

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

10:00am—5:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Sign-up only

Sunday Sign-up only

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:15pm & 6:15pm - 7:00pm

Sunday 8:00am - 8:30am

Or by appointment



WELCOME

Father Cory Catron, Pastor
Deacon Lee Levenson, Deacon

Administrative Assistant:

Chris Gailey

wk: 336-246-9151

Pastoral Council:

Joanne Kuszaj—Chairperson

336-982-3054

Finance Council:

Rick LaBonte - Chairperson

336-877-2300

Choir Director:

Randy Revis

336-384-2835

Faith Formation:

Isabel Spencer (Coordinator)

336-877-0883

Home Bound Ministers:

Brings the Eucharist to the Homebound

Please call the church office

336-246-9151

Parish Commissions & Committees

Commission Chairperson:

Liturgy/Worship—Vickie Herman

336-877-5656

Parish Life—

Volunteer Needed

Community Life—Diane LaBonte

336-877-2300

Prison Ministry —

Knights of Columbus

Ecumenism-- Bernadette Zimmerman

336-846-4518

Building/Facilities—Mark Holt

828-406-0966

Prayer Chain (prayer request):

Chairperson—Mary Rodgers

336-877-5399

Vicariate Hispanic Ministry Coordinator:

Sergio Lopez

336-529-3748

Baptism Prep Class, Spanish:

Jose Juan Robles

336-977-4612

Sunday, August 23, 2020
The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Simon Peter replied,
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
Matthew 16:16

For anointing of the sick, receiving the Eucharist while homebound/in the hospital, hearing of your confession, or special prayers and/or visit from Father please call the church office.

St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery: Plots are available for purchase during office hours. Payment in full is required at purchase. Prices are: \$750/per full size plot; \$250/per urn size plot.

Bulletin Deadline:

Items for the bulletin must be submitted to the Church Office before 12:00pm on Wednesday.

Weekend Masses: Due to the regulations of limited seating we are requiring that attendees to the Sunday Masses sign up prior to attending. Joanne Kuszaj will be sending an email out to parishioners through Flocknotes giving instructions on how to sign up for weekend Masses. Attendance will be limited to the current requirements of social distancing. To sign up for Mass please contact **Joanne at 336-982-3054 or jkuszaj@gmail.com**. Attendees are asked to wear a mask. Those not able to attend Mass are granted a dispensation.



Weekday Masses: In accordance with CDC guidelines and direction of Bishop Jugis attendance is limited to within social distancing recommendations in the worship area.

May we remember in prayer our parish family that we will be protected from the Coronavirus and soon be able to all gather and worship together.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 24
8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice
Tuesday, August 25
6:00pm - Parish Council Meeting
8:00pm - Spanish Children's Choir Practice
Wednesday, August 26
5:00pm - Knights of Columbus Assembly
Thursday, August 27
6:00pm - Mass
6:30pm - Finance Council Meeting
Sunday, August 30
6:30pm - Spanish Leadership Meeting

Ministry Schedule

Weekend Ministers
Saturday Mass, August 29, 4:30pm
Lector: #1 Tassanee W., #2 James W.
Greeter: Joanna M.
Usher: Jim L.

Sunday Mass, August 30, 9:00am
Lector: #1 Evelyn R., #2 Anne B.
Greeter: Kryn H.
Usher: Tom R.

Altar Linens week of August 24: Anne B.
Altar Linens week of August 31: Kryn H.

Please note: There will be no Mass on Tuesday, August 25th while Father Cory is away.

Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, August 24, No Mass
Scripture: Rev 21:9-14, Ps 145:10-13, 17-18, Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday, August 25, No Mass
Scripture: 2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17 or Is 58:6-11 or Wis 10:10-14, Ps 89:8, 12, 20, 22, 27-28, Lk 19:12-19
Wednesday, August 26, 12:00pm
Mass Intention: Rodrigo Breton
Scripture: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18, Ps 128:1-2, 4-5, Mt 23:27-32
Thursday, August 27, No Mass
Mass Intention: For loved ones who have fallen away from the church
Scripture: 1 Cor 1:1-9 or Sir 26:1-4, 13-16, Ps 131:1-3, Lk 7:11-17
Friday, August 28, 9:00am
Mass Intention: Reverend Thomas J. Gaul
Scripture: 1 Cor 1:17-25 or 1 Jn 4:7-16, Ps 119:9-14, Mt 23:8-12
Saturday, August 29, 4:30pm (Sign up only)
Mass Intention: Parish Community
Scripture: Jer 1:17-19, Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17, Mk 6:17-29
Spanish Mass, August 29, 7:30pm (Sign-up only)
Sunday, August 30, 9:00am (Sign-up only)
Mass Intention: Venci Breton
Scripture: Jer 20:7-9, Ps 63:2-6, 8-9, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27

Parishioners, Family Members and Friends in need of Special Prayer: Lynn Marie Gregor, Marilyn Reihle, Kevin Gouge, Patrick Fulkerson, Logan Tyler Hollars, Refugio Calvillo, Penny Hession, TC Huntsinger, Felicitas Bugarin Santos, Lynn Miller, Jane Faber, Meaghen Price, Paul Hughes, Arjean Miller, Ron Carriero, Peggy Bieber, Martha Esser, Fred & Louise McCaskill-Baker, Carol Phillips, Andy Stuhrenberg, John Moran, Peggy Schaffer, Destiny Johnson, Rita Skrobialowski, Frank Turnmire, Logan Michael Wagner, Harold Dillard, Kristina Hoekstra. May God bless you!



Thursday, August 27th, is the Memorial for St. Monica. Father Cory will offer Mass at 6:00pm for the Intentions of Loved Ones who have Fallen Away from the Church.



Upcoming Council Meetings
Parish Council - Tuesday, August 25, 6:00pm
Finance Council - Thursday, August 27, 6:30pm

Pastor's note

These last few weeks, as I have slowly but surely gotten more and more settled into my new residence, I am confronted with the fact that I have accumulated a very large number of books in my adult life. It began with the books I took to college with me, a good many Catholic books I inherited from my grandfather. Throughout my college years, I acquired textbooks, mostly in Theology and Philosophy, my areas of study. In the summers, when there was a paycheck, I would buy lots more books—Amazon One-Click shopping was introduced the summer after my freshman year, and the money moving out of my bank account set land speed records as a result. In seminary, there were more books; Philosophy and then Theology textbooks, and many other kinds of books gained from frequent trips to a nearby used bookstore, where one could leave with a pretty good haul on a seminarian's budget. I would take a twenty, buy whatever I could with it, and use the change to buy a cup of coffee at the great café next door, which I would drink while I examined my loot. The biggest spike in my collection, however, came once I was ordained to the priesthood, and suddenly had an actual steady income, not just the wages of seasonal work or the stipend of a seminarian here and there. Books showed up in the mail every day, it seemed like, and in spite of my best efforts, I never really ran short on funds those first several months for some reason.

I am confronted with the huge number of books that I have acquired, and the breakdown of what exactly comprises my library has surprised me in some ways—I have far fewer history books than I realized, and in spite of what I thought was a prolific language section, once shelved it looked far less impressive in magnitude (though still quite diverse). The vast majority of my books are Theology books, and as I've attempted to get them sorted and shelved, I realize what a monumental task it is to actually maintain a library of such a rich and diverse discipline. Theology as an academic discipline seems to contain within it so many sub-disciplines and sub-sub-disciplines. One might study Theology according to historical periods, for example, and within each period there are different emphases and trends. Early monastic spirituality, for example, is a branch of Patristics, the study of the Church Fathers, but it might also be classed along with spirituality itself, which really might be thought of as belonging to any one of several other larger headings. One might also study Theology in terms of some particular area, and find within that many other subheadings; sacramental theology is a subset of dogmatic theology, though insofar as it involves liturgy, it might also be taught under what is now called pastoral theology. In brief, the lesson of trying to shelve a theological library is tremendously complicated, because Theology is tremendously complicated.

