

AUGUST 1, 2021

• EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Text to Give: (833) 938-2034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

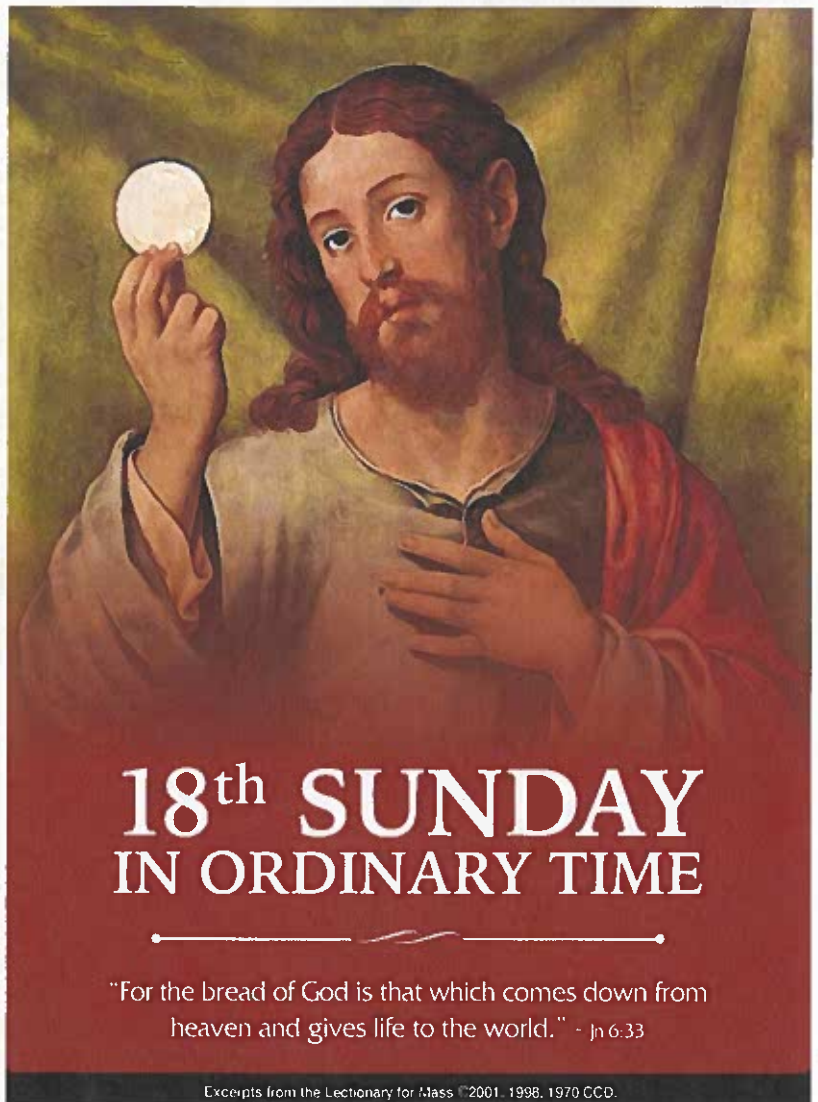
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Rob Adams
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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from
heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:33

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From the Pastor's Desk....

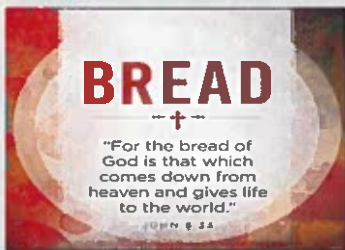
Sunday Offertory

7-25-2021.....\$1,840
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
 Surplus/Deficit.....\$860

YTD Offertory.....\$10,452
 Budget.....\$10,800
Surplus/Deficit.....\$348

7-25-2021 Building Fund.....\$60

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We currently owe **\$71,088** on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
 John 6:24-35

The Lord provides heavenly food for the Israelites to eat. Jesus proclaims himself to be the very bread of life. We lay aside our way of life to be created anew in his image.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1031

Hi everyone, I hope everyone is doing alright. This has been a very busy week at the church, and that is a wonderful thing. But a lot of people are in need of prayer and encouragement. Please take a look at our prayer list, and take that to prayer sometime during the day. I like to carry it in my prayer book and read off all the names during my evening prayers. In any care-keep praying.

