



2nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” - Jn 1:38a

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Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, who in your great mercy hear our prayer, the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, we plead to you to send out laborers for your harvest. In your mercy, open the hearts of your servants whom you call to the priesthood to hear and respond. In your mercy, open our hearts that we may become a community that fosters greater vocations through our prayers and open support of those whom you call. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Adoration Schedule

Outside: Monday's after 12PM Mass,
Wednesday after 6:30PM Mass.

Window: Friday Night's from 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM.

Confessions are available at the end of each of these times of adoration or by Appointment.

Come adore from your vehicles, all are welcome.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Mass Times - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM & 5:30 PM
(4PM & 10:30 AM are livestreamed each week)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Outdoor Mass from the rectory garage will take place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at **Noon** and Wednesday at 6:30pm (**WEATHER DEPENDENT!**)

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM - 12 Noon (The office is still closed to public but staff is working and available to answer your call.) **The Parish Office will be closed this Monday for the MLK Holiday.**



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*Mass Intentions for the
 Week Ahead*



Saturday, January 16

4:00pm

Sunday, January 17

8:00am For the Bouley Family ~ Memorial

10:30am Dorothea DeGrandis

Soudol ~1st Anniversary

Rev. Robert DeGrandis SSJ ~

Birthday Memorial

Duarte Gomes ~ 1st Anniversary

Jose Gomes ~ 6th Anniversary

Blanche Asselin ~ 17th Anniversary

5:30pm *Parishioners of St. Francis Parish*

Monday, January 18

Sr. Jeanne d'Arc Poirier

Tuesday, January 19

Jan Brailey ~ Living Intention

Wednesday, January 20

Brian Daigle

Thursday, January 21

Mary Graham ~ Memorial

Friday, January 22

Saturday, January 23

4:00pm Michael & Laura Cote ~ Memorial

Sunday, January 24

8:00am

10:30am Karen Morency ~ 1st Anniversary

Elizabeth C. Dempsey ~ Memorial

5:30pm *Parishioners of St. Francis Parish*

Mission Statement

Our mission at St. Francis of Assisi is to faithfully fulfill the teachings of Jesus Christ. Centered in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Catholic Church, we strive to create an atmosphere of spiritual development. By reaching out and welcoming others, our faith community continues to provide dignity and improve the quality of life for all those we serve.



From our Administrator, Fr. Seán Maher

Hello folks,

The Lord be with you!

In today's readings, we hear several instances of the Lord calling someone. He calls them to follow Him, to be with Him. Samuel hears the call of the Lord by night in the Lord's Temple, hundreds of years before the coming of Christ. Andrew and another disciple hear the call when curiously following Jesus, having heard what John the Baptist said about Him. They asked, "Where are you staying?" He answered, "Come and see," and they stayed with Him that day. More to the point, He stayed with them, and He wishes to stay with us too! That is the gift of His Spirit given us in baptism, when our bodies become new temples of the Lord. From us then, as baptized members of His Body (the Church), He can call more people to Him. Are we attentive to His interior guidance so that people will hear His call when we speak?

The first week of some self denial and greater prayer as part of the Exodus 90 spiritual exercise went well and relatively easily. The beginning of the second week: not so much! Oh, boy, how quickly I realized how addictive these little comforts are that I am declining now, and how much I do need a savior to be truly free to follow Him wherever He would lead me, even to Heaven! Finally, I am very pleased to announce a wonderful addition to our staff: Christine Puopolo has accepted the position and begun work as the new front desk and offertory administrator at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish (replacing Collette Piché, who retired at Christmas, and is enjoying warmer weather down south now)! Already a parishioner for 27 years, and for several of them a parish volunteer along with her husband Mark, and mother of four boys (young men now), Christine's face will be familiar to many of you (whenever she can take off the face covering post pandemic!). There were several great candidates for the position, each with particular strengths, and the hiring decision was one for which I had to ask for help, especially from the Lord. I would ask your prayers for both Christine as she learns the position and adjusts to everything surrounding it, and also for the other candidates who are looking for new employment. Feel free to drop Christine a line to welcome her to the new job: cpuopolo@saintfrancis.net.

God Bless,

Father Maher

Weekend Readings & Mass Prayers

First Reading

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was.

The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli.

"Here I am," he said. "You called me."

But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me."

Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

***The Word of the Lord,
- Thanks be to God***

Responsorial Psalm:

**R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do
your will.**

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body;

God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him.

Avoid immorality.

Every other sin a person commits is outside the body,

but the immoral person sins against his own body.

Do you not know that your body

is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

For you have been purchased at a price.

Therefore glorify God in your body.

***The Word of the Lord,
- Thanks be to God***

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel:

John was standing with two of his disciples,

and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,

"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —,

"where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying,

and they stayed with him that day.

It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

He first found his own brother Simon and told him,

"We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —.

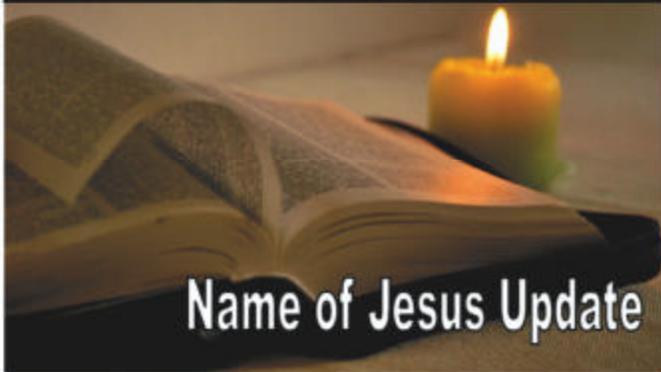
Then he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said,

"You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

The Gospel of the Lord.

