

JANUARY 16, 2022

SECOND 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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2nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

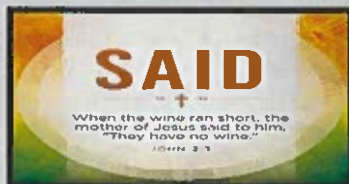
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Sunday Offertory

01-09-2022.....	\$3,947
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$1,247
YTD Offertory.....	\$81,494
Budget.....	\$75,600
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$5,894
01-09-2022 Building Fund.....	\$560

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We currently owe **\$55,973** on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs, revealing his glory to his disciples, and later to the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.

**Readings may be found
 in the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 984**

From the Pastor's Desk....

Hi everyone!

I would like to invite everyone to a meeting on Friday, January 21 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria to discuss our outreach goals for the coming quarter. We will be reviewing the Christmas giveaway, and looking at some ideas for small outreach projects in the coming months. If you have any ideas, please come and share them!

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, January 15	5:00 pm Mass	+Aline McKasson
Sunday, January 16	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, January 17	No Mass	
Tuesday, January 18	Noon Mass	+Purity Thomas
Wednesday, January 19	Noon Mass	+Laythe Sykes
Thursday, January 20	No Mass	
Friday, January 21	Mass at St. George	
Saturday, January 22	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Daniel McKasson
Sunday, January 23	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah. I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not. God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

IT TAKES ALL KINDS

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Deacon Dirck Curry, healing

Sister Kathy Avery

Barbara Kiser

Tim Deskins, cancer

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

Ron Saros

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry and Helen Altman

Carol Rashella

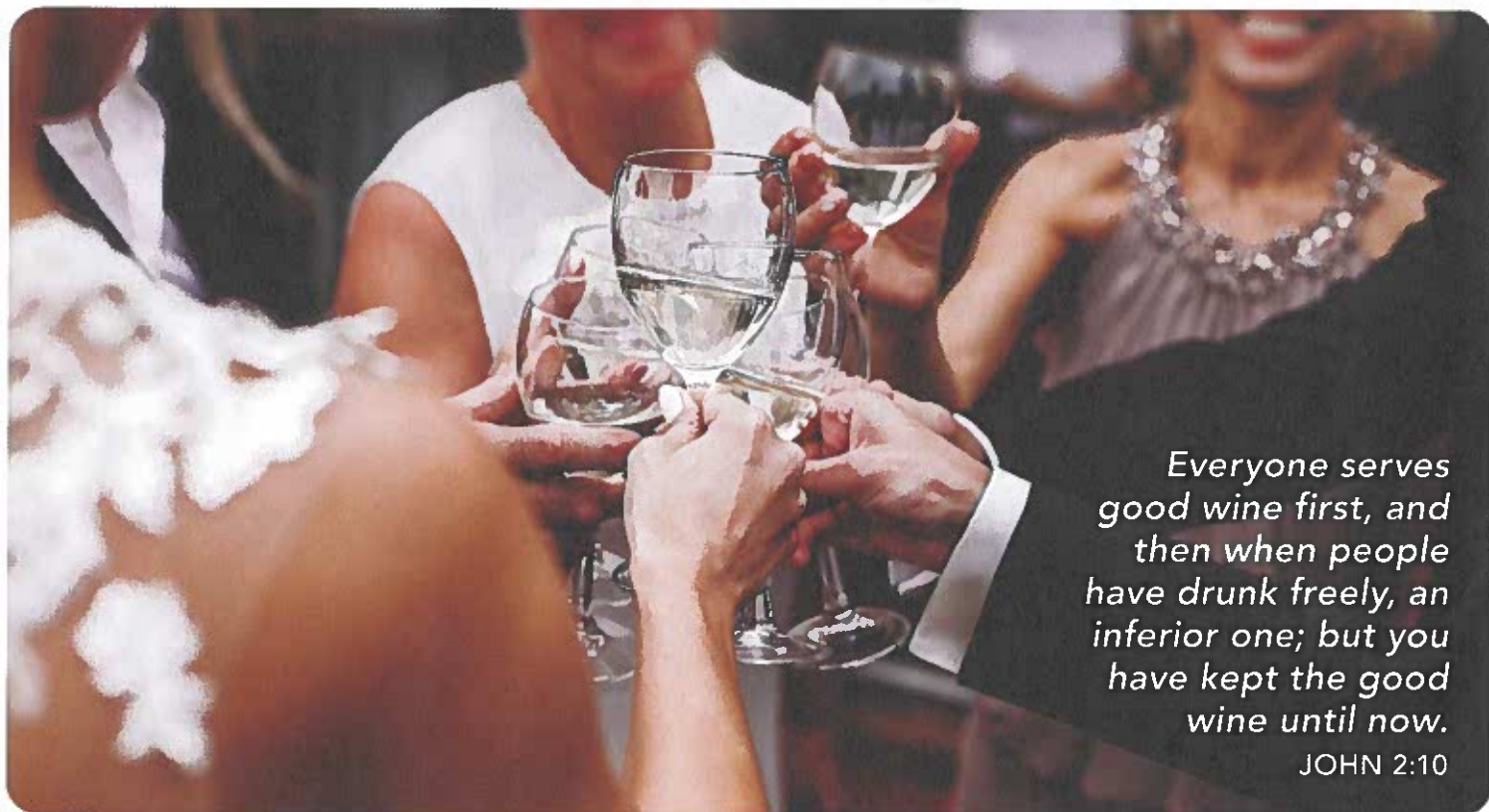
Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2022 - Human Fraternity - May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

VOTIVE CANDLES:

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



Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.

JOHN 2:10

BOGDAN SONACHNYI / SHUTTERSTOCK

What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

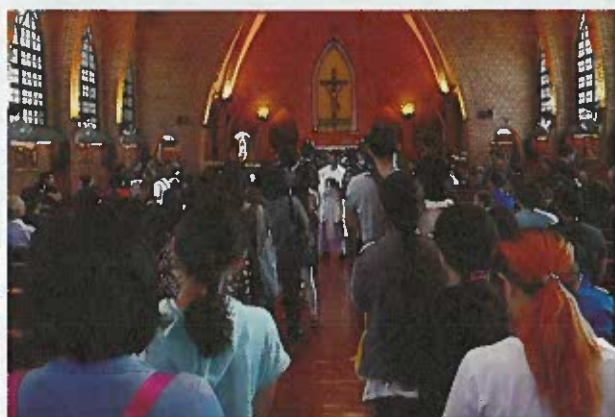
FOR Reflection

- ★ *How might you describe your relationship with God?*
- ★ *Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change that.*

Dear Padre,

I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?

I imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his



final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for

us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 15:16–23
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

1 Sm 17:32–33,
37, 40–51
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
Mk 3:7–12

Friday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 24:3–21
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,
19, 23–27
Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

JANUARY 23

Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10
1 Cor 12:12–30
or 12:12–14, 27
Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21

Thank you for
your support
and prayers
for the
church.

Thank You!
Doris

Thank you for
your support
and prayers
for the
church.
John &
Sharon
for your
support
and prayers
for the
church.

Thank you so much for
all you do. ~~Stronger~~
The Lord bless you.

because you have
shown this kindness.
11 SAMUEL 2:5 CSB

Thank you and
prayers for
the church.

Thank You

To our brothers and sisters in
Christ. Thank you for your
continued support of our food
pantry and community dinner.
Through your support God
is working to meet the needs
of our community!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Mike

From
First Christian Church