But as with so many things, we have a very human tendency to overcomplicate that which is actually very simple, and to oversimplify that which truly is more complex. Theology is really quite simple, at the end of the day, in spite of the many and rich and diverse ways we might slice it. Theology simply means "knowledge of God." Some saints in the Eastern tradition are styled "the Theologian," not because they wrote great theological treatises, but because they had intimate knowledge of God. And really, as an academic discipline, Theology serves to systematize what can be known of God.

In order to simplify the systematization, I would propose that there are really only two parts to Theology: dogmatic theology, which concerns Divine Revelation; and moral theology, which concerns the right way to live. Everything else falls under these two categories. The reason these two are primary has to do with the fact that Theology isn't just an academic exercise, and it has significance for everyone, not just Theologians. If we are Christians, we profess to believe in and to love God. Dogmatic theology is little more than the study of whom we love. Moral theology flows from this, in that it is the systematic way of describing how we ought to live if we profess to love. Who do we love, and how do we love. It's really very simple.

Financial Figures

Offertory August 16:	\$	3,155.00
Offertory received this month:	\$	7,425.00
Offertory needed in August:	\$	16,867.00
Building Fund August 16:	\$	1,295.00
Building Fund received this month:	\$	4,165.00
Loan Payment needed each month:	\$	5,203.00
Building Debt (as of August 18, 2020):		
Total owed	\$	418,061.00

Parishioners are strongly encouraged to mail in their offertory as bills still need to be paid. Checks can be mailed to the following address:

P.O. Box 634, Jefferson, NC 28640

Your support is greatly appreciated.

The 2020 Diocesan Support Appeal

Our Fair Share:	\$	18,937.00
Amount Given:	\$	12,634.43
Amount Pledged:	\$	1,227.60
Amount Needed:	\$	5,074.97
Number of Donors:		47

Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís
Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Agosto 23, 2020

Pastor: Padre Cory Catron, 336-246-9151

Ministerio Diocesano Hispano: Sergio López, 336-529-3748

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Horario de la oficina: De Lunes a Jueves 10:00am—5:00pm y Viernes 10:00am - 1:00pm

Misas de fin de semana: Contacto Isabel López, 336-620-3557.

Horarios de misa entre semana: Martes y Miércoles 12:00pm, Viernes 9:00am

Confesiones: Sábado 6:15pm - 7:00pm

Lecturas Bíblicas de agosto 24 - 30, 2020

Lunes: Apocalipsis 21:9-14, Salmo 145:10-13, 17-18, Juan 1:45-51

Martes: 2 Tesalonicenses 2:1-3, 14-17 o Isaías 58:6-11 o Sabiduría 10:10-14, Salmo 89:8, 12, 20, 22, 27-28, Lucas 19:12-19

Miércoles: 2 Tesalonicenses 3:6-10, 16-18, Salmo 128:1-2, 4-5, Mateo 23:27-32

Jueves: 1 Corintios 1:1-9 o Sir 26:1-4, 13-16, Salmo 131:1-3, Lucas 7:11-17

Viernes: 1 Corintios 1:17-25 o 1 Juan 4:7-16, Salmo 119:9-14, Mateo 23:8-12

Sábado: Jeremías 1:17-19, Salmo 71:1-6, 15, 17, Marcos 6:17-29

Domingo: Jeremías 20:7-9, Salmo 63:2-6, 8-9, Romanos 12:1-2, Mateo 16:21-27

Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio agosto 16: \$ 3,155.00

Nota del Párroco

Estas últimas semanas, a medida que me mudo en mi nueva residencia, me he enfrentado al hecho de que he acumulado una gran cantidad de libros en mi vida adulta. Comenzó con los libros que me llevé a la universidad, muchos libros católicos que heredé de mi abuelo. A lo largo de mis años universitarios, adquirí libros de texto, principalmente en Teología y Filosofía, mis áreas de estudio. En los veranos, cuando había un sueldo, compraba muchos más libros: las compras de Amazon One-Click se introdujeron el verano después de mi primer año y, como resultado, el dinero que salía de mi cuenta bancaria estableció récords de velocidad en tierra. En seminario, hubo más libros; Libros de texto de filosofía y luego de teología, y muchos otros tipos de libros obtenidos de viajes frecuentes a una librería usada cercana, donde uno podía irse con un buen despojo con el presupuesto de un seminarista. Tomaría veinte dólares, compraría lo que pudiera con eso, y usaría el cambio para comprar una taza de café en el gran café de al lado, que bebería mientras examinaba mi botín. Sin embargo, el mayor aumento en mi colección se produjo una vez que fui ordenado al sacerdocio y, de repente, tuve un ingreso estable real, no solo el salario del trabajo de temporada o el estipendio de un seminarista. Los libros aparecían en el correo todos los días y, a pesar de mis mejores esfuerzos, nunca me quedé sin fondos esos primeros meses por alguna razón.

Me enfrento a la enorme cantidad de libros que he adquirido, y el desglose de lo que comprende exactamente mi biblioteca me ha sorprendido de alguna manera: tengo muchos menos libros de historia de los que pensaba, y a pesar de lo que pensé que era un prolífico sección de idiomas, una vez archivada, parecía mu-

cho menos impresionante en magnitud (aunque todavía bastante diversa). La gran mayoría de mis libros son libros de teología, y mientras he intentado ordenarlos y archivarlos, me doy cuenta de la tarea monumental que es mantener una biblioteca de una disciplina tan rica y diversa. La teología como disciplina académica parece contener en sí muchas subdisciplinas y subdisciplinas. Se podría estudiar Teología de acuerdo con períodos históricos, por ejemplo, y dentro de cada período hay diferentes énfasis y tendencias. La espiritualidad monástica primitiva, por ejemplo, es una rama de la Patrística, el estudio de los Padres de la Iglesia, pero también podría clasificarse junto con la espiritualidad misma, que en realidad podría considerarse como perteneciente a cualquiera de varios otros títulos más amplios. También se podría estudiar Teología en términos de un área en particular, y encontrar dentro de esos muchos otros subtítulos; La teología sacramental es un subconjunto de la teología dogmática, aunque en la medida en que involucra liturgia, también podría enseñarse bajo lo que ahora se llama teología pastoral. En resumen, la lección de intentar archivar una biblioteca teológica es tremendamente complicada, porque la teología es tremendamente complicada.

Pero como ocurre con tantas cosas, tenemos una tendencia muy humana a complicar demasiado lo que en realidad es muy simple y a simplificar demasiado lo que realmente es más complejo. La teología es realmente bastante simple, en el análisis final, a pesar de las muchas y ricas y diversas formas en que podríamos dividirla. Teología simplemente significa "el conocimiento de Dios". A algunos santos de la tradición oriental se les llama "el teólogo", no porque escribieran grandes tratados teológicos, sino porque tenían un conocimiento íntimo de Dios. Y realmente, como disciplina académica, la Teología sirve para sistematizar lo que se puede conocer de Dios.

Para simplificar la sistematización, propondría que en realidad la Teología tiene solo dos partes: la teología dogmática, que concierne a la Revelación Divina; y teología moral, que se refiere a la forma correcta de vivir. Todo lo demás se incluye en estas dos categorías. La razón por la que estos dos son primarios tiene que ver con el hecho de que la teología no es solo un ejercicio académico, y tiene un significado para todos, no solo para los teólogos. Si somos cristianos, profesamos creer en Dios y amarlo. La teología dogmática es poco más que el estudio de a quién amamos. De ahí surge la teología moral, en el sentido de que es la manera sistemática de describir cómo debemos vivir si profesamos amar. A quién amamos y cómo amamos. Realmente es muy simple.

