

JUNE 20, 2021

TWELFTH 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

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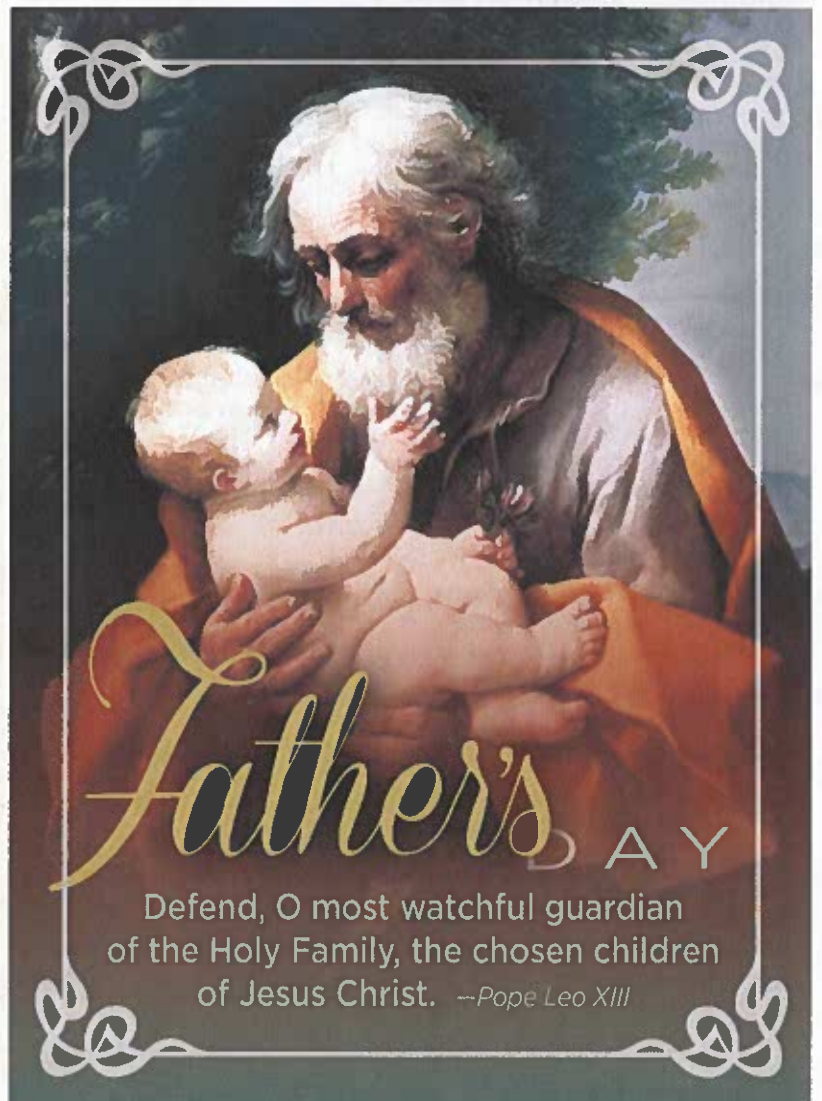
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### Sunday Offertory

6-13-2021.....\$2,013  
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700  
**Surplus/Deficit.....\$687**

### YTD

Offertory.....\$139,008  
 Budget.....\$135,000  
**Surplus/Deficit.....\$4,008**

6-13-2021 Building Fund.....\$265

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



Job 38:1, 8-11  
 2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
 Mark 4:35-41

In the midst of adversity, we need to trust in the saving presence of God who triumphs over the waters of the sea. In the midst of distress, let us turn to the Lord with faith, to him whom even the wind and the sea obey. He died and rose for our sake that we might live and not perish.

**Readings may be found  
 in the Saint Augustine  
 Hymnal Number 1013**

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

Good Sunday Morning,

It was so good to see so many people last week at Mass! I am still getting used to seeing the pews without the yellow ribbons! I hope that everyone noticed our big holy water dispenser next to the water fountains. You are most welcome to take some holy water home with you whenever you'd like!

This Sunday is also Fr. Mark Ouma's last Sunday at St. Francis. Fr. Mark has served as my associate in Jenkins since October, and I have really appreciated all he did for me. I am still the pastor of both St. Francis and St. George, and so I need some help to make sure that the people in Jenkins can see a priest when they need to. Fr. Mark helped cover Mass at St. Francis so that I could still have Mass at St. George every other week. Please remember to wish him well in his new assignment at Beattyville.

