

OCTOBER 10, 2021

TWENTY - EIGHTH 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.

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28th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

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| 10-3-2021..... | \$3,507 |
| Weekly Budget..... | \$2,700 |
| Surplus/Deficit..... | \$807 |
| YTD Offertory..... | \$37,550 |
| Budget..... | \$37,800 |
| Surplus/ Deficit | \$250 |
| 10-3-2021 Building Fund..... | \$720 |

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



Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

When offered the choice between true knowledge or riches, Solomon prays for wisdom of heart. When given the choice between following Jesus or remaining attached to his material wealth, the man chooses his possessions. God's word challenges us to be attached to Jesus, and to him alone.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1061

Hi Everyone!

This coming week, I've got to help my family with a few things in Lexington, so we won't have daily Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday, (Oct 19-20) and no Adoration on Tuesday night (Oct 19).

Thanks for your continued patience and kindness!

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

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| Saturday, October 9 | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass | +Jim Altman |
| Sunday, October 10 | 10:30 am Mass | For the People |
| Monday, October 11 | No Mass | |
| Tuesday, October 12 | Noon Mass | +Jim Altman |
| Wednesday, October 13 | Noon Mass | +Drew and Lexi Dreggors |
| Thursday, October 14 | Noon Mass | CES Donor |
| Friday, October 15 | Noon Mass @ St. George Church | |
| Saturday, October 16 | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass | +Jim Altman |
| Sunday, October 17 | 10:30 am Mass | For the People |

Parish Calendar & Announcements

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder

it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

IF HEAVEN WERE LIKE HARVARD

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

POOR BOX: During the month of September 2021 we collected \$88 in the poor box to assist the ministry of Helping Hands! Thank you!



Eugene Sisco, Jr, covid

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

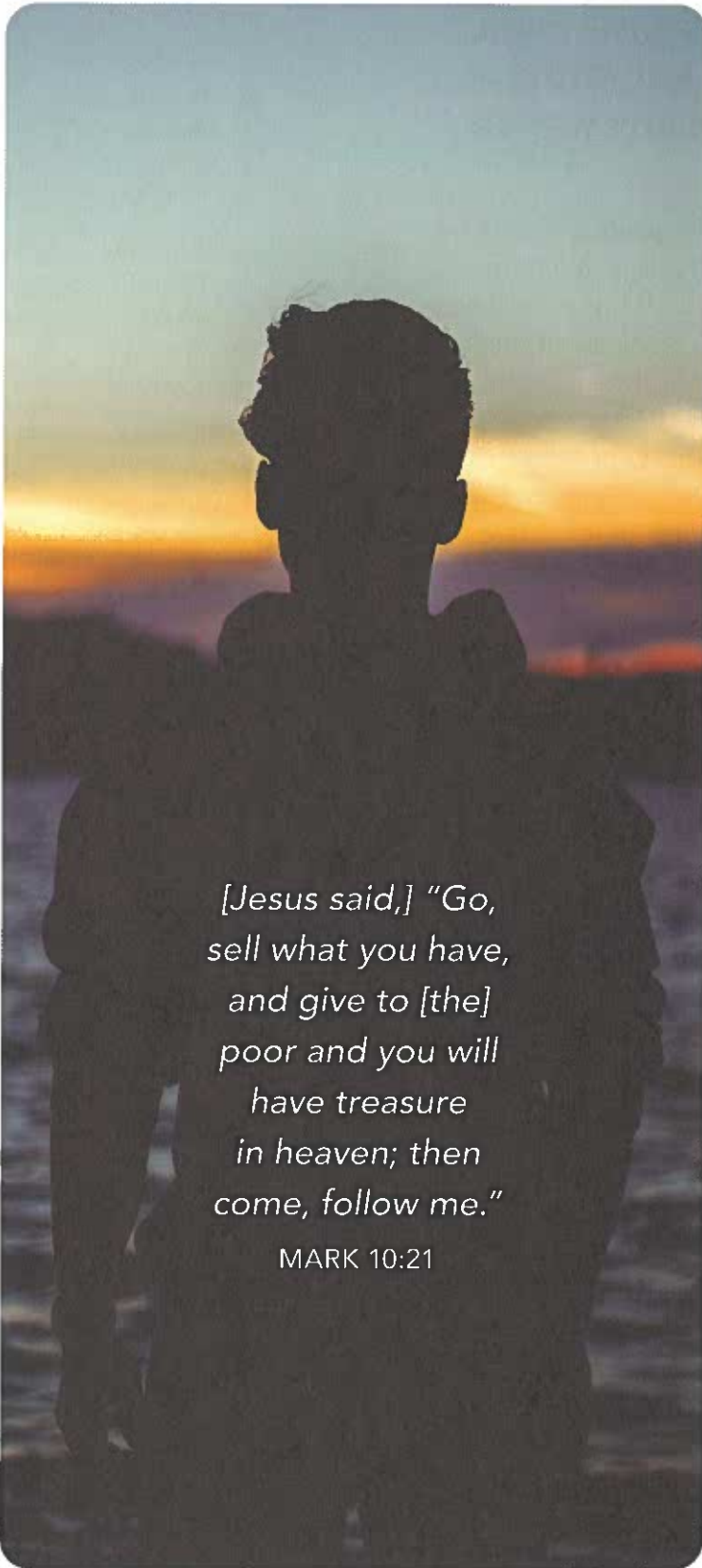
Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER - Missionary Disciples - We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

