

JULY 11, 2021

FIFTEENTH 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

*Deacon:* Dcn. Joe Jacobs

*Administrative Assistant:* Becky Griffith

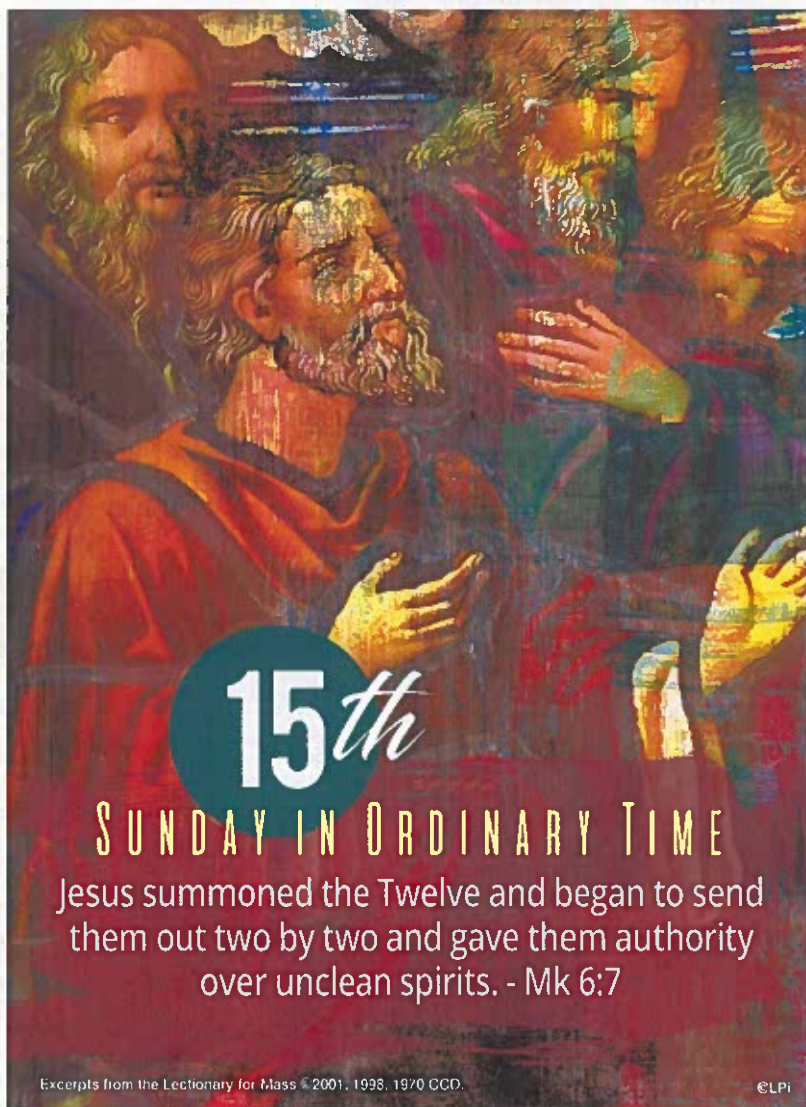
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# 15<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

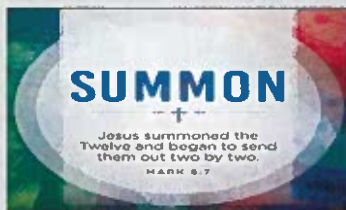
Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7



### Sunday Offertory

7-04-2021.....	\$2,969
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
<b>Surplus/Deficit.....</b>	<b>\$269</b>
YTD	
Offertory.....	\$146,404
Budget.....	\$143,100
<b>Surplus/Deficit.....</b>	<b>\$3,304</b>
7-4-2021 Building Fund.....	\$620

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** We currently owe \$73,224 on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



Amos 7:12-15  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:7-13

The prophet hears what God proclaims and is called to speak in God's name. The Twelve hear the message of Jesus and are sent forth to preach the good news. In him have we been chosen to be full of love.

Readings may be found  
in the Saint Augustine  
Hymnal Number 1022

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

Happy Sunday Everyone!

I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July weekend. I don't have much to report this week.

I want to remind everyone about Adoration every Tuesday from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. No need to stay for the whole time! Also, Bishop John will be coming to install me as the pastor here and at St. George, September 5. This is a really neat opportunity for the parish. Be sure to come see!

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 10	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Ralph Sizemore
Sunday, July 11	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, July 12	No Mass	
Tuesday, July 13	Noon Mass	+Eugene Lemeux
Wednesday, July 14	Noon Mass	+Justin Chafin
Thursday, July 15	Noon Mass	+Laythe Sykes
Friday, July 16	Noon Mass @St. George, Jenkins	
Saturday, July 17	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Anne Sykes Hinkebein
Sunday, July 18	10:30 am Mass	For the People



## Parish Calendar & Announcements

**POOR BOX:** During the month of June we collected \$177 in the poor box to assist the ministry of Helping Hands. Thank you!



Bishop John will be here September 5th to install Fr. Rob as pastor. Parish picnic will be September 19th in the parish hall.

**BRICK ORDERS:** We will be placing an order July 22nd. Please drop off order forms by July 20th. If you have any questions please call the office at (606) 437-6117.



### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While

there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take. *OLPi*



**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY - Social Friendship -** We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

### PRAYER REQUEST



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

Tedric Evangelista, Gloria Newsom's cousin, cancer

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





So they went off and preached repentance. They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.  
MARK 6:12-13

## You Can Do It

**T**oday's readings are about unpretentious people who accomplished remarkable deeds. Amos, a shepherd from the southern kingdom of Judah who also cultivated sycamore figs, challenged the people at a northern shrine in Israel. He did not come from an illustrious family, nor was he particularly important. Yet he is the one called by God to summon the northern Israelites to repentance.

The disciples of Jesus pursued family businesses like fishing or were employed by the Romans like Matthew. They didn't come from socially prominent families, nor were they known as community leaders. But look at what they did: they cast out demons and cured the sick. Where did these people get their training? More importantly, where did they obtain their power? We find the answer to such questions in the second reading: "In him we were also chosen" (Ephesians 1:11).

The Ephesians letter assures us that God "has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens" (1:3). We don't have to worry about performing miracles; all we have to do is open ourselves to the graciousness of God. God will do the rest. Through us, God will cast out the demons of prejudice and bias that plague our world, of selfishness and spitefulness so prominent in our political rivalries, of greed and dishonesty in many of our social interactions. Through us, God will heal our country, our world, and our Church of hatred, violence, and oppression. With Amos and the Twelve we too hear: "You can do it."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In what ways do you make the world better?*
- ★ *Do you realize that you have the power of God to transform the world?*



# Dear Padre,

**At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make God or the saint pay more attention to the petition? And isn't doing that a fire hazard?**

**V**igil lights, commonly known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord,

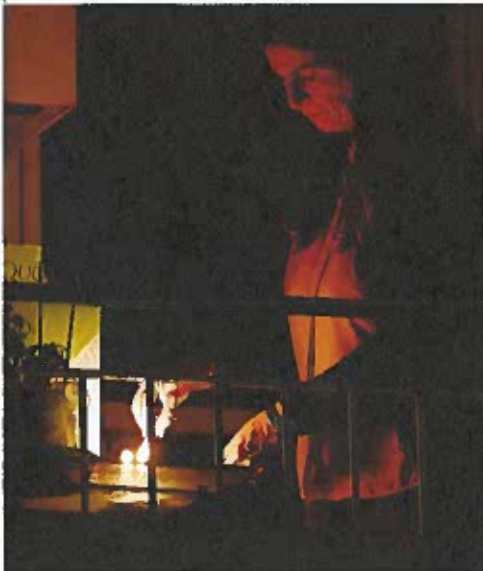
"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize the rising of our prayers to heaven day and night. Prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity. Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line.

If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies

with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

Fr. Paul Borowski, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



***Our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people—often forgotten people—who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines...doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves.***

**EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER, MARCH 27, 2020**

## Calendar

**Monday**

JULY 12

Weekday

Ex 1:8–14, 22

Mt 10:34–11:1

**Tuesday**

JULY 13

Weekday

Ex 2:1–15a

Mt 11:20–24

**Wednesday**

JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,  
Virgin

Ex 3:1–6, 9–12

Mt 11:25–27

**Thursday**

JULY 15

St. Bonaventure,  
Bishop and Doctor of  
the Church

Ex 3:13–20

Mt 11:28–30

**Friday**

JULY 16

Weekday

Ex 11:10–12:14

Mt 12:1–8

**Saturday**

JULY 17

Weekday

Ex 12:37–42

Mt 12:14–21

**Sunday**

JULY 18

Sixteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1–6

Eph 2:13–18

Mk 6:30–34

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