

JULY 21, 2024

SIXTEENTH 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.



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34



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

### Sunday Offertory

07-14-2024.....\$4,483  
 Weekly Budget.....\$  
 Surplus/Deficit.....\$  
 YTD Offertory.....\$6,446  
 Budget.....\$  
 Surplus/Deficit.....\$  
 Food Pantry .....\$25



**Jeremiah 23:1-6**  
**Ephesians 2:13-18**  
**Mark 6:30-34**

Jesus, our shepherd, nourishes and strengthens us, guiding us in right path. He is the righteous shoot of David, the peace between Jews and Gentiles, between God and all humanity.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1025

Good Sunday Morning,

We have a number of events for next weekend. First of all, Sista Nguyen will be making her first Holy Communion at the Sunday Mass. Sita goes to Mass almost everyday and I am so excited to be able to give her Communion now! Please pray for her.

Next, Sr. Pat Cataldi from St. Jude in Louisa will be visiting us for a Mission Appeal this weekend. She will be discussing the work that her order performs and the ways that we can support them. Please be generous if you can!

Finally, I am very sad to announce that our diocese lost a priest last week. Fr. Norman Fischer was the Pastor of St. Peter Claver in Lexington and the chaplain at Lexington Catholic High School. Fr. Norman died too young. I hope you will join with me in praying that he will share in the fullness of life in Christ.

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions		
Saturday, July 20	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For Vocations
Sunday, July 21	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Nanette Schmidt
Monday, July 22	No Mass	
Tuesday, July 23	No Mass	
Wednesday, July 24	No Mass	
Thursday, July 25	No Mass	
Friday, July 26	No Mass	
Saturday, July 27	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Fr. Norman Fischer
Sunday, July 28	10:30 am Mass	For the People

## Parish Calendar & Announcements

### **MISSION APPEAL - (JULY 27-28)**

The Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood (CPS) were founded in 1885 in Mariannhill, near Durban, South Africa, by the Trappist, Abbot Francis Pfanner. Thomas Merton, in his book, *The Waters of Siloe*, called him the greatest missionary of his time.

Today the Sisters serve in 20 countries and are engaged in a variety of ministries. Sr. Pat Cataldi, CPS, MD, who will be the mission speaker, was a surgeon in St. Lucia, West Indies for 5 years and Zimbabwe for 12 years, before coming to eastern KY in 2000.

### **WOMENS CLASS - Walking With Purpose (WWP) is coming to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church -**

WWP is a Catholic woman's apostolate that creates fresh and relevant bible studies to lead women to personally know Christ through Scripture. WWP studies are designed to help women grow closer to Christ as they lean on truths found in scripture to live joy-filled lives.

We invite you to join a community of women where you can develop meaningful relationships, deepen your faith, and encounter the power of Scripture in your life!

For more, contact Susan Chafin at [susanchafin59@icloud.com](mailto:susanchafin59@icloud.com) or text 352-638-4329. **Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point** begins September 4th. [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)

**SAVE THE DATE** - There will be a Deanery picnic on September 14 at 11:00 am, at the Paintsville Lake. St. Francis parishioners are asked to bring cold sides. Be sure to mark this on your calendar! This will be a wonderful day to build community with our fellow Catholics!

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

Burnout. Recent studies suggest that roughly two-thirds of doctors and nurses have signs of it. You probably know what burnout is: long-term stress leading to emotional exhaustion and a lack of a sense of personal accomplishment. Burnout can threaten anyone who tries to seriously serve and love others. How does our faith inform this challenging experience, and

how do we find refreshment?

The apostles face something like burnout this week in Mark 6. They are run down from their missionary work, and Jesus says, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For them, and for us, it takes humility to intentionally rest. It means the world can go on without us. It stings our pride to admit God is necessary and we are not. Choosing to leave our good work to be with him — whatever the cost — is an act of humble faith. And that trust in God begins to revive us.

But there's more to it. Hilariously, Mark tells us that throngs of needy people find out where the apostles are going and arrive ahead of them. Imagine the exasperation of the burnt-out apostles. "Can we please get a minute to ourselves? This is not healthy!" And Jesus seems to encourage the boundary violation by telling his frayed followers to feed the crowd. Look: once we move into humble rest, he calls us to more work, because we are made for love, not for rest. But Jesus does the vast bulk of the labor. He himself is the one who multiplies the small offering until everyone is satisfied.

What finally gives our heart rest isn't more vacation time. It's experiencing the super abundant generosity of God for us and those whom we serve. — Father John Muir ©LPi

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

7/21 David Hicks  
7/28 Russ Cassidy

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

### **PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY** Prayer to the Shepherd

My Good Shepherd,

There are so many things I don't understand about the paths where you lead and the pastures where you release me. But I believe that you are a Good Shepherd. I have known your protection and provision in so many ways. Please keep me under your care. Amen  
@LPi



