

# August 23, 2020 ~ The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Mission Statement

We, the Roman Catholic  
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## St. Francis of Assisi Church

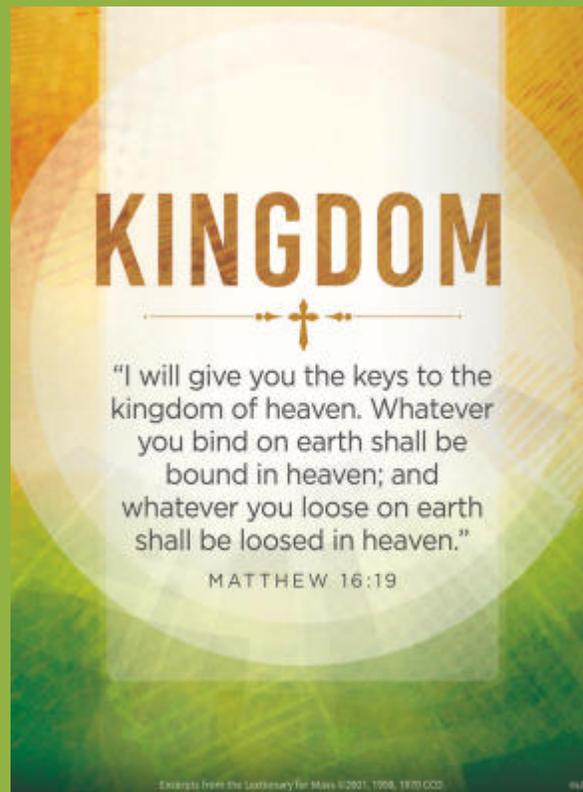
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Remember in your prayers all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm at SJ; Sunday 7:30 am at SF; Sacrament of Baptism: Contact parish office; Sacrament of Marriage: Contact parish office at least 6 mos prior to the proposed marriage date; Sacrament of the Sick: Contact parish office during office hours. Emergencies call anytime; Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry: Peggy Piazza (SF), Wanda Smith (SJ) Pastoral Care Coordinators; Works of Mercy: Kitty Ingalls (SF), Mary Ann Losee (SJ); Parish Outreach Ministry: Contact parish office; Prayer Chain: (SF) Call Cathy 863-6271 or Katy 863-2734 (SJ) Call Erin 224-8811 Thrift Shop, St. Joseph's Closet: temporarily closed

### St. Joseph Mass Intentions

#### Sat (22) 4:00 pm

Greg Wittmeyer + C & C Santo  
Eric Jones + Barb & Joe Furman  
Kerry Bradt Thurston + her parents

#### Sun (23) 10:30 am

Bab Montenaro + C & C Santo  
Helen & Glen Cole + P & J Cardone  
Eric Jones + Angela Fusco

#### Monday (24) 8:30 am

Fr. Francis Gunn

#### Friday (28) 8:30 am

Msgr. Edward A Walsh

#### Sat (29) 4:00 pm

Lou & Pat Mannion - 50th Anniversary  
Tricia & James Russell + Mom & Dad  
Eric Jones + G & ML Lockyer

#### Sun (30) 10:30 am

Helen & Joseph Cardone  
+ Joe & Pat Cardone  
Special Intention + T & M Jablonski  
Eric Jones + Pat Ottati



**REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:** Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by calling the office. **Where you see Masses for a Deacon or priest it means no one has offered a Mass Intention that day.** Mass cards are available for the living & deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays or other special occasions.

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

#### Sat (22) 6:30 pm

Rev JF Riley, Dcn JE Glennon

#### Sun (23) 8 am

Fr. Francis Gunn

#### Tuesday (25) 8:30 am

Revs J Delaney, PF Scully, JM Mealey, HJ Donaghy

#### Thursday (28) 8:30 am

Roy & Esther Edwards  
+ William & Cynthia Cromie

#### Sat (29) 6:30 pm

Revs. JJ Peyton, M Gaudio, WW Crandall

#### Sun (30) 8 am

Kay Sanders + SF Rosary Society

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day** ~ We are the Church, the universal assembly of believers, the Body of Christ, called to build the kingdom of God. Each of us is part of this institution that can be traced back nearly two thousand years to Saint Peter, the rock on whom we are built. As we celebrate the Eucharist here today, let us reflect on this awesome privilege of being a part of this two-thousand-year-old mission and contemplate what we are called to do to bring it closer to perfection.

**RESPECT LIFE** ~ "God's love - individual, real, unchanging - is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** ~ Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** ~ The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical? @LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul. @LPi

**Readings for the week of August 23, 2020** ~ Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20; Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51; Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26; Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32; Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51; Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13; Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29; Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

SJ Lector: 8/29: J Raven

SF Lector: 8/29: M Bianco

8/30: D Jankowski

8/30: J Ferguson

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place, so those who are vulnerable or even simply uncomfortable attending a public liturgy are encouraged to remain at home and view Mass via livestream, which will continue as scheduled.

Parishioners should bring/wear their own masks and, if possible, a bottle of hand sanitizer for use upon entering, before receiving Communion, after receiving Communion, and after exiting the church. Catholics should plan on restricted seating, a change in the reception of Communion in order to ensure social distancing, exit strategies to ensure social distancing, etc. Visit <http://rcda.org/coronavirus> and follow diocesan social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for the latest updates on the return to public Masses and other COVID-related information.

Your Parish needs your support more than ever during this challenging time. Please send your offertory by mail or drop it in the office. Thank you for your generosity.



For we walk by faith, not by sight.

The Diocesan Appeal, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

**St. Francis members:** 50/50 raffle tickets are in the mail. If everyone participates, the prize will be BIG!!

If you didn't receive any tickets, call Kitty @ 518-863-8786. The drawing is on August 30th.

Raffle tickets will be sold after Mass at both St. Joseph's Church & St. Francis Church.

"You need to be in it to win it".

**2020 Catholic Home Missions Appeal** - Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now over 40 % of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Fr. Jun is live streaming Masses:

<https://www.facebook.com/tas.yo.9>

8:30 am Mass  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
8 am Sunday

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** ~ Thank you to everyone who used the Diocese's offer to use Electronic deposits this year. So far, at SF, we've received \$1806.90 electronically & SJ has received \$1,431.61. These amount were reflected in the financial information when they were received.

<b>OUR GIVING</b>				
To meet expenses, the following amounts are needed weekly:				
<b>\$2,516.00 at St. Joseph's; \$2,612.00 at St. Francis.</b>				
	Attend	8/16/20	Candles	Poor Box
SJ 4pm	33	\$481	n/a	n/a
SF 6:30	18	\$502	n/a	n/a
SF 8am	36	\$1,660	\$37	\$3
SJ 10:30	39	\$882	n/a	n/a



*Faith Formation*

**Faith Formation classes: More info coming soon!!**

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