

JANUARY 23, 2022

THIRD 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



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*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18



## From the Pastor's Desk....

### Sunday Offertory

01-16-2022.....	\$910
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$1,790
YTD Offertory.....	\$82,404
Budget.....	\$78,300
<b>Surplus/Deficit.....</b>	<b>\$4,104</b>
01-16-2022 Building Fund.....	\$50

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** We currently owe **\$53,787** on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30  
 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. In him we have become one body with many members.

**Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 987**

I'm very sad that we had to cancel Mass last Sunday! The temperature was hovering around 33 degrees here at the church, and the rain could have turned to ice at any moment.

As a parish, we did everything we could to let people know, but there were still folks who didn't get our information. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to please download our stfrancispikeville app on Apple and Android and turn on notifications. Otherwise, we do our best to update our Google search information and our Facebook page.

Since we are in mission territory, the situation could arise where we have to communicate with everyone. In the old days, we could do this by phone trees and word of mouth. However, I'm sure most of use our smartphone to do lots of things, and you can get update wherever you may be. Let's all work together to stay in touch!

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, January 22	5:00 pm Mass	+Daniel McKasson
Sunday, January 23	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, January 24	No Mass	
Tuesday, January 25	Noon Mass	+Charles Schmidt
Wednesday, January 26	Noon Mass	+Archie Murphy
Thursday, January 27	No Mass	+Mary Coorseen
Friday, January 28	Mass at St. George	
Saturday, January 29	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Evelyn Dawahare
Sunday, January 30	10:30 am Mass	For the People

# Parish Calendar & Announcements

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

January 23, 2022

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. LPi

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY  
MOMENTS**

**Plant Your Works in the Word**

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Deacon Dirck Curry, healing

Sister Kathy Avery

Barbara Kiser

Tim Deskins, cancer

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

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

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2022 - Human Fraternity** - May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**VOTIVE CANDLES:**