VOTIVE CANDLES:

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



*[Jesus said,] "Go,
sell what you have,
and give to [the]
poor and you will
have treasure
in heaven; then
come, follow me."*

MARK 10:21

Take Your Pick

The vast array of possibilities in today's world is both an extraordinary advantage because it can so enrich life and a bewildering encumbrance as we face weighty decisions. Many think that life in the past was less complicated. It might have seemed that way, but women and men have always had to face the same fundamental questions: What is life all about? To what shall I commit myself? And answering such questions has seldom been easy.

Today's first reading underscores the importance of discernment or wisdom as we search for answers. It insists that such discernment or wisdom outstrips riches, or even health, as the goal to which we should strive. It further assures us that in our striving for wisdom we will discover that she does not come to us alone. Rather, she brings all good things with her.

The Gospel passage tells of a young man in search of true meaning, of wisdom, of eternal life. Having valued the law and the way of life it offers a believer, he is dissatisfied. He wanted something more satisfying; something deeper. He is still struggling to discover what life is all about, to what he should commit himself. Jesus tells him that he will not find what he is looking for in his riches. Rather, he should commit himself to the welfare of others. Unfortunately, this advice was too much. He went away sad. Even knowing that he was dissatisfied with his wealth, he still would not walk away from it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *Do you still cling to something that cannot fulfill your deepest desires? Why?*
- * *Pray for the courage to commit yourself to what might make life more meaningful.*

Dear Padre,

I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

RCIA was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ or who has never participated in a church community.



RCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites;

some parts of the rites are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year.

Talk to your pastor about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR / 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*

Clearly, in Jesus' final—immense, wonderful—invitation, there is no proposal of poverty, but of wealth, of true richness...Being able to choose between an original and a copy, who would choose the copy? Here is the challenge: finding life's original, not the copy. Jesus does not offer surrogates, but true life, true love, true richness!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 13, 2018

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 11

Weekday

Rom 1:1-7

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Rom 1:16-25

Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Rom 2:1-11

Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Rom 3:21-30

Lk 11:47-54

Friday

OCTOBER 15

*St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church*

Rom 4:1-8

Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Rom 4:13, 16-18

Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

OCTOBER 17

*Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 53:10-11

Heb 4:14-16

Mk 10:35-45

or 10:42-45