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Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

AUGUST 29, 2021

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays
5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sundays
9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mondays through Fridays
11:40 am and 1:15 pm

CONFESSIONS

Lower Level of the Church

Mondays through Fridays
10:30 am until 3:00 pm
Saturdays
12 noon until 4:30 pm

DEVOTIONS

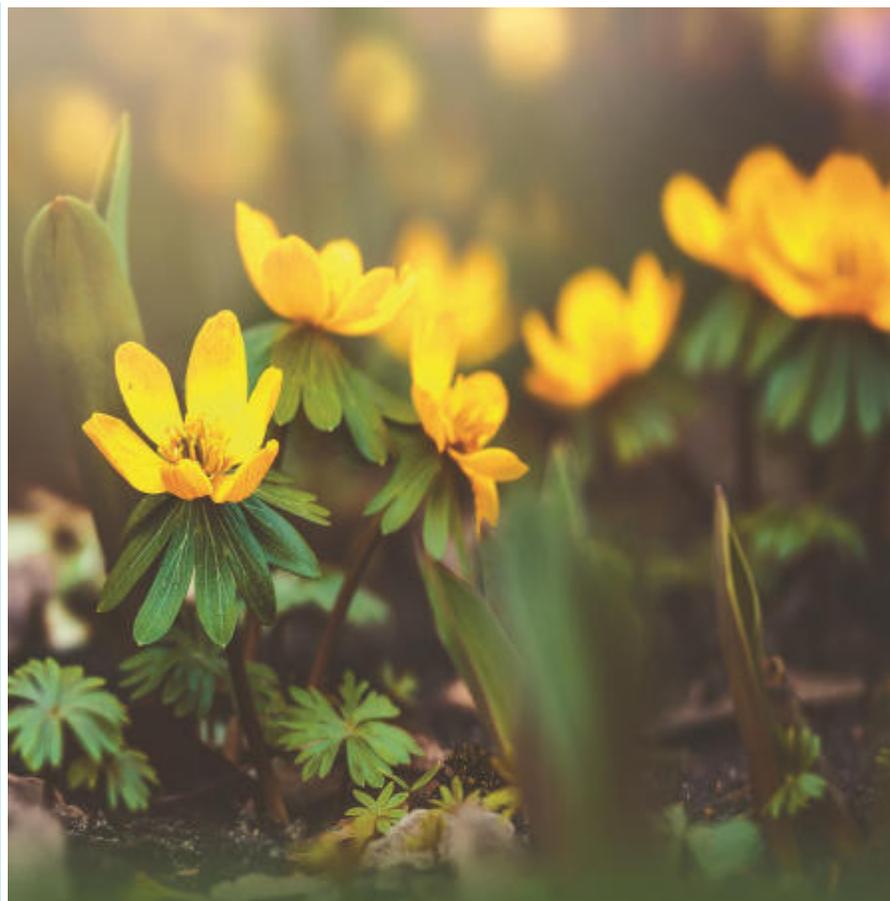
St. Anthony Devotions on Tuesdays
After the 11:40 am and
1:15 pm Masses.

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays through Fridays
9:00 am until 6:00 pm
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10:30 am until 4:30 pm

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN

Mondays through Fridays
10:30 am until 3:00 pm
Saturdays
12 noon until 6:00 pm
Sundays
8:30 am until 12:30 pm



22nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:15

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- www.vatican.va
- www.usccb.org
- www.catholicstv.org
- www.ewtn.com
- www.relevantradio.com

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., August 29:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., August 30:** Ordinary Time
- Tues., August 31:** Ordinary Time
- Wed., September 1:** Ordinary Time
- Thurs., September 2:** Ordinary Time
- Fri., September 3:** St. Gregory the Great
- Sat., September 4:** Ordinary Time

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FRANCISCAN PROVINCE
OF THE SACRED HEART
ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to St. Peter's collection this past week. Your gifts are essential to our ministry, and we are grateful.

Weekly Goal	\$ 12,000
August 15-21 Total	\$ 4,560
Difference	\$ - 7,440

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



FRANCISCAN FRIARS

As many of you may be aware, six of the seven Franciscan (OFM) Provinces of the United States began a process a few years ago that will result in the six provinces becoming one province.

The tentative date for that merger is October 2023. As you might imagine it is a difficult process that involves Franciscan Friars from the East Coast, the West Coast and the Mid-West seeing how best we can come together as Franciscan brothers. With diminishing numbers, aging of the provinces and the need to explore how best we might share the Franciscan Charism with others in the 21st century and beyond, this formation of one new Province has been energizing and difficult for the friars and all those we serve.