St. Francis Women's Connection



Name of Jesus Update

We have completed Weeks One and Two of the "Name of Jesus" project developed by Women's Connection Committee member Sharon Smart.

This winter project combines a short scripture reading, reflection and an **Act of Kindness** each week — all based on the names of Jesus.

The project takes place over six weeks and will end with Ash Wednesday. The moments of peace during the scripture and reflections are just what we need most during these turbulent times — and more Random Acts of Kindness (good for our own souls) are needed in the world more than ever.

It is not too late to join us and it's easy to catch up! For more info, email Debbie at info@saintfrancis.net or visit our webpage at www.saintfrancis.net, click on WC link.

In Weeks One and Two we've reflected on:

Emmanuel

The Alpha and the Omega

In the weeks ahead:

The Good Shepherd

The Light of the World

The Bread of Life

The Redeemer

Connections to Kindness



"I thought where it is winter, how about warm things for our homeless, that would also help our ministry keep them warm: socks, scarves, gloves; with prayers are always at the top of the list." —Fleurette Boutin



"Maybe we can create special spiritual cards to send to those who are ill, those families in bereavement (especially due to covid), elderly who are isolated, priests battling COVID, neighbors, parishioners we haven't seen attending Mass... cards with an inspirational poem like those of Helen Steiner Rice."

—Caroline Zuk



"I just wanted to let you know some of the good that has come out of this time of COVID. I have enjoyed all your previous Women's Connections events. However, now that you are spreading these events out to almost every day, I am more spiritually connected to our church, its members and God. It's wonderful to hear all the ideas that the ladies are putting forth to us! My act of kindness this week was dropping off a bag of assorted treats to a widower friend. Many thanks to all of you who are working so hard to help keep our faith community together!" —Fran Boss



I was inspired while reflecting on Jesus as Emmanuel, to donate to the Archdiocese of Boston Pro-Life office, to both Pregnancy Care and Project Rachel. God is with us in the challenges and sufferings of life, as well as the joys. I put a short note in with my donation to say this inspired donation arose from our Name of Jesus project at St. Francis and Friend's Women's Connection as a way to bring "God with us" to a life-giving ministry. —Sharon Smart



Since this week's "The Name of Jesus" is Emmanuel, I listened to Kathy Mattea's "Emmanuel (a child is born)" to meditate on a kindness. The lyrics "and to all people peace" resonated and I was immediately struck with inspiration for a kindness toward a beloved elder friend ... to bring her peace and comfort through a home-cooked meal, dessert and birthday prayers.—Debbie Hovanasian

All women welcome! Visit our webpage for our Mission, Charities we've helped, Photo Gallery.
www.saintfrancis.net & click on Women's Connection

Mass Prayers and Responses

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, who in your great mercy hear our prayer, the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, we plead to you to send out laborers for your harvest.

Thanks to Wendy Sullivan, our Mass Prayers & Responses are now accessible from our home page. Visit:

www.saintfrancis.net and select "Mass Prayers & Responses"

Thank you Wendy and also Pete Mancuso for your invaluable assistance with our website

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE 2021

We are getting ready to kick off our second semester of Faith Formation!

We will begin our second set of 6 weeks next weekend beginning on Sunday, January 31st.

All 6 classes will be on zoom & if you haven't received your updated schedule yet via this past weeks Faith Formation Constant Contact, please contact Jessica or Dawn by email or in the Parish Office.

Welcome Christine!



Thank you to all who sent in photos of your "Epiphany at Home" celebrations! We enjoyed receiving and sharing them. The **WINNERS** of the Epiphany Gold Door Prize (\$100 Visa Gift Card) were Suzie & Paul Hartwell. However, the real "winners" were a family in need. The Hartwells asked us to give the card to a struggling family — exactly what we hoped when we created this door prize. The spirit of Epiphany — selflessly giving a gift of gold. Thank you Hartwells!



You may not recognize her behind the mask, but parishioner Christine Puopolo has replaced Collette Piche as the front desk and offertory administrator.

We are truly delighted to have Christine on board and we know she'll be a great addition to the team!

In Our Thoughts

PRAYER REQUESTS

St. Francis Prayer Line

Prayers are always welcome. Please feel free to reach out to any our amazing volunteers to add your prayer request.

Fleurette @ 978-710-6612

Barbara @ 978-937-0239

Email Pat at @

patagallant@gmail.com



Helping Souls to Eternal Life

When Fr. Maher gets called to anoint those who are dying, he calls on a group of people to pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet for their soul.

If you would like to join this ministry, or want more information, please contact Andrea Nicholson at 978-204-9220

When I entered the chapel for a moment, the Lord said to me, My daughter, help Me to save a certain dying sinner. Say the chaplet that I have taught you for him.I understood how very important the chaplet was for the dying.
(St. Faustina's Diary entry #1565)

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

at St. Francis Church

Following Live Stream Masses

If you join us for Mass online or on the radio on 107.7 FM, you are welcome to come after Mass to the lobby of the church to receive Holy Communion.

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*Loving Mother,
Grandmother, Aunt &
Friend*

Mary Richard
*Loving Wife of Robert
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