

JUNE 9, 2024

TENTH 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.





From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

05-26-2024.....\$3,810
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$1,110

YTD
 Offertory.....\$149,091
 Budget.....\$129,600
Surplus/Deficit.....\$19,491

06-02-2024.....\$3,320
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$620

YTD
 Offertory.....\$152,411
 Budget.....\$132,300
Surplus/Deficit.....\$20,111



Genesis 3:9-15
2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1
Mark 3:20-35

With the Lord there is mercy and redemption for the reign of sin has come to an end in the person of Jesus. Hence we must never lose heart for we believe we shall be raised up with him.

**Readings may be found
 in the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 1007**

Happy Sunday everyone!

I want to thank everyone for a beautiful Corpus Christi procession last week. I was really happy with how it turned out. If people are interested, I would love to do some more processions on big feast days.

This week we finally enter into the normal Sundays in Ordinary Time. This week, we are in the 10th week of Ordinary Time. Our readings focus a lot on Satan. I think we don't talk enough about the devil anymore. I see tons of videos, lectures and books on Satan, but none of them really convinced me of much. This weekend, I would like to speak about the devil - the person of Satan in the Bible, the Church's teaching on Satan, and what this means for us in our daily walk of faith.

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, June 8	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Jun Jun Operario
Sunday, June 9	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, June 10	No Mass	
Tuesday, June 11	Noon Mass	+Darlene Drabing
Wednesday, June 12	Noon Mass	+Shirley Bische
Thursday, June 13	Noon Mass	Intentions of Katie Lawrence
Friday, June 14	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Saturday, June 15	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Ruel Parlier
Sunday, June 16	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Patsy Morrell

Parish Calendar & Announcements

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

6/9 Doyle May
6/16 Steve Misczanski
6/23 Sidney Cline
6/30 Joseph Mata

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

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

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: "How can Satan cast out Satan?" To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we're honest, our response to some degree is: "How else can we cast him out? Satan is precisely how we cast out Satan!" But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here's what I mean.

Satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. "I'll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy." "She's already trying to get ahead of me." "That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs." And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind's sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus' cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of "casting out Satan by Satan" and ushers in a new one he calls "the Kingdom of God." He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love.

The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the "stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house." This week let's notice the ways we "cast out Satan by Satan," and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand. — Father John Muir ©LPi

PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer of Identity

Dear God,

In the garden You asked, "Who told you that you were naked?" Who told me all kinds of things about myself — lists of flaws and failures a mile high.

It wasn't You. Plant Your truth inside of me. Speak to me about how You see me. Remind me that I am Yours, chosen from eternity for You. Amen. ©LPi

POOR BOX - Money collected during January through April, 2024 in the amount of \$769.26 to assist the ministry of Helping Hands. Thank you for your continued support.



EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE - Peter and Eileen Kummant and Isaiah from St. Martha's are planning to drive up to Indianapolis for the initial ceremonies Wednesday and the first Full day of the Eucharistic Conference, driving back Friday morning. We have room in the car for three or four people if you would like to carpool. If you are going and you already have other arrangements, or are staying longer, we would love to get together with you up there for lunch or dinner. Call Eileen at 412-310-1406.



Terry Williams, Becky Griffith's brother in law - (pray that he will be able to have the lung removed)

Mary Jo Potensky, Mary Ann Sisco's cousin

Terry Reed, cancer and kidney failure

Sharon Collins, cancer

Alex Wells, car accident

Sidney Tackett

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Jimmie Goss

Tim Deskins

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Erica Hunt, Lisa Scalf's friend (kidney failure)

John Fliehman, stroke

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Kenny Blackburn

Helen Altman

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS - FOR MIGRANTS FLEEING THEIR HOMES - We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

VOTIVE CANDLES:

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



“Where Are You At?”