The recently elected head of the world-wide Franciscan Order, Br. Massimo Fusarelli, OFM, recently sent a letter to all the friars in the USA. In that letter he wrote, *"The development of a vision and mission that more and more friars can be part of is an important part of this process. This means articulating ways of living our Franciscan charism in the diverse regions of the U.S., in accordance with the principles of our Rule and Constitutions and guided by the values to which the Church and the Order invite us to be witnesses. The fact that Franciscan life in the U.S. is so various and multifaceted gives special value to the process you are undertaking, something in which the entire Franciscan Order has in interest."*

I want to stress that we really want this to be a journey towards life, towards the flourishing of our charism. This is a prerequisite if we are to be effective witnesses to the Gospel in our times, in our complex societies."

With the easing of some COVID restrictions on gatherings, the Franciscans of the six provinces have begun meeting in regions of the various provinces to discuss our coming together as one province. I mention this process so that you are informed of how we Franciscans are continuing to follow the guidance of St. Francis who shortly before his death reminded his followers, *"Let us begin again, brothers, for up until now, we have done little or nothing."* (cf. St. Bonaventure, Life of St. Francis)

The Franciscans of the Chicago area will be gathering for a Regional Meeting on Saturday, September 4 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Because all the friars are expected to attend this meeting, we have had to make an adjustment in our Saturday ministry schedule for September 4.

The church will open as usual at 12 noon on September 4 but there will only be confessions scheduled from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

Please note that there will be no confessions scheduled from noon until 3pm on Saturday, September 4. The front desk will be closed all day Saturday. The Gift Shop will be open 12 noon until 5:00 pm as usual. The church is open for private prayer from 12 noon until the 5:00 pm Mass begins. The church will close as usual after the conclusion of the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass.

The Franciscan Friars ask that you keep us in your prayers next Saturday, September 4 as we gather for our Regional Meeting. We will be keeping you in our prayers on that day. May God's Spirit continue to guide us as we search out how best to live the Gospel in the 21st century guided by the spirit of our holy founder, St. Francis of Assisi.

LABOR DAY



Since 1894, the first Monday in September has been observed as a federal holiday to honor workers in the USA. The first Monday in September is also observed as Labour Day in Canada. Originally established to honor the nation's working people, this holiday has come to be seen as the end of the summer season.

The past few years have seen many people struggling to keep or find adequate paying jobs for their families. The devastating effects of the COVID pandemic, political turmoil in many countries, economic struggles of many people throughout the world continues to make life difficult for individuals, families and nations. As Jesus notes in Luke 10:7, as he sends the seventy-two disciples out to prepare the way for him, *"... the laborer deserves his payment."*

The Catholic Church has a long history of speaking out for the rights of workers. Papal encyclicals such as Pope Leo XII's *Rerum Novarum* helped establish rights and better treatment for workers everywhere. Recent Popes such as John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have continued to call for the dignity of workers throughout the world. You can find various statements from the Popes, Bishops and other Catholic commentators on the Vatican web site, www.vatican.va, US Catholic Bishops Conference www.usccb.org and various other Catholic web sites.

Next weekend (September 4-5) as you enjoy the Labor Day holiday weekend, I encourage you to also

take time to seriously study the various ideas and reflections of not only those who are politicians, but also what we as Catholics believe about the dignity of work. Enjoy this holiday but also remember why we celebrate Labor Day! As we celebrate the “*end of the summer season*”, let’s also take time to say thanks and pray for all workers who struggle each day to care for their families. And may every student, as they begin a new school year, study hard so that they might be well prepared to be good and faithful citizens and just stewards of the blessings God has given to each of us.

I encourage you and your family to begin Labor Day by joining us for our special Labor Day Mass, on Monday, September 6 at 10:00 am in church. Let us gather to give thanks to God for the blessings we have received. The church offices and gift shop will be closed on Monday, September 6. There are no confessions scheduled on Labor Day. Our regular schedule resumes on Tuesday, September 7.

Unfortunately, for far too many people in our city and throughout our great country, this holiday weekend brings the sad reality that in the past year they have lost a relative, friend or neighbor to violence.

I encourage you to write or call your city alderman, mayor or county representative and let them know of your concerns for working toward finding an end to the increasing violence in our city and neighborhoods. I encourage all parishioners to write or call our state politicians and our national politicians and express our concern that action must be taken to protect the young and everyone else from this senseless violence that has become a plague upon our city, county, state and country. To find the name of your U.S. Representative or Senator go to house.gov. To find who is your Alderman in the City of Chicago go to chicago.gov. To find your state Representative or Senator go to illinoispolicy.gov.

In these difficult times, let us keep one another in prayer, and as we celebrate Labor Day, may we keep our eyes on what must always be our focus.....faith and belief in Jesus Christ who is the Savior. Let us resolve to do whatever we can to help end this scourge of violence in our city.

Fr. Michael



Special Schedule for the church
Saturday, September 4, 2021
(Due to Franciscan Meeting on Saturday)

*Church opens as usual at 12 noon
and closes after the 5:00 pm Mass*

NO Confessions
from noon - 3 pm

Confessions available only from
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm on Saturday, Sept. 4.

Front office will be closed all day.