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, July 31	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, August 1	10:30 am Mass	+Gertrude Osborne
Monday, August 2	No Mass	
Tuesday, August 3	Noon Mass	+Judy Schuneman
Wednesday, August 4	Noon Mass	+Justin Chafin
Thursday, August 5	Noon Mass	+Justin Chafin
Friday, August 6	Noon Mass @St. George, Jenkins	
Saturday, August 7	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Drew and Lexi Dreggors
Sunday, August 8	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful

God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty. ©LPi

BABY BOTTLES: We collected \$351.68 to assist the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center. Thank you for your continued support.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

PRAYER REQUEST



Nanette Schmidt, cancer

Irma Hardesty

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Bryce Wolfe, friend of Lisa Scalf

Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

Steve McCoy, stroke, Lisa Scalf's Cousin

Ron Saros

Dave Such, Mollie Dawahare Such's father in law

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry Altman

Carol Rashella

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

Peggy Brown, Jennifer Brown Day's grandmother



VOTIVE CANDLES:

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST - The Church - Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records in a laboratory setting. It emphasizes the need for consistency and thoroughness in data collection and reporting.

2. The second section details the various methods used for data analysis, including statistical techniques and software applications. It provides a step-by-step guide to ensure that all data points are properly processed and interpreted.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the safety protocols that must be followed at all times in the laboratory. It covers topics such as personal protective equipment (PPE), handling of hazardous materials, and emergency procedures.

4. The fourth section discusses the importance of regular equipment maintenance and calibration. It outlines the schedule for inspections and the steps to take if any issues are identified with the laboratory instruments.

5. The final part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and conclusions from the study. It also includes a list of references and a bibliography for further reading on related topics.

Bread of Life

Last week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

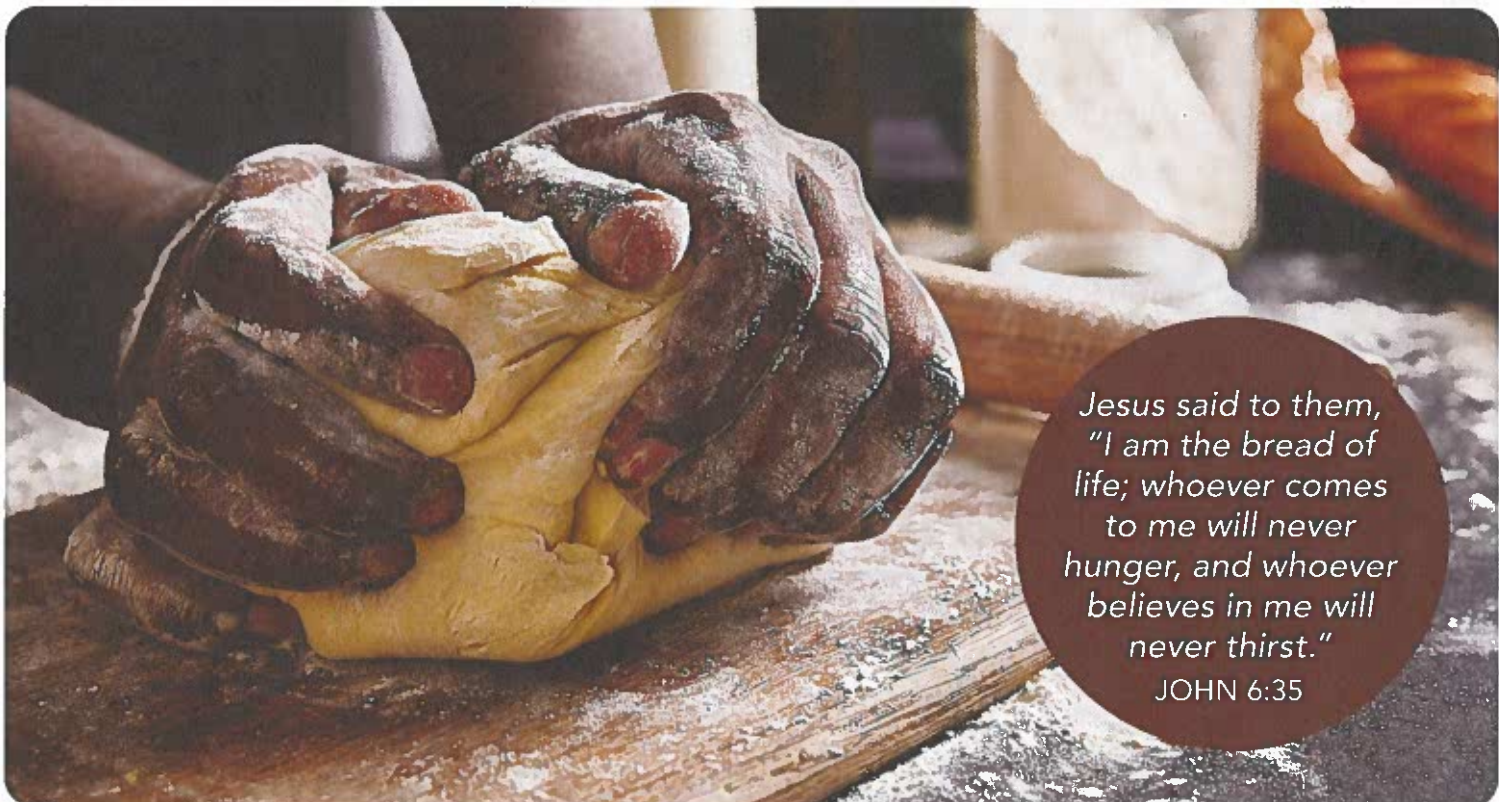
Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food—as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father—as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread—the edible kind or the eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Give thanks for God's day-by-day care for you and your loved ones.
- ★ Pray for a deep and solid trust in God.



*Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of
life; whoever comes
to me will never
hunger, and whoever
believes in me will
never thirst."*

JOHN 6:35

Dear Padre,

My elderly aunt is suffering from a terminal illness, and says she wants to die. Is this all right?

Popular psychological writings on death and dying often list the five different stages that people might go through when they are dying, namely: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. For Christians, the last stage of acceptance is saying yes to God's will. They may have been reconciled to God and others, said the things they have wanted to say, finished any unfinished business, and feel ready to leave this world and return to God.

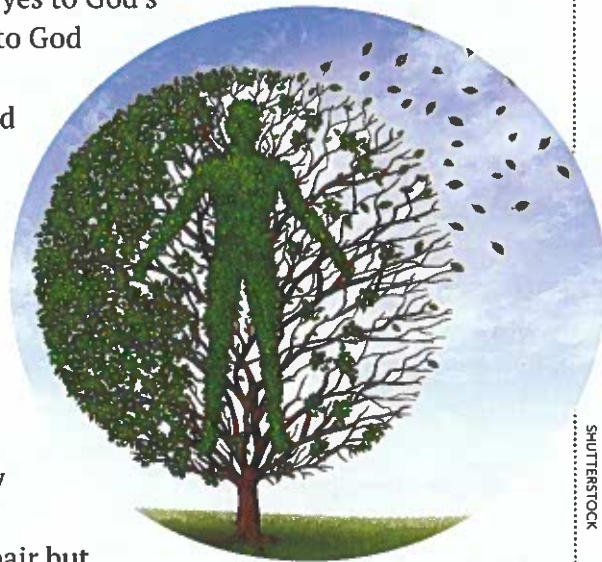
For the dying person with faith, there may come a time when the desire to be fully united to her loving God takes priority over all other concerns and she actually desires to die. Her eyes turn toward the next life and she is not only ready to go but desires to go. This desire to leave this life is not the result of despair but rather the fruit of Christian hope.

We have a different situation when someone is not dying or is in good physical health, for the desire to die may indicate desperation or depression rather than acceptance and hope. Such persons may need personal and professional help to regain a zest for the life God has given them until the time comes that God calls them to himself.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labor and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me."

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 11, 2020



Calendar

Monday AUGUST 2 Weekday Nm 11:4b–15 Mt 14:13–21
Tuesday AUGUST 3 Weekday Nm 12:1–13 Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14
Wednesday AUGUST 4 St. John Vianney, Priest Nm 13:1–2, 25–14:1, 26–29a, 34–35 Mt 15:21–28
Thursday AUGUST 5 Weekday Nm 20:1–13 Mt 16:13–23
Friday AUGUST 6 Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 2 Pt 1:16–19 Mk 9:2–10
Saturday AUGUST 7 Weekday Dt 6:4–13 Mt 17:14–20
Sunday AUGUST 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:4–8 Eph 4:30–5:2 Jn 6:41–51

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.

