

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



Sunday, September 6, 2020
The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Truly, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
Matthew 18:18*

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.

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—Mike Gailey

336-338-2488

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

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 jkuszej@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, September 7

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 8

8:00pm - Spanish Children's Choir Practice

Friday, September 11

8:00pm - Young Adults for Christ Virtual Class

Saturday, September 12

5:30pm - Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30pm - Procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Adoration

Sunday, September 13

8:00am - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Ministry Schedule

Weekend Ministers

Saturday Mass, September 12, 4:30pm

Lector: #1 Wayne C., #2 Carolyn A.

Greeter: Martha E.

Usher: John E.

Sunday Mass, September 13, 9:00am

Lector: #1 Anne B., #2 Mark H.

Greeter: Kryn H.

Usher: Rick L.

Saturday Mass, September 19, 4:30pm

Lector: #1 Tassanee W., #2 James W.

Greeter: Joanna M.

Usher: Jim L.

Sunday Mass, September 20, 9:00am

Lector: #1 Laura B., #2 Evelyn R.

Greeter: Anne B.

Usher: Rick L.

Altar Linens week of September 7: Evelyn R.

Altar Linens week of September 14: Anne B.

Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, September 7, No Mass

Scripture: Gn 2:4-9, 15 or 1 Cor 5:1-8, Ps 5:5-7, 12, Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8, 12:00pm

Scripture: Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30, Ps 13:6, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Wednesday, September 9, 12:00pm

Mass Intention: Bill & Kay Breton+

Scripture: 1 Cor 7:25-31, Ps 45:11-17, Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10, No Mass

Scripture: 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13, Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24, Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 11, 9:00am

Mass Intention: Victims of Terrorism+

Scripture: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27, Ps 84:3-6, 12, Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12, 4:30pm (Sign up only)

Mass Intention: Brian O'Hanlon+

Scripture: Gal 4:4-7 or Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Luke 1:46-55, Lk 1:39-57

Spanish Mass, September 12, 7:30pm (Sign-up only)

Sunday, September 13, 9:00am (Sign-up only)

Mass Intention: Parish Community

Scripture: Sir 27:30--28:9, Ps 103:1-4, 9-12, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

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!



Knights of Columbus 50/50 Raffle

St. Francis of Assisi Council 16839 is conducting a 50/50 raffle to help support the work we do with the Communities and Parishes in Jefferson and Sparta. Tickets will be mailed to Parish members. Please do what you can to help us. Your donation is greatly appreciated. The drawing will be held on November 4th.

Please note: The office is closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Pastor's note

The other week, I wrote about how we can really boil all of theology down to two main branches, and how everything is a subdiscipline of those two: dogma and morality. Put another way, the questions of "whom do we love?" and "how do we love?" The former discipline, then, tells us who God is, and the second how we ought to love God, or what we ought to do if we say we love God. I have had much time to reflect upon the implications of these things, not so much because I spend a great deal of time in contemplation, but more because I spent most of the days following that pastor's note actually shelving my books, which activity brought about the question in the first place (or at least served as a convenient narrative jumping-off point for writing about it before).

When we think of "dogma," it is very helpful to think of it as the discipline of thinking about what is revealed about God. The word has unfortunately taken on a negative connotation; we hear "dogmatic," and we think about rigidity and inflexibility. But taken according to that rubric of "whom do we love?" dogma seems to make more sense if it is something, let us not call it "inflexible," but "unchangeable." For the one whom we profess to love if we style ourselves as Christians is God himself, and God never changes. Who God is does not change with each passing age, with every passing fad. God simply is. He does not grow and develop, he doesn't take input and decide that he will alter this or that about the ordering of reality, as though it were some kind of executive policy. He simply is.

This prompts in us the question: "Why should we pray, if God does not change?" And here we move from dogma to morality, since to pray is an action, and since what concerns action is in the realm of the moral, broadly speaking. It is a good question, and the answer to it is both simple and profound: we pray not to change the mind of God, for this cannot be done; but rather that we ourselves are transformed by it. Evagrius Ponticus, one of the first monks to go out into the desert to be alone with God, wrote of this in his Treatise on Prayer, when he said: "Do not become distressed if you do not receive at once from God your request; he wishes to benefit you even more as you continue steadfastly in prayer (Rom 12:12). For what is higher than enjoying conversation with God and being taken up with communication with him?" In this we see that the real gift of prayer is not that we change God's mind or his will, which are unchanging, but that by persisting in prayer we come into union with him more deeply, which is the entire reason for our existence.

