



Mass
Intentions

Saturday, February 7

5 p.m. Altar Society and their families

7 p.m.

Sunday, February 8

8 a.m. Theresa Fall (D)

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

Monday, February 9

No Mass

Tuesday, February 10

8:30 a.m. Aaron Hudnall (L)

Wednesday, February 11

6:30 p.m. Dan Harriman (D)

Thursday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Steve & Mary Sedlak (D)

Friday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Olan Sanders (D)

Saturday, February 14

5 p.m. Karri Dennis (D)

7 p.m.

Sunday, February 15

8 a.m. Mary & Walter Kushik (D)

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

**READINGS FOR THE
WEEK**

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps
104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24,
35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-9;
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-
2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5;
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13;
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5,
11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45



BREAK OPEN THE WORD

[Jb 7:1-4, 6-7](#)

[1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23](#)

[Mk 1:29-39](#)



The story of Jesus healing the mother of Peter's wife appears in all three synoptic Gospels, and each includes this detail: After she was cured, she got up and waited on them.

In a movie from a few years ago, a young boy, looking for a way to fulfill a class assignment — which was to change the world — did something extraordinarily nice for three strangers with the admonition that they should go and do likewise. It's a pretty amazing idea, this paying it forward.

Call to mind the power of compound savings. The hope is that your savings will grow exponentially, faster each month with fresh dollars added to the principle. It's a pretty amazing idea, especially if you are saving for college tuition or retirement.

The young boy's strategy to change the world: = one person serving three, who each serve three more (nine), who each serve three more (27), and so on to 81, 243, 729, 2187. Maybe it is a way to change the world, or at least the part of the world we live in. In just seven stages, every member of St. Francis of Assisi parish community might receive — and pass on — extraordinary kindness. Not a bad idea for Lent!

The catch — do we believe that people would really cooperate? We lack faith in people. Or perhaps we lack hope. Today's first reading gives a clear glimpse of life without hope as Job utters: "I shall not see happiness again" (Job 7:7). Job was wrong. He didn't know the end of his story. After listening to a lot of silly chastisement about how much he doesn't know God and God's ways, Job is blessed by God with more happiness than he could have imagined.

Perhaps we have known what it is like to recover from a serious illness — miraculously, as Peter's mother-in-law experienced. Or in a way that only seems like a miracle, as we take antibiotics for the newest version of the flu. Perhaps we are in the midst of an illness that won't go away, but still there are those days of less pain, when the sun feels warm on our face and food tastes good again.

Or perhaps we've known another experience of grace: we find the right work; reconcile with a friend; a wayward child finds the way home; we fall in love. Grace is that experience of going from loss to gain, eyes opened to what we did not see before.

What do we do? Do we pay it forward? Believers do not succumb to despair during the bad times or allow the good times to make them smug or selfish. Believers strive to bear all, knowing that the end of the story will be revealed in God's own time. Meanwhile, grace is to be shared, and, if we are willing, we each may become a vessel of grace, a Christ-bearer to those on our path in this waiting, needy world.

**It's time to start thinking about the best way to enter into the spirit of Lent.
Fr. Tom**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUNG AT HEART

Reminding all YAH members and 50+ members of our parish to come join us Tuesday, February 10th. After 8:30 Mass it is coffee and something sweet at the SDC. Compete with friends in friendly games of Canasta, Dominoes or bring your favorite game for us to enjoy. If you would like to learn to play new games this is the place. A short business meeting is held at 11:15, followed by our salad luncheon sharing your favorite salads. After lunch some games continue for those interested, but the afternoon is yours if you have plans. Remember the \$150 deposit for the upcoming April bus trip to Fredericksburg April 15 - 17 is due (don't be left off the bus, interest in this trip is growing). If you are unable to attend, please call Janis Beach 883-4566 or 779-1038 to make arrangements for payment.

20th Annual Trash Off Sat, Feb 28 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

If you would like to participate as part of "Team St. Francis" at the Trash Off, call the parish office 883 9153.

You will meet at the City of Orange Boat Ramp off Simmons DR. A Team consists of a team leader and 2-4 additional members. Groups of no more than 5 and no fewer than 3 are preferred to ensure all areas are properly covered.

It's time to begin formation of a new team for the next men's Acts Retreat to be held June 25-28. Team formation meetings will begin with commissioning Mass and get together afterwards on Sunday March 15. Regular meetings will begin Monday March 23 and will be held every Monday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please carefully consider the commitment involved and pray before you let us know of your desire to serve on the team. We will meet for thirteen weeks and need your presence at every meeting. Due to the space limitations, team members will have to be selected with much help from the Holy Spirit. If you would like to serve and can commit to this schedule, please email one of us by March 2 with the following information:

Name, Phone #, E-mail, Parish, Number of teams worked

Michael Cole Mcole3313@sbcglobal.net

Frank Pritchard Fritchard1@allstate.com

Paul Lapeyrolerie Plapeyrolerie@sbcglobal.net

Altar flowers for February 7, 8 donated by
Floyd and Mary McDuffie, Jr. in memory of
Ernestine & Floyd McDuffie
and

Frank & Stephanie Lomonte in memory of
Frank and Angie Lomonte, Sr.

Blessed Mother flowers donated by
Ellen & Emile Dupre in honor of Jesse Paul Dupre

St. Francis Ministries

This is the final installment of our ministry focus here at St. Francis. If you see a chance to increase your involvement by sharing your time and talent, give the ministry head a call.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Alvin and Vickie Edgerly 988 3774

Under the umbrella of the Social Ministry Committee our parishioners are offered an opportunity to respond to the Gospel challenges of justice, peace, Consistent Life Ethics and compassion through our active, focused ministries at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Clothing Ministry

Bill Belcher 882 9395

The clothing ministry will focus on parishioners and organizations as needs arise in difficult times.

Feed the Hungry Ministry

Floyd McDuffie 883 4810

This ministry focuses on alleviating local hunger with monthly food collection, support of local food kitchens/food banks with a quarterly food drive

Ministry to the Ill and Shut-In

Paula Perkins 883 7393

This group visits homebound and parishioners at Daybreak Nursing Home in Pinehurst and Sabine House in Little Cypress. Must be a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Young at Heart

Janis Beach 883 4566

This group invites anyone age 50 and older to come together once a month to spend time with old friends and make new ones, attend mass as a group, enjoy day trips and much more.

Congregational Health Ministry

Deborah Marciniak 883 2411

This ministry promotes health, healing and wholeness in our church community as well as the surrounding area.

Franciscan Ministry

Alvin Edgerly 988 3774

This ministry will provide St. Francis parishioners with contact information for minor home repairs and general maintenance and transportation to and from the doctor or stores.

Welcome Committee

Penni Guidry 882 1647

This committee will welcome new parishioners with a visit to the home.

Applications for the April 16-19 Women's ACTS retreat are available in the church office and at church entrances. The cost is \$175 but financial difficulties should not keep you from attending. The application and a \$50 deposit should be turned in at the church office.



Welcome our newest parishioners:
Lacey Hale
Regina and Blaine Callier



May our faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace:
Donald Harmon
Theresa Fall



Please welcome the newly baptized:
Reid Jameson Lee, son of Chris and
Brittany Lee

JAM WITH THE LAMB
PRESENTS
AN EVENING WITH
SR. ROSELLE HAAS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
7 PM ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

PRAYER
FELLOWSHIP
PRAISE
AND
WORSHIP
COMMUNITY



PLEASE
JOIN US
AGES
JR. HIGH
HIGH SCHOOL
ADULTS

Lenten Bible Study

While the men of the Old Testament often garner the most attention, the women of the Old Testament become all the more worthy of our interest because we have to dig deeper to recover their special contribution to the annals of faith. Their stories are all the more remarkable in that they arise from historical eras that cramped their options in influencing or changing the flow of history. The women of this study can be bold and decisive, also meek and faithful, but they are always compelled to act in ways that bring about change. God's saving deeds often came through the mind and will of amazing women using limited resources.

Sessions will begin Feb 19 @ 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Library. The cost for the book is \$15, available in the church office.

HELP NEEDED

The church environment group will be changing from Ordinary Time to the season of Lent and could use a helping hand on Sunday, February 15 after 10:30 mass

HEALING MINISTRY

During Jesus' ministry "he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons." This is the case in today's Gospel. Jesus fulfills the vision of Psalm 147: "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Jesus knew, however, that he couldn't possibly heal all the illness in the world. No matter how many people he cured or how many hours he ministered, there always would be more suffering people like Job who craved his healing touch. His primary mission was not to rid the world of all suffering. His "purpose" was to preach the coming of the reign of God that heals, yes, but ultimately transcends and transforms earthly suffering. With Paul, Jesus could have said, "Woe to me if I do not preach" that good news. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Last rites" is a persistent but pesky phrase in the Catholic lexicon, and not a particularly useful phrase since it props open the door to misunderstanding. Many Catholics presume it refers to the anointing of the sick, yet there is nothing "last" about it. Clearly, the Church desires anointing to be celebrated fairly early on in the crisis of illness, and not as a last measure. The Rites for the Dying stand apart in the Church's plan, and include two principal rites. The first is viaticum, Latin for "food for the journey," the reception of Holy Communion by a dying person. Even very active and aware Catholics often do not realize that this "last rite" does not require a priest's presence, but can be conducted by a deacon or minister of Holy Communion.

The second "last rite" in the pastoral plan is a prayer called "Commendation of the Dying." Similarly, this does not require the presence of a priest, but can be led by any minister or family member. Too often, we have focused on what only a priest can do, namely anoint, and have forgotten the fullness of liturgical care that the Church desires for its dying faithful. The "last rites" are completely available to us even when a priest is not.

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BEGINNING AGAIN

If I were to begin life again, I would want it as it was. I would only open my eyes a little more. Jules Renard

HOLY UNION

The union of man and wife is from God. St. Augustine

ON LOVE

If you would be loved, love and be lovable. Benjamin Franklin

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Need help healing from a divorce? The Catholic Divorce Survival Guide course can help. It begins at St. Francis Monday, Feb 23 at 7 p.m. in the youth room and will run for 12 weeks. To register call the church office 883 9153 or call Brian 409 734 7166 or Rita 409 988 1765 for more info.

The cost is \$15 for course materials but should not keep you from attending.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTERIO DE SANACIÓN

Durante su ministerio, Jesús “curó a muchos enfermos de diversos males y expulsó a muchos demonios”. Así es el caso en el Evangelio de hoy. Jesús cumple la visión del Salmo 147: “Él sana los corazones destrozados y venda sus heridas.”

Jesús sabía, sin embargo, que nunca podría sanar todas las enfermedades del mundo. Por mucha gente que curara o muchas horas que dedicara al ministerio, siempre habría más personas afligidas como Job, ansiosos de su toque sanador. Su misión principal no era la de erradicar todo sufrimiento del mundo. Su “obligación” era predicar la venida del Reino de Dios que sana, sí, pero en último caso, trasciende y transforma todo sufrimiento humano. Con Pablo, Jesús pudiera decir, “Ay de mí si no anuncio” esa Buena Nueva. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los textos sagrados que componen lo que llamamos Biblia fueron coleccionados, organizados y ordenados durante los primeros cuatrocientos años del cristianismo. Fue durante el Concilio de Cartago (Siglo IV), que finalmente se canonizó (estableció el orden) la Biblia católica. Los textos sagrados de la Biblia se han proclamado a lo largo de los siglos en la celebración eucarística para nutrir la fe de los creyentes. En 1969, la Iglesia católica estableció un nuevo Leccionario conteniendo los textos bíblicos que se proclaman en la liturgia. El Leccionario contiene un gran número de textos de la Escritura, organizados de una manera muy especial a fin de que estos textos sean proclamados en las misas dominicales y en las feriales (entre semana). El Leccionario está organizado de tal manera que si una persona asiste a misa diariamente durante un período de tres años, escuchará casi todos los textos de la Biblia. La proclamación de los Evangelios se realiza mediante ciclos dominicales. Durante el Ciclo A, proclamamos el Evangelio de Mateo; el de Marcos durante el ciclo B y el de Lucas durante el ciclo C. El Evangelio de san Juan se proclama durante la Cuaresma y la Pascua. Así mismo, el capítulo 6 de este Evangelio se incorpora al Ciclo B, que es el de Marcos. El resto del Nuevo Testamento se proclama como segunda lectura, excepto durante la Pascua, mientras que la primera lectura se proclama siempre del Antiguo Testamento, excepto durante la Pascua. No olvidemos el Salmo, que es una respuesta a la Escritura.

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COMENZAR DE NUEVO

Si tuviera que empezar la vida de nuevo, querría que todo fuera igual. Sólo que abriría un poco más los ojos. Jules Renard

SOBRE AMOR

Si quieres ser amado, ama y sé amable. Benjamin Franklin



Saturday, February 7

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

5 p.m. mass

7 p.m. Spanish mass

Sunday, February 8

8 a.m. mass 10:30 a.m. mass

Confirmation class 5:30 p.m.

Sonlight choir 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 9

Adult choir 6 p.m.

Women's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10

Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.

Women's faith share 6:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m. mass

Young@Heart after mass in SDC

KC officers 6:30, general meeting 7 p.m.

RCIA 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11

Dementia Support Group 10 a.m. Bro Sun

RE grades K-8 5:15-6:15

Keysis grades 9-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. mass

Jam w/the Lamb after mass

Thursday, February 12

8:30 a.m. mass

Catechist Training 5-7 p.m.

Altar Society meeting 6:30 p.m.

ACTS Core meeting 6:30 p.m.

Dementia Caregiver's Support 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 13

8:30 a.m. mass

Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 14

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

5 p.m. mass

7 p.m. Spanish mass

Sunday, February 15

8 a.m. mass 10:30 a.m. mass

Environment changes to Lent after

10:30 mass-help needed

Sonlight choir 6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

February 1, 2015

Amount needed each week (Regular collection)	\$11,873.00
Weekend regular collection (including building fund)	11,703.49
Under Goal	169.51
Year to date totals (February 1, 2015)	
Amount needed (\$11,873. x 31 fiscal weeks)	\$ 368,063.00
Total Sunday collections to date	358,752.87
Year to date shortage	9,310.13

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

Black and Indian Missions Feb 22

Online giving is an excellent way to fulfill your obligation to support St. Francis parish. Go to www.stfrancisorangetx.org and click the Online Giving link.