

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

TWENTY - SIXTH 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.

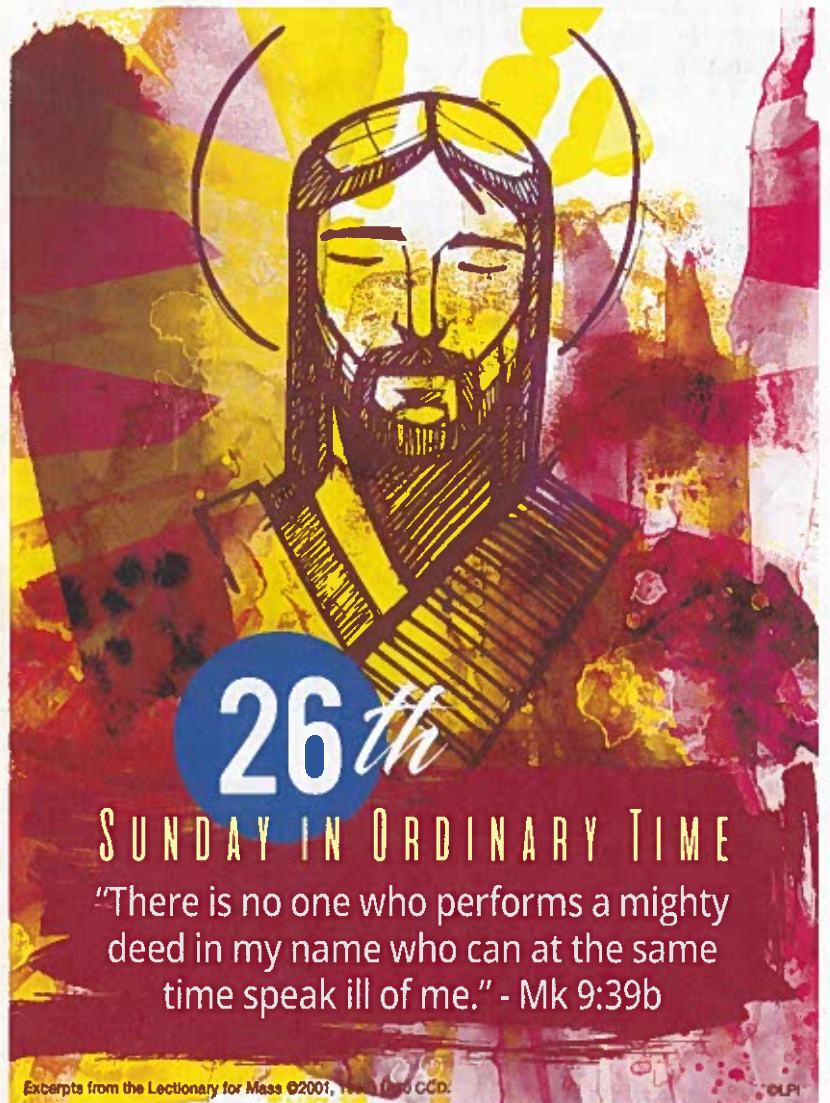
PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Rob Adams

Deacon: Dcn. Joe Jacobs

Administrative Assistant: Becky Griffith

Custodian: Lisa Scalf



26th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b



From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

9-19-2021.....	\$2,012
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
Surplus/ <u>Deficit</u>	\$688
YTD Offertory.....	\$32,136
Budget.....	\$32,400
<u>Surplus/Deficit</u>	\$264
9-19-2021 Building Fund.....	\$195

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We currently owe **\$66,793** on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



Numbers 11:25-29
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Moses and Jesus both attest to the fact that the work of the Spirit cannot be confined by an institution, and that no one can claim a monopoly of the Spirit's charism, or wisdom. Beware of growing rich while neglecting the rights and needs of others.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1055

Good Sunday Morning,

One of the neat things that a pastor can do is move feast days around! Normally, the feast of St. Francis falls on October 4, but we are going to celebrate it next Sunday, October 3rd, so that we can celebrate it next Sunday, October 3rd, so that we can celebrate it as a parish. I plan on receiving a new family into the Catholic Church at that Mass. This is a great sign that our parish is fruitful and growing!

We are going to have a parish "Financial State of the Union" address this weekend. Be sure to pay close attention!

Another reminder that the Diocesan Annual Appeal begins this weekend. Please be generous if your means permit.

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, September 25	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Jim Altman
Sunday, September 26	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, September 27	No Mass	
Tuesday, September 28	Noon Mass	+Tedric Evangelista
Wednesday, September 29	Noon Mass	+Tedric Evangelista
Thursday, September 30	Noon Mass	+Tedric Evangelista
Friday, October 1	Noon Mass @ St. George Church	
Saturday, October 2	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Tedric Evangelista
Sunday, October 3	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

BREAKING THE STEWARDSHIP MOLD

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? "I could never serve on the Parish Council. That's for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years." "Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn't need my help." "I can't afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn't matter even if I did increase it."

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren't in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren't likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren't privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it's outside our comfort zone, even if it's something that never occurred to us before.

There's only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Tim Deskins, cancer

Tina Dawahare Fields, cousin of Frank Dawahare, cancer

Nancy Goss

Vanessa Jarvis

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

Steve McCoy, stroke, Lisa Scalf's Cousin

Ron Saros

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry Altman

Carol Rashella

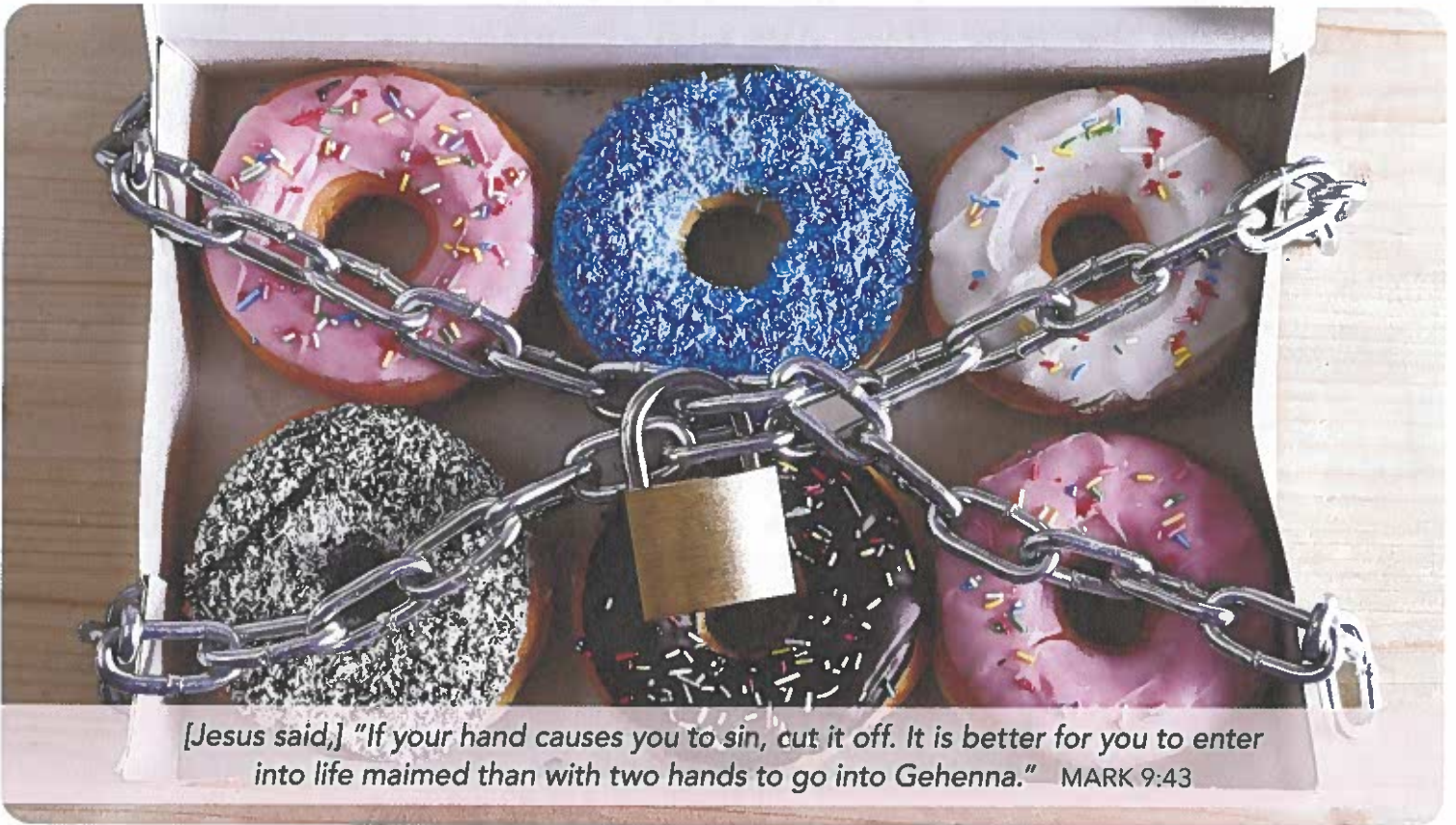
Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER - An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle - We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

VOTIVE CANDLES:

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



SHUTTERSTOCK

Isn't That a Bit Extreme?

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or health-care workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander,

gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Pray for the insight to recognize a bad habit that keeps you from being your best self.*
- ★ *What behavior might you have to give up?*

Dear Padre,

Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?

Many Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News.

Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing God's will and work on earth.



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Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing

with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

The Redemptorists / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is our great responsibility, as baptized persons, to proclaim Christ, to carry the Church—this fruitful motherhood of the Church—forward. Mary, during the persecution of the first Christians, prayed so much and moved those who had been baptized to go forward with courage.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2013

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 27
St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest
Zec 8:1–8
Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 28
Weekday
Zec 8:20–23
Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael,
Archangels
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or
Rv 12:7–12a
Jn 1:47–51

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 30
St. Jerome,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12
Lk 10:1–12

Friday

OCTOBER 1
St. Thérèse of the Child
Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Bar 1:15–22
Lk 10:13–16

Saturday

OCTOBER 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29
Mt 18:1–5, 10

Sunday

OCTOBER 3
Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Gn 2:18–24
Heb 2:9–11
Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12