Financial Figures

Offertory August 30:	\$	2,684.00
Offertory received this month:	\$	12,521.00
Offertory needed in August:	\$	16,867.00
Building Fund August 30:	\$	745.00
Building Fund received this month:	\$	5,700.00
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:	\$	12,834.43
Amount Pledged:	\$	1,227.60
Amount Needed:	\$	4,874.97
Number of Donors:		48

This week we remember September 11th.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world:

peace in the hearts of all men and women

and peace among the nations of the earth.

Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy,

we seek your light and guidance

as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared

may live so that the lives lost here

may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us,

strengthen us in hope,

and give us the wisdom and courage

to work tirelessly for a world

where true peace and love reign

among nations and in the hearts of all.

Pope Benedict XI--Prayer at Ground Zero

New York, 20 April 2008



Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís
Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Septiembre 6, 2020

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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 septiembre 7 - 13, 2020

Lunes: Génesis 2:4-9, 15 o 1 Corintios 5:1-8, Salmo 5:5-7, 12, Lucas 6:6-11

Martes: Miqueas 5:1-4 o Romanos 8:28-30, Salmo 13:6, Mateo 1:1-16, 18-23 o Mateo 1:18-23

Miércoles: 1 Corintios 7:25-31, Salmo 45:11-17, Lucas 6:20-26

Jueves: 1 Corintios 8:1-7, 11-13, Salmo 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24, Lucas 6:27-38

Viernes: 1 Corintios 9:16-19, 22-27, Salmo 84:3-6, 12, Lucas 6:39-42

Sábado: Gálatas 4:4-7 o Efesios 1:3-6, 11-12, Lucas 1:46-55, Lucas 1:39-57

Domingo: Eclesiástico 27:30--28:9, Salmo 103:1-4, 9-12, Romanos 14:7-9, Mateo 18:21-35

Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio agosto 30: \$ 2,684.00

Nota del Párroco

La otra semana, escribí sobre cómo podemos realmente resumir toda la teología en dos ramas principales, y cómo todo es una subdisciplina de esas dos: dogma y moralidad. Dicho de otra manera, las preguntas de "¿a quién amamos?" y "¿cómo amamos?" La primera disciplina, entonces, nos dice quién es Dios, y la segunda cómo debemos amar a Dios, o qué debemos hacer si decimos que amamos a Dios. He tenido mucho tiempo para reflexionar sobre las implicaciones de estas cosas, no tanto porque pase mucho tiempo en contemplación, sino más porque pasé la mayor parte de los días siguiendo la nota del párroco en realidad guardando mis libros en los estantes, una actividad que provocó la pregunta en primer lugar (o al menos sirvió como un punto de partida narrativo conveniente para escribir sobre ella anteriormente).

Cuando pensamos en "dogma", es muy útil pensar en él como la disciplina de pensar acerca de lo que se revela acerca de Dios. Lamentablemente, la palabra ha adquirido una connotación negativa; escuchamos "dogmático" y pensamos en rigidez e inflexibilidad. Pero tomado de acuerdo con esa rúbrica de "¿a quién amamos?" el dogma parece tener más sentido si es algo "inmutable;" no lo llamemos "inflexible." Porque aquel a quien profesamos amar si nos consideramos cristianos es Dios mismo, y Dios nunca cambia. Quién es Dios no cambia con cada época que pasa, con cada moda pasajera. Dios simplemente es. No crece y se desarrolla, no toma aportes y decide

que alterará esto o aquello sobre el ordenamiento de la realidad, como si fuera una especie de política ejecutiva. Simplemente es.

Esto nos lleva a la pregunta: "¿Por qué debemos orar, si Dios no cambia?" Y aquí pasamos del dogma a la moral, porque orar es una acción, y porque lo que concierne a la acción está en el ámbito de la moral, en sentido amplio. Es una buena pregunta, y la respuesta es a la vez simple y profunda: oramos para no cambiar la mente de Dios, porque esto no se puede hacer; sino que nosotros mismos somos transformados por ella. Evagrio Póntico, uno de los primeros monjes en salir al desierto para estar a solas con Dios, escribió sobre esto en su Tratado sobre la oración, cuando dijo: "No te angusties si no recibes de inmediato tu petