lexi Dreggors
Thursday, October 28	Noon Mass	+Vivian Parlier
Friday, October 29	Noon Mass @ St. George Church	
Saturday, October 30	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	Intentions of Melba Schmidt
Sunday, October 31	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation. ©LPI

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.

COMMUNION & MORTAL SIN

Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be. ©LPI



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

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you."

MARK 10:49



SHUTTERSTOCK

Shout with Joy

After the previous Sunday's focus on suffering, today's readings depict excitement. Refugees are coming home. They had been locked away and now they are free. These were vulnerable people that others did not value. Now they are going home. They have been gathered in God's embrace. Who wouldn't rejoice?

The Gospel tells of one man who is blind and begging. However, his blindness did not prevent him

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *What is your attitude toward those who do not fit into society's structures? Can you be the face of Jesus for them?*
- ✦ *How have you been blessed by God's gathering-in of those who have suffered?*

from seeing. He seems to have known who Jesus was and that Jesus could help him. And so, he cries out, "Have pity on me" (Mark 10:47). This man was begging outside of the city. Because of his blindness, he was shunned and rendered unemployable. All that was left for him was to beg—and beg he did. Not for money, but for sight. Jesus very clearly tells him that his faith saved him. Only then was the man healed. He had believed that Jesus has the power of new life. Like the people in the first reading, he was given a chance for a new life. No longer was he an outcast; he could now join the community. No longer was he confined to begging. He could now flourish in life.

These are not merely awe-inspiring stories. As disciples we have been called to continue Jesus' ministry in our lives—to embrace those who are lost and help them find the warmth and security of home. We are called to help those struggling with life's hardships to see the compassion of Jesus.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

Why does Jesus refer to himself as the Son of Man? What does the title mean?

Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man seventy-six times in the Gospels, so it's clearly one of his favorite titles. When people call him the Messiah, Jesus often corrects them by calling himself the Son of Man. That title has at least three meanings: the Son of Man in all his humanity, the suffering Son of Man, and the Son of Man who will come again.

Jesus uses the title to stress his true humanity and identify with us. Jesus as Son of Man must suffer and die. Every time Jesus prophesies about his death, it is as the Son of Man. Jesus connects the title with his passion and death, linking it to Isaiah 53, the great Song of the Suffering Servant. Also, in using that title Jesus is explicitly saying that he is the one fulfilling those prophecies of Isaiah and Daniel, as when he said in the synagogue, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21).

The Son of Man is God's powerful representative (Daniel 7:13) coming to establish the kingdom of God. To do so, the Son of Man suffers, dies, and rises. That one title, Son of Man, summarizes much of Jesus' work of redemption. He became fully human, suffering and dying to establish the kingdom of God.

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



CHRIST AS THE GARDENER (DETAIL), TITIAN / WIKIMEDIA

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In the biblical tradition, the Son of Man is the one who receives from God "dominion, glory, and kingship" (Daniel 7:14). Jesus fills this image with new meaning. He shows us that he enjoys dominion because he is a servant, glory because he is capable of abasement, kingship because he is fully prepared to lay down his life.

HOMILY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

Calendar

Monday OCTOBER 25 Weekday Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday OCTOBER 26 Weekday Rom 8:18-25 Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday OCTOBER 27 Weekday Rom 8:26-30 Lk 13:22-30
Thursday OCTOBER 28 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16
Friday OCTOBER 29 Weekday Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6
Saturday OCTOBER 30 Weekday Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday OCTOBER 31 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34

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BOXES OF LOVE

Community Dinner Boxes (in partnership with First Christian Church)

Each family served will be receiving a box of groceries that will include:

- 1 Can each of Green Beans, Corn, and Peas
- 1 Can of Beans or 1 Bag of Beans
- 1 Bag of Rice
- 1 Box of Spaghetti (or other pasta) and 1 Can of Tomato Sauce
- 2 Boxes of Macaroni and Cheese or 3 Bags of Ramon Noodles
- 1 Jar of Peanut Butter and 1 Jar of Jelly
- 2 Cans of Tuna
- 3 Cans of Soup (assorted)
- 1 Can of Fruit

PLEASE DROP OFF FOOD BOXES AT THE WEEKEND MASSES OR THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION AND PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED.

