

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, MASS - 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

TUESDAY - FRIDAY
NOON MASS
UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM OR BY
APPOINTMENT

ROSARY

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT NOON.

ADORATION

TUESDAY - 6:00 PM
UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM OR BY
APPOINTMENT

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR AN
APPOINTMENT

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Administrator: Fr. Jacob Zulu
Deacon: Joe Jacobs
Adm Assistant: Becky Griffith
Custodian: Lisa Scalf

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 3:30 pm

02 WELCOME!

STEWARDSHIP

9/13/2026

OFFERING	\$3,229
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$3,000
<u>SURPLUS</u>/DEFICIT	\$229
YTD OFFERTORY	\$34,383
BUDGET	\$33,000
<u>SURPLUS</u>/DEFICIT	\$1,383
FOOD PANTRY	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

Hi everyone,

Please continue to keep Fr. Prakash in prayer as he pastors St. George (Jenkins) and St. Francis (Pikeville), and pray for Fr. Jacob as he prepares to return to the United States smoothly.

Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

SUNDAY: IS 55:6-9/PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A/MT 20:1-16A

MONDAY: EPH 4:1-7, 11-13/PS 19:2-3, 4-5/MT 9:9-13

TUESDAY: PRV 21:1-6, 10-13/PS 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/LK 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY: PRV 30:5-9/PS 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/LK 9:1-6

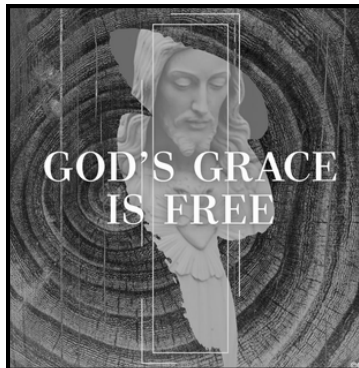
THURSDAY: ECCL 1:2-11/PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17BC/LK 9:7-9

FRIDAY: ECCL 3:1-11/PS 144:1B AND 2ABC, 3-4/LK 9:18-22

SATURDAY: ECCL 11:9-12:8/PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17/LK 9:43B-45

NEXT SUNDAY: EZ 18:25-28/PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5/MT 21:28-32

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**ISAIAH 55:6-9
PHILIPPIANS 1:20C-24, 27A
MATTHEW 20:1-16A**

How different are the Lord's ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love both to those who are quick to respond to his invitation as well as those who are slow to hear his call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

**READINGS FOR TODAY
MAY BE FOUND IN THE
SAINT AUGUSTINE
HYMNAL NUMBER 1051**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 19	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, September 20	10:30 am Mass	+Redem Tanael
Monday, September 21	NO MASS	
Tuesday, September 22	Adoration/Benediction 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	
Wednesday, September 23	Noon Mass	For the People
Thursday, September 24	NO MASS	
Friday, September 25	NO MASS	
Saturday, September 26	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, September 27	10:30 am Mass	+Max Tan

03 PARISH CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

09/20/2026

Lector - Frank Dawahare

Lector Fill in Only - Mary Jo Ratliff

Gift Bearer Server - Bob & Annice Welch

Coffee & Donuts - Cherry & Mariano Rivera

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - MaShawna Jacobs

09/27/2026

Lector - Jerry Kanney

Lector Fill in Only - MaShawna Jacobs

Gift Bearer Server - Christopher & Lindsay Elliott

Coffee & Donuts - Denny Rohrer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Pia Mata

Please email rgriffith@cdlex.org, call 606-437-6117, or text Becky at 606-213-4892 if you know in advance that you will be unable to serve at Mass on your assigned dates. Please note that the bulletin is submitted for print each Tuesday by 3:30 pm.

Thank you, each and everyone of you, for your faithful service to our parish!

2ND ANNUAL FEED THE NEED FOR

CHANGE GALA - The 2nd Annual Feed the Need for Change Gala will be held on Friday, October 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM on the 7th floor of the Health Professions Education Building at the University of Pikeville. This special evening supports the Westcare Homeless Shelter, an essential ministry serving those in need within our community. St. Francis will make a donation, and individual tickets are \$35 for those who wish to attend.

Please keep this event in your prayers, that it may continue to provide hope and much-needed assistance to our neighbors.

SCAM - Please be aware of suspicious texts, emails, or phone calls from individuals pretending to be Fr. Jacob Zulu. Last week, both Sheila Mischenski and I received a text from someone claiming to be Fr. Jacob and asking if he could "request a favor." These messages are not from Fr. Jacob. If you receive any similar communication:

- Do not respond
- Do not answer the phone call
- Report the message as spam
- Delete it immediately

Thank you for staying alert and helping keep our parish community safe.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace. — Father John Muir ©LPi

CLASSES:

- *OCIA* - Sunday's at 9:00 am - Parish Hall.
- *Catechism Class* - Sunday's at 9:15 am - School Building.
- *Women's Bible Study* - Wednesday's at 6:00 pm - School Building - Walking with Purpose - Touching the Divine.
- *Bible Study* - Wednesday's at 7:00 pm - Parish Hall - The Lambs Supper.

PRAY FOR....



Hudson Allen

Charlotte Mischenski

Selma Owens, Frank Dawahare's sister

KaLLum Coleman, infant son of Skylar and Evan Coleman

Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer

Ray Buchanan

Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

Wilson Vansant, Lisa Scalf's dad

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffery Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Ada DePoy

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation
Large \$3.00
Small \$0.50