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 Flichman, stroke

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Kenny Blackburn

Helen Altman

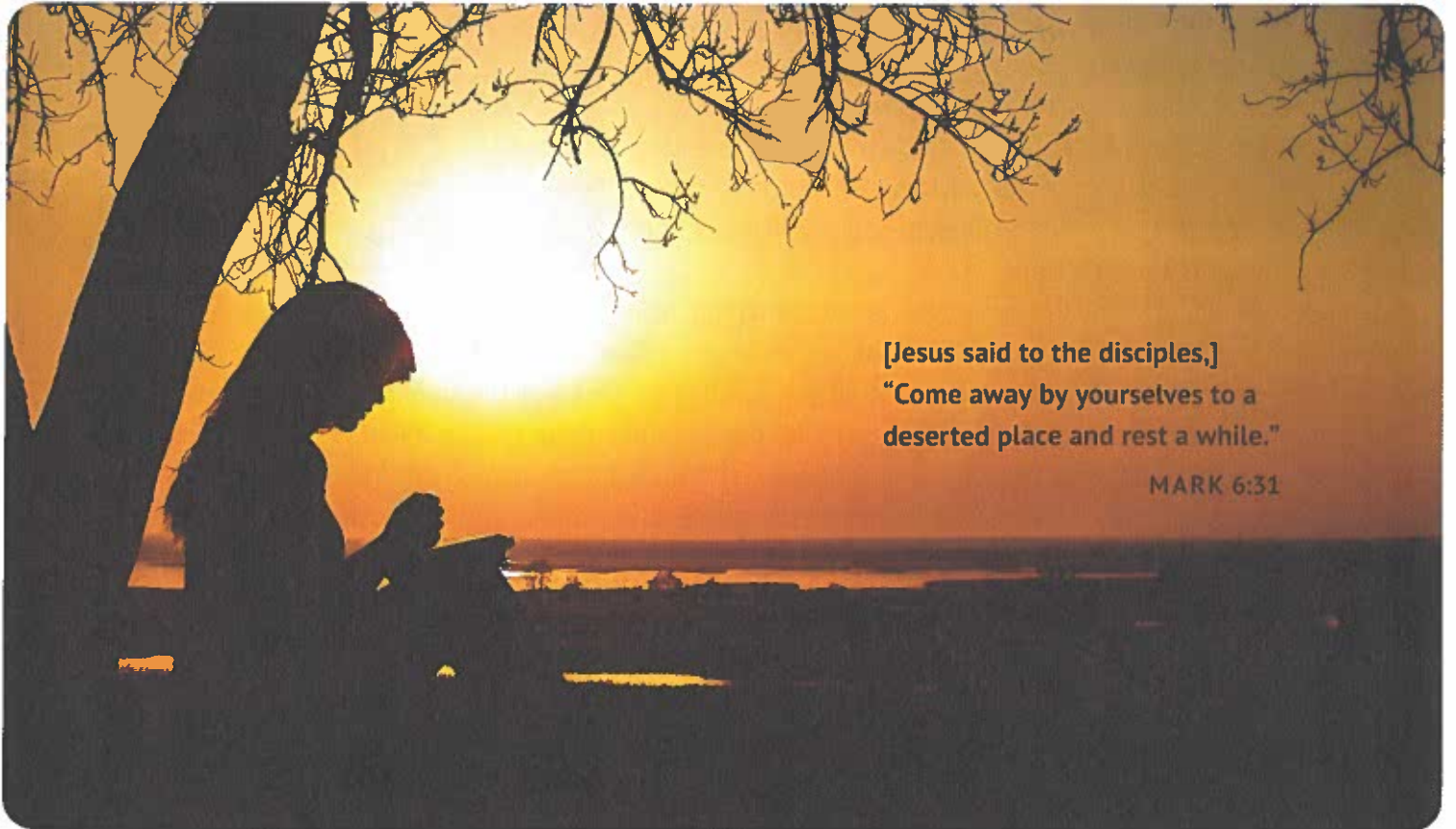
Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

### **VOTIVE CANDLES:**

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





[Jesus said to the disciples,]  
“Come away by yourselves to a  
deserted place and rest a while.”

MARK 6:31

## Dancing in the Dark

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song “Dancing in the Dark.” It’s said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we’re here. There are many who feel they are “dancing in the dark.”

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do—paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day.

At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God’s voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship. He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm. ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever emerged from a dark time feeling more in touch with God and God’s will for you?***

# Dear Padre,

## What does it mean to call the pope infallible?

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13–19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility...not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.

The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches *ex cathedra* (“from the chair”) as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church’s understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church. ●



GIULIO NAPOLITANO / SHUTTERSTOCK

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

### Monday

July 22  
*St. Mary Magdalene*  
Sg 3:1–4b or  
2 Cor 5:14–17  
Jn 20:1–2,  
11–18

### Tuesday

July 23  
*Weekday*  
Mi 7:14–15,  
18–20  
Mt 12:46–50

### Wednesday

July 24  
*Weekday*  
Jer 1:1, 4–10  
Mt 13:1–9

### Thursday

July 25  
*St. James, Apostle*  
2 Cor 4:7–15  
Mt 20:20–28

### Friday

July 26  
*Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Jer 3:14–17  
Mt 13:18–23

### Saturday

July 27  
*Weekday*  
Jer 7:1–11  
Mt 13:24–30

### Sunday

July 28  
*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
2 Kgs 4:42–44  
Eph 4:1–6  
Jn 6:1–15



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus'] tender invitation—rest a while—should accompany us. Let us beware...of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 18, 2021