

St. Francis of Assisi CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5pm ✕ Sunday: 8am Bilingual 10:30am

DAILY MASS

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am ✕ Wednesday: 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Pastor to make arrangements for Infant Baptisms. Baptism class is held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. This can be done at least seven (7) months before the birth in order to make proper sacramental preparations.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Diocesan policy requires a minimum of six (6) months of sacramental preparations for marriage. Engaged couples are invited to call the Pastor for an appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION OR ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Pastor if you or any family members are ill or plan to be hospitalized to arrange the reception of the Sacraments.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - Catechumenate

Those interested in becoming a Catholic or in completing their initiation are invited to contact Deacon Keith Hebert at the Church office to learn more about the Catechumenate Process.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community! Please register by obtaining a census form from the Parish Office or at one of the two front entrances to the Church. Please return the census form to the Parish Office or drop in the collection basket. You may also register online at www.stfrancisorangetx.org. From the home page, click on the registration form. We look forward to the opportunity to know and serve you and it is our prayer that you will bless St. Francis Catholic Community with your time, talent, and treasure.

July
11 2021

Jesus instructed
the Twelve to take
nothing with them
but a walking stick -
no food, no sack,
no money in
their belts.

Mark 6:8

FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
July 12-18	
MONDAY 12	Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-8 Mt 10:34 — 11:1
TUESDAY 13	Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24
WEDNESDAY 14	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27
THURSDAY 15	Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 Mt 11:28-30
FRIDAY 16	Ex 11:10 — 12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8
SATURDAY 17	Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15 Mt 12:14-21
SUNDAY 18	Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

GOD CHOSE US

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today’s three readings. The second reading, from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own.

The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn’t his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today’s Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

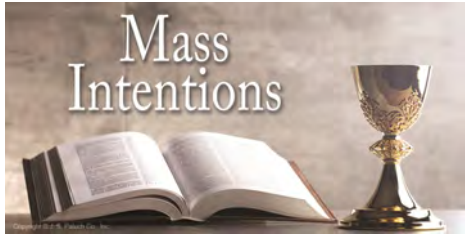
Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Henry
 Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 Thursday: St. Bonaventure
 Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

FEAST OF FAITH
Invitation to the Eucharistic Prayer

After the presider washes his hands, he turns to the people and says, “Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.” We have brought forward bread and wine, and now we are asked to see in these simple gifts upon the altar a sacrifice offered to God. Our response is rich in theological meaning. “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands.” The words point to the unique role of the priest, whose hands, at his ordination, were anointed for just this purpose: that he might “sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God” (*Rite of Ordination*). We ask God to accept our sacrifice not because it is worthy of God, but simply “for the praise and glory of his name.” God does not need our offering, but allows us to give it so that we might grow in holiness. And God, never to be outdone in generosity, gives all that we have given back to us, “for our good and the good of all his Church.” This Mass benefits not just those who have gathered, but, in the mysterious economy of grace, the whole Church. In the words of Saint Paul, when one part rejoices, the whole body “share[s] its joy” (1 Corinthians 12:26).

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Weekly Church Schedule

Sunday, July 11

8:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
 10:30 a.m. Mass
 6:30 p.m. **Rosary for our Country**

Monday, July 12

No Mass
 9:00-6:00 Church open
 6:30 p.m. **Rosary for our country**

Tuesday, July 13

5:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
 6:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Group
 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
 9:00-6:00 Church open
 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting
 6:30 p.m. **Rosary for our country**

Wednesday, July 14

9:00-6:00 Church Open
 10:00 a.m. Dementia Support Group Mtg.
 6:00 p.m. Communion Service
 6:30 p.m. **Rosary for our country**

Thursday, July 15

8:30 a.m. Communion Service
 9:00-6:00 Church Open
 6:30 p.m. **Rosary for our country**

Friday, July 16

8:30 a.m. Communion Service
 9:00-6:00 Church Open
 6:30 p.m. **Rosary for our country**

Saturday, July 17

3:30-4:30 Confession
 5:00 p.m. Mass
 6:30 p.m. **Rosary for our country**

Sunday, July 18

8:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
 10:30 a.m. Mass
 6:30 p.m. **Rosary for our country**

Saturday July 10

5:00 p.m. Ann Johnson (D)

Sunday July 11

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Cheryl Barfield (D)

Monday July 12

8:30 a.m. No Mass

Tuesday July 13

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday July 14

6:00 p.m. Communion Service

Thursday July 15

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday July 16

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday July 17

5:00 p.m. Kevin & David Wilson (D)

Sunday July 18

8:00 a.m. Lucano Meza (D)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**St. Francis of Assisi
 Stewardship of Treasure**

July 4, 2021

Online Giving

****Due to the 4th of July holiday,
 collection will be reported in next
 weekend's bulletin**

Thank you for your continued support!

July 11, 2021

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**Sunday, July 18, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

**To kick off Vacation Bible School
week, the kids will be singing the
Divine Mercy chaplet that they
learned at the Vocation Bible
School in June!**

We hope to see everyone there!