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



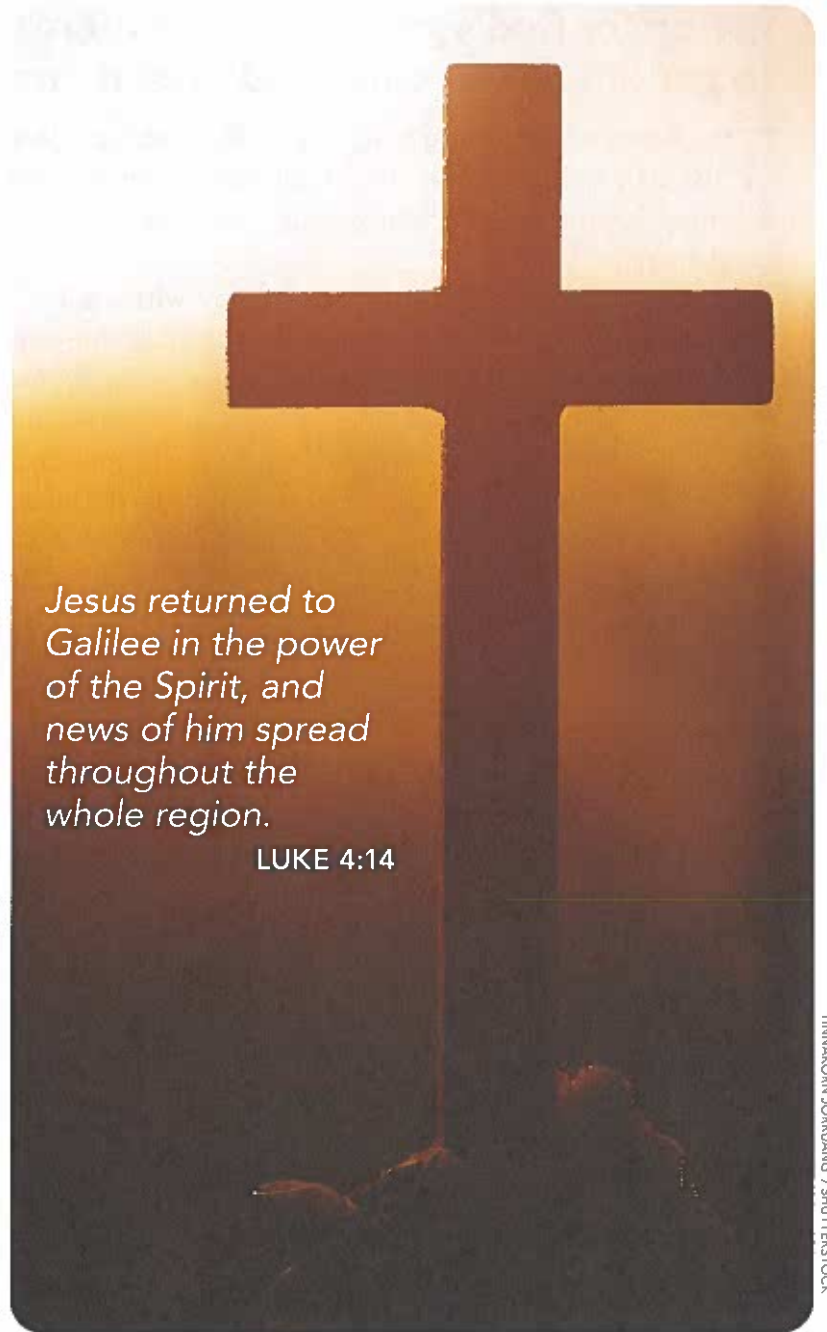
## Fulfilled in Your Hearing

**W**hen we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy. However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's Gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change which would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*



*Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.*

LUKE 4:14

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### FOR *Reflection*

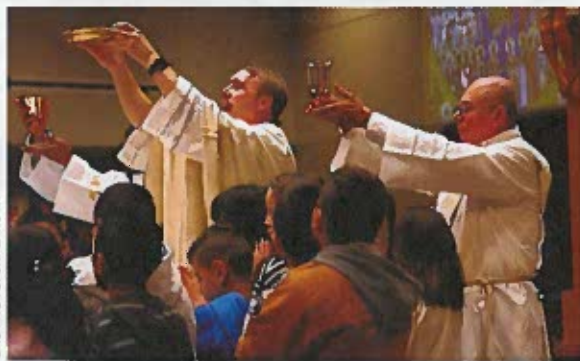
- \* *In many ways the Second Vatican Council reapplied our faith. How has your understanding of how to apply our faith changed in your lifetime?*
- \* *Is there anything that you think still should change? Why do you think this?*

# Dear Padre,

**In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus' Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God's gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?**

**T**he Mass is all about giving thanks for God's forgiveness of sins and His plan for eternal life. In fact, *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek word meaning "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn't usually make frightening appearances to us



accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in

these forms, we become what we receive. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ.

When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord's Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

*Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord...in the Eucharistic celebration.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, DECEMBER 13, 2017

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

2 Sm 5:1–7, 10

Mk 3:22–30

### Tuesday

JANUARY 25

The Conversion of  
St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3–16

or Acts 9:1–22

Mk 16:15–18

### Wednesday

JANUARY 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus,  
Bishops

2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5

Mk 4:1–20

### Thursday

JANUARY 27

Weekday

2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29

Mk 4:21–25

### Friday

JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church

2 Sm 11:1–4a,

5–10a, 13–17

Mk 4:26–34

### Saturday

JANUARY 29

Weekday

2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17

Mk 4:35–41

### Sunday

JANUARY 30

Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4–5, 17–19

1 Cor 12:31–13:13

or 13:4–13

Lk 4:21–30





# The synod for a synodal church Begins Listening Phase!

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. has announced that he will be attending six deanery-level listening sessions as the Diocese of Lexington begins the listening phase of the Synod for a Synodal Church. Please encourage your community to attend one of these sessions! The schedule is as follows:

- > Fayette (January 30) Holy Spirit Parish/Lexington • 2:30 pm
- > Bluegrass West (February 6) St. Leo/Nersailles • 2:30-4 pm
- > Mountain West (February 13) St. William/London • 4-6 pm
- > Bluegrass East (February 27) St. Mark/Richmond • 2 pm
- > Mountain East (March 13) Mother of Good Counsel/Hazard • 1 pm
- > Big Sandy (March 27) St. Michael/Paintsville • 3-5 pm



In addition, Bishop John hopes parish and school leaders will host additional listening sessions at the local level that facilitate the participation of our whole human community. A landing page has been developed at <https://cdlex.org/synod/> to support these local efforts. This page includes links to an 8-part informational video series (less than 10 minutes in length) in English, Spanish, and Swahili that helps answer important questions about the Synod process, a Synod toolkit in both English and Spanish that includes listening session templates, facilitator strategies, planning checklists, evaluation forms, and prayer resources, and a mobile-friendly digital survey in English and Spanish to help those who may not be able to attend a listening session be heard.