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, June 19	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Link Jo Sowards
Sunday, June 20	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, June 21	No Mass	
Tuesday, June 22	Noon Mass	+Howard Walls
Wednesday, June 23	Noon Mass	+Justin Chafin
Thursday, June 24	Noon Mass	+Laythe Sykes
Friday, June 25	Noon Mass	+Anne Sykes Hinkebein
Saturday, June 26	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Covie Joseph Schmidt
Sunday, June 27	10:30 am Mass	For the People

## Parish Calendar & Announcements

**POOR BOX:** During the month of May, we collected \$194.07 in the poor box to assist the ministry of Helping Hands. Thank you!

**BABY BOTTLES:** The annual baby bottle drive to assist The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center is here. Please take a bottle and return it with a donation by Fathers Day, June 20. Thank you for your continued support!

**COMMUNITY DINNER:** The next Community Dinner to feed the needy in our area is Tuesday, June 29 at 5:30 pm at the First Christian Church. Food donations are due to the church by Sunday, June 20. Thank you for your continued support in this ministry.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE--** The Beauty of Marriage - Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"? ©LPi

### BLESSING OF FATHERS

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



### PRAYER REQUEST



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

Jim Goss

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







## A Real Force of Nature

**O**ne of the forces of nature that we have been unable to control is unruly water. We are actually helpless when caught between torrents of rain from above and surging water from below. It is no wonder the ancestors of ancient Israel who lived between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers characterized cosmic evil as tumultuous water that only the great creator-God could control. This is the scene described in the reading from Job. This water is not destroyed; it is only harnessed. We will have to wait for the end of time for such water to be abolished. ("The sea was no more," Revelation 21:1.) This divine power over water is praised in the psalm response as well.

Belief in God's absolute power over chaotic water and cosmic evil lies behind the story of Jesus calming the sea. This story doesn't simply recount a display of Jesus' extraordinary command over the forces of nature. It is certainly that, but it is actually much more. It stands to reason that, if only the great creator-God can exercise control over this fearsome watery threat, and if Jesus can effortlessly exercise control over such water, then Jesus is somehow this great creator-God. In today's Gospel, the audacious disciples, who initially were frightened by the ferocity of the squall, were astounded by Jesus' authority over the storm. They declared, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mark 4:41).

It is clear from this story that Jesus is the real force of nature.

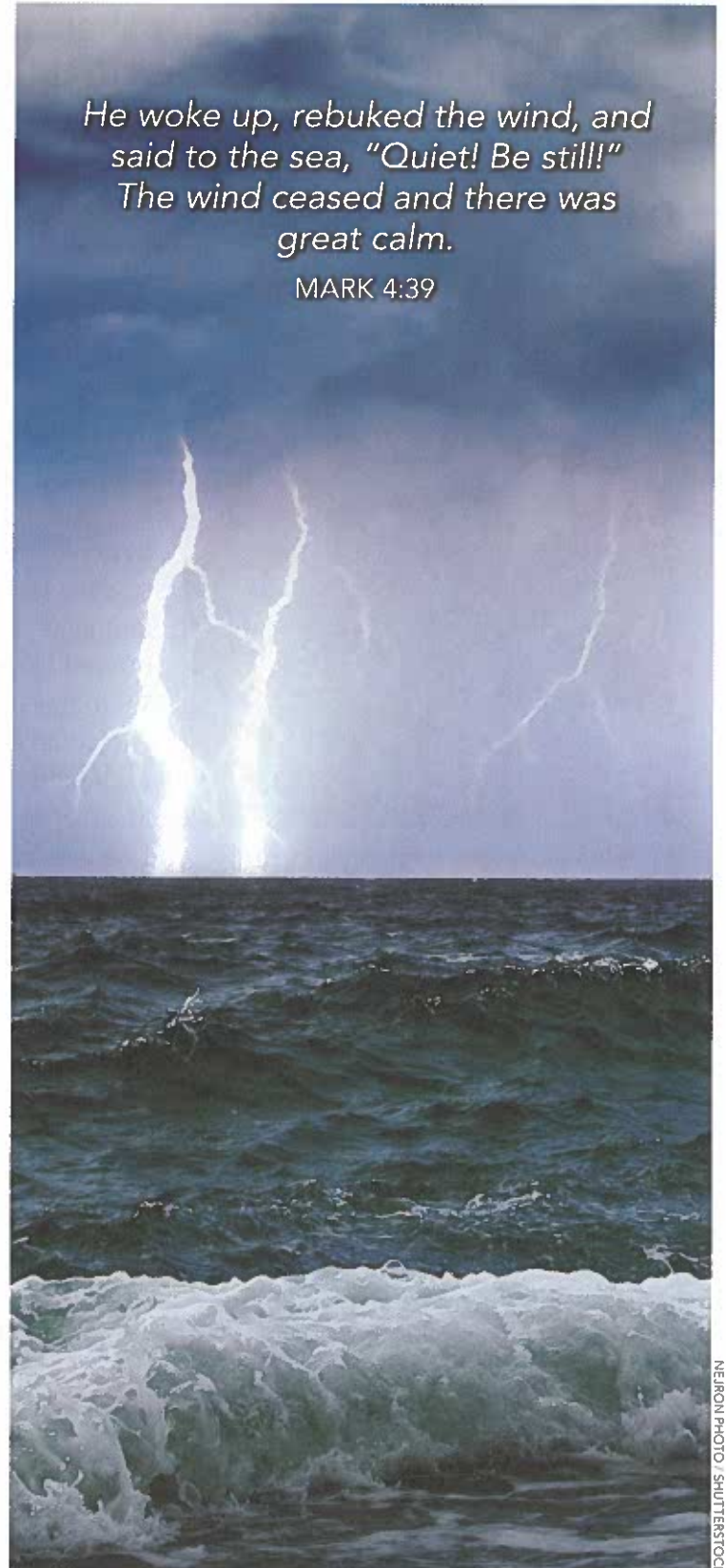
*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ Spend some time thinking about how Jesus has protected you from harm.
- ✦ Pray for the grace to trust in God.

*He woke up, rebuked the wind, and  
said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"  
The wind ceased and there was  
great calm.*

MARK 4:39



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# Dear Padre,

**Our parish used to be united. Now we have Filipino Catholics, Vietnamese Catholics, and Mexican Catholics, all with their own Masses and activities. Why can't we just be Catholic?**

**T**he word *catholic* means "whole," "universal," "complete." To be Catholic, we must include everyone. I once served as a pastor of the only Catholic parish in a town of 20,000 people, more than half of whom were Catholic. The seventeen Baptist churches included a First Southern with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in Spanish, and a Southern Baptist with services only in Spanish.



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The Catholic Church goes out of its way to make sure that never happens to us and that all people feel part of the Church. One way to make a person feel welcome is to offer Mass in his or her native language, which is why my parish offered Masses in Spanish and Vietnamese as well as in English.

It wasn't just about language or nationality. We had Sunday-evening Mass to accommodate the many people who worked Sunday mornings. And we also had events that brought the entire parish together. The result was that we had six weekend Masses rather than six different communities.

It's difficult to form one Church. It's difficult to be Catholic. But for 2,000 years we've found it to be worth it. Culturally diverse faith communities acknowledge our differences; more importantly, we celebrate our Catholic wholeness through this diversity!

*Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR*  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

**Do not be afraid of migrants. Migrants are those who always bring us richness....Today there is the temptation to build a culture of walls, to raise walls, walls in the heart, walls on the land....And those who raise a wall, who build a wall, will end up a slave within the walls he has built, without horizons.**

DIALOGUE WITH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, APRIL 6, 2019

## Calendar

**Monday**  
JUNE 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga,  
Religious  
Gn 12:1-9 • Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday**  
JUNE 22  
Weekday

Gn 13:2, 5-18  
Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday**  
JUNE 23  
Weekday

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18  
Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday**  
JUNE 24

Nativity of  
St. John the Baptist  
Is 49:1-6  
Acts 13:22-26  
Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Friday**  
JUNE 25  
Weekday

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22  
Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday**  
JUNE 26  
Weekday

Gn 18:1-15 • Mt 8:5-17

**Sunday**  
JUNE 27

Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43 or  
5:21-24, 35b-43

**Know Someone  
Overly Anxious About Sin?**  
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