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

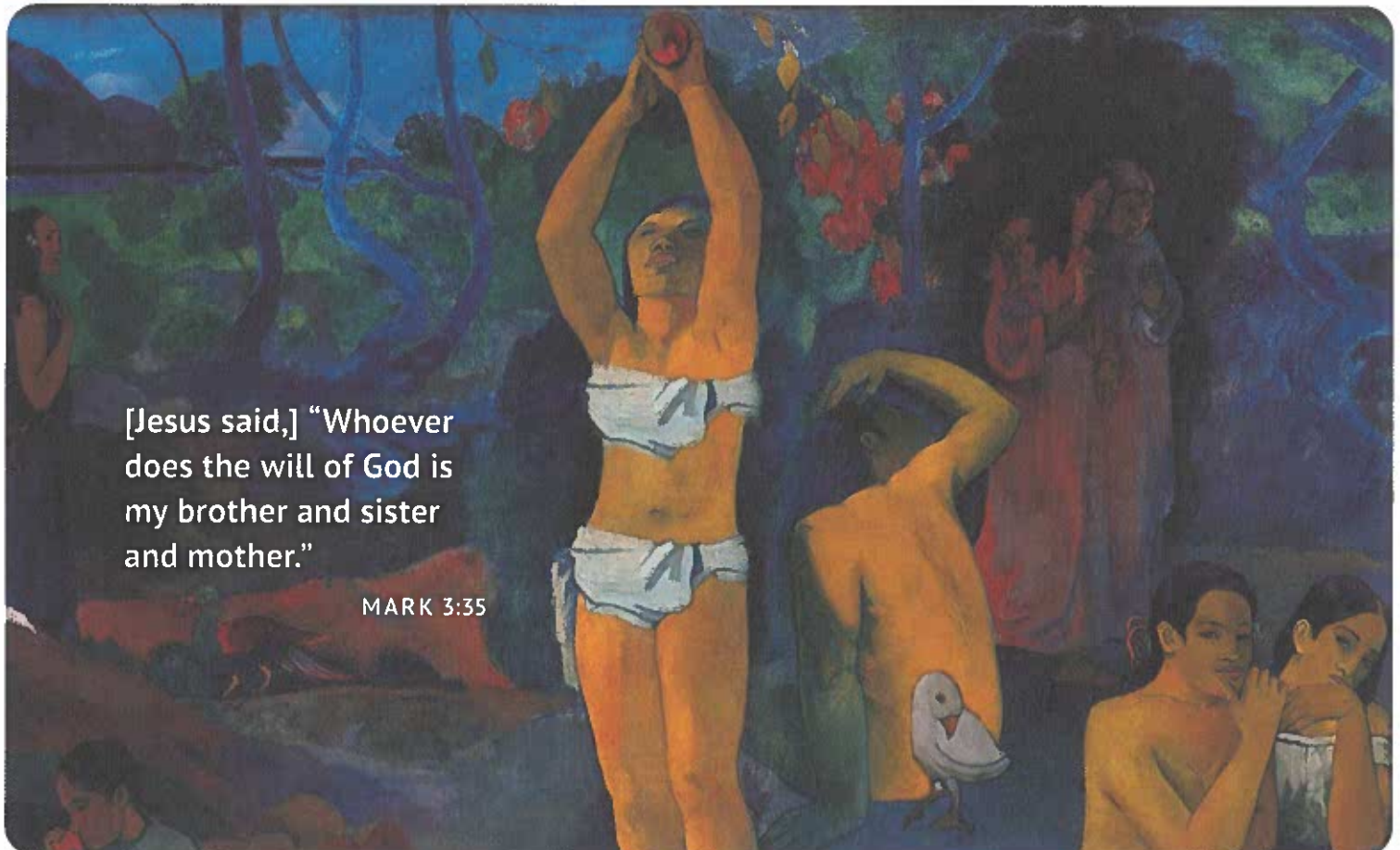
Paul Gauguin, a Post-Impressionist painter from France (1848–1903), lived part of his life in Tahiti, which inspired his artistic work. His last piece is titled *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?* It depicts Tahitian women in various daily activities of life—a child, a young adult, and an old woman approaching death. (See detail in the art below.) Gauguin’s middle question, “What Are We?” is similar to God’s question of Adam in the Garden, “Where are you?” In contemporary jargon, both questions may echo our asking someone, “Where are you at?” It’s not about where our body may be, but rather where our spirit is, where our heart is.

Like Adam, some can find themselves hiding from

God. That may be where they are “at.” All too often, the reason we hide from God is because we forget or choose not to remember where we come from—birthed by God into life. When we hide, whether from God, from our better selves, or from the demands and expectations of life, then we find ourselves frozen, going nowhere, failing to become the person God created us to be. Sin does that to us. It turns us in upon ourselves in a way that prevents us from growing into a full life. With sin in charge, our spirits become petrified, like dead wood, an image of what once was but will be no more. Where are you at? ●

Reflect

How would you answer Gauguin’s three questions?



[Jesus said,] “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

MARK 3:35

Dear Padre,

What is original sin?

Original sin is the sin that occurred at the origins of the human race. “Although he was made by God in a state of holiness, from the very onset of his history man abused his liberty, at the urging of the Evil One. Man set himself against God and sought to attain his goal apart from God” (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, [*Gaudium et Spes*], 13).

According to Genesis, a world of beauty was deformed by sin. The first two chapters tell how God created all things, including people, and saw that they were “very good.” However, in chapter three, Adam rejects God and separates himself from God. Adam tries to hide from God, blames Eve for his sin, and experiences the pangs of guilt.

From this original sin, a host of evils followed, resulting in division, pain, bloodshed, loneliness, and death. The reality that this tragic, familiar narrative points to is a basic part of our experience. It is the teaching of the Church that every mortal born into this world, except the Virgin Mary, is affected by original sin. This means that each “descendant of Adam” (including us) is created without sanctifying grace and is subject to the inclination to sin and to death. Each of us needs redemption through the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus formed a new family....All those who welcome Jesus' word are children of God and brothers and sisters among themselves. Welcoming the word of Jesus makes us brothers and sisters, makes us Jesus' family. Speaking ill of others, destroying others' reputations, makes us the devil's family.

ANGELUS, JUNE 10, 2018



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MONDAY

June 10

Weekday

1 Kgs 17:1-6

Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY

June 11

St. Barnabas,

Apostle

Acts 11:21b-26;

13:1-3

Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY

June 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 18:20-39

Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY

June 13

St. Anthony of

Padua, Priest and

Doctor of the
Church

1 Kgs 18:41-46

Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY

June 14

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16

Mt 5:27-32

SATURDAY

June 15

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:19-21

Mt 5:33-37

SUNDAY

June 16

Eleventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34

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