Gift Shop is open 12 noon - 5:00 pm
Vigil Mass for Sunday at 5:00 pm



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entering the church building.*

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH
MASS SCHEDULE**

Mondays through Fridays
Mass Times:
11:40 am & 1:15 pm

Saturdays
Mass Time: 5:00 pm
Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sundays
Mass Times: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

CONFESSION

Mondays through Fridays
10:30 am until 3 pm

Saturdays
12 noon until 4:30 pm

Lower Level Auditorium

**For further information please view the
website stpetersloop.org or call
312-372-5111.**



Labor Day Hours
Monday, September 6
Church Open 9-11 am
Mass at 10 am

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Mk. 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sometimes it seems that a hospital is a world of opposites – sterilizing instruments and emptying bedpans; washing hands and wiping bottoms; serving nutritious meals and inserting a feeding tube; following specific medical directions while recognizing that it is sometimes necessary to be flexible in carrying them out. In the course of each day caregivers are called upon to make dozens of decisions for the good of those they care for, even when implementing the decision may be difficult or even offensive.



The Pharisees and scribes Mark writes about in today's Gospel would probably not have made very good caregivers in a present-day hospital. "[T]he purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds" are important when they are being done for the good of the other; but sometimes the job at hands requires touching a dead body, or a menstruating woman, or even a leper. Certainly Jesus knew this, as we read elsewhere in the Scriptures. Jesus knew when it was appropriate to adhere to the law but He also knew when the law must take second place.

There was a time in Catholic practice when everyone knew exactly what to do and when to do it. We knew when to eat meat and when to eat fish. We knew when to wear a hat and when to take it off. We knew these things because this was "what we had always done." People could tell by looking at us that we were Catholic. At least, that is, if they happened to be looking at us at dinnertime on Friday or if they saw us getting ready to go to church on Sunday. But what about those people who worked with us on Monday?

"From within...their hearts come evil thoughts... theft...greed, malice, deceit...envy..." The feelings that rise up in us at times like this have little to do with what we eat on Friday. "This people honors me with their lips..." And we probably don't look much different to the people who see us at Church on Sunday. The real question is, what do people see when they look at us on Monday?

By Vinal Van Benthem ofs



Next Session Begins September 3

Register Now!

Program will take place *in person on Thursdays* and via **ZOOM on Fridays.**

EUCCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

The Eucharist in Scripture explores the biblical theme of meals shared in faithful fellowship and in covenant relationship with God. Old Testament meals and promises provide a foundation for gospel meals with Jesus, culminating in the Last Supper as it is understood throughout the New Testament. Jesus' bread of life discourse and the early church's practice of "breaking bread" are also explored. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer, and access to online lectures are included.

Fr. Derran Combs, O.F.M., Ph.D. will facilitate the ZOOM sessions and some of the in person sessions.

Registered participants are asked to prepare by reading the assigned lessons in advance from the textbook.

Meeting Time and Dates:

In Person Lower Level of Church
Thursdays, 12:15-1 pm—Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 14

ZOOM Session

Fridays, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm—Sept. 3, 10, 24; Oct. 1, 15

\$15 Program Fee payable by cash or check includes book.

To register, call 312-853-2376 or email joannstpeters@gmail.com.



Healing Hearts ~ Mending Lives

Reconciliation Outside the Box

Tues., Sept. 7, 12:15-1 pm
Lower Level Auditorium



Presented by
Fr. Derran Combs, O.F.M., Ph.D.

For decades, St. Peter's Church has been known as the place to go in the Loop for a prayerful celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Spiritual healing and the mending of relationships with God and others occurs when the sacrament is celebrated well. However, the challenge is to continuously strive to maintain good relationships with people on a daily basis. The reality is that in our daily interaction with people—whether at the workplace, at school, at home, or in the public arena—people experience breached trust among colleagues or schoolmates, shattered friendships, and painful disassociation with family members.

Our monthly *Healing Hearts* presentations attempts to help individuals restore such broken relationships with family, friends, co-workers, and associates with the hope of reestablishing heartfelt trust and affection.

UNITY:
The Spirituality for Today's World



Presented by Fr. Tom Ess, O.F.M.

Fridays, 12:15-1 pm

Sept. 10, 17, 24 and Oct. 1

Lower Level Auditorium

Old ways are crumbling and passing away—and for many Catholics, so is their faith. But the Holy Spirit has given us the way to go forward. It is by way of the spirituality of unity, the spirituality of communion. Pope St. John Paul II told us: "To make the Church the home and school of communion [unity]: that is the great challenge facing us in the third millennium...Let us have no illusions: unless we follow this spiritual path, external structures of communion will serve very little purpose."

Fr. Tom Ess, who has lived the spirituality of unity-communion for more than forty years, will conduct the four sessions which will include presentation and participation.



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To contact Sr. Fran email: fmsulzer@gmail.com

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October 30-November 8, 2021

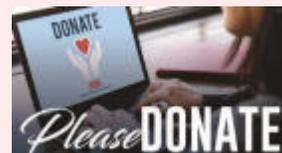
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