Vocations Cross

For an increase in gratitude among God's people for the mercy shown them through the holy vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in their midst, and that more men and women will faithfully respond to His call, we pray to the Lord.

*July 10/11
July 17/18
July 24/25
July 31/Aug 1
August 7/8
August 14/15
August 21/22
August 28/29*

*Diana Breaux
Cathy Martinez
Jet & Bridget Toohey
Kathy Arceneaux
Harry Langston
Diana Breaux
Floyd & Mary McDuffie
Keysis youth ministry*

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us.

Amen.



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Job openings at Catholic Schools

Dr. Felicia Nichols, Super intendent of Catholic Schools is happy to announce that We have several job openings for those who are called to work in various departments within our Catholic schools:

Monsignor Kelly High School is currently seeking candidates to fill the following positions:

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History.

For more information and to request an application, please contact cmiller@mkchs.com.

St. Mary Catholic School in Orange is seeking candidates for the following part-time positions: P.E. Teacher/Coach, Custodian.

Resumes can be sent to principal@stmaryschooltx.org.

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School is seeking applicants to fill the position of P.E Teacher/Coach (full-time). Interested applicants can send resumes to dfontenot@stcats.org

2021 Annual Men's Conference

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Part-time Grounds and Maintenance Caregiver –

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St Francis of Assisi Church in Orange, TX is seeking a part-time, at least 20 hours per week, grounds and maintenance caregiver. The caregiver is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the parish grounds and for performing minor maintenance to the facilities and lawn equipment to fashion the grounds and facilities to strengthen worship and ministerial programming. Responsibilities include but are not limited to routine preventive and repair of buildings, rectory, and equipment; cleaning and maintaining flower beds; collect and remove trash/litter, tree limbs, etc; painting, moving furniture, and other duties assigned by the pastor. Qualified candidates must have experience in lawn maintenance, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and use and maintenance of tools, machinery, and lawn maintenance equipment.

Interested persons please contact:

Fr. Sinclair Oubre

Email: soubre@dobcentral.org

Phone: (409) 749-0171

SAVE THE DATE

St. Vincent De Paul Society's

BINGO NIGHT

*Saturday, September 18th
After 5:00 p.m. Mass*

More details will be coming out soon

Exciting News

A.C.T.S

**Adoration, Community, Theology &
Service**

**St. Francis Women's ACTS Retreat
August 26-29, 2021
Holy Family Retreat Center**

Registration is now open

Registration Forms are in the Church



The month of July is dedicated to the **Most Precious Blood of the Redeemer**. Supreme homage is given to the Sacred Blood. As we adore the Sacred Heart, because it is the Heart of Jesus, who is God, so we adore the Most Precious Blood.

The Blood of Jesus is the fountain of salvation. Each drop that flowed from the wounds of the Savior is a pledge of man's eternal salvation. All races of the earth have been ransomed, and all individuals, who will allow the saving power of the Sacred Blood to be applied to their soul, are heirs of heaven. St. John Chrysostom calls the Precious Blood "the savior of souls"; St. Thomas Aquinas, "the key to heaven's treasures"; St. Ambrose, "pure gold of ineffable worth"; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, "a magnet of souls and pledge of eternal life". The sins of mankind, in their number, in their offense to the Supreme Being, in the effects on transgressors, are immense; yet, the Precious

Blood of Jesus is not frightened by numbers, it has in itself the power to appease an angered God and to heal wounded creatures.

The Precious Blood is a cleansing bath. Unlike all other blood, which stains, the Blood of Jesus washes clean and white. According to the words of St. John, in the Apocalypse, the Angels wonder, and the question is asked: "These that are clothed in white robes, who are they?" The Lord answers: "These are they that have washed their robes, and have made them white in the Blood of the Lamb." For no other reason did the Precious Blood flow but to regain for the souls of men the beautiful dress of innocence, and, once regained, to preserve it throughout life and into eternity.

The Blood of the Savior is a well of consolation for troubled hearts. Can anyone, confidently, look at the Sacred Blood trickling down from the Cross without taking courage to carry on, in spite of the difficulties which are the common lot of all? One glance at the Cross must be able to drive away fear. And, another, must be able to instill trust in Him who did not rest until the last drop, mingled with water, flowed out of an opened Heart. He, who was willing to do so much for men, must be willing to overlook and forget the frailties which they deeply regret; He must be willing to come to their assistance when harassed, to defend them when tempted, to comfort them when afflicted. The Blood of Jesus must be for Christians what the north-star is to sailors.

Would that men on earth honored the Precious Blood in the manner in which they who are in heaven give honor and praise and thanksgiving! They proclaim that It purchased the glory which they enjoy. Without It, they would have remained slaves of Satan and outcasts from the eternal mansions of God. Let us profess that we owe to the Sacred Blood of Jesus all that we have in this life, and that to It we shall owe all that we shall enjoy in a better and eternal life!

Excerpt from Heavenly Friends, by Rosalie Marie Levy (St. Paul Editions: Boston, 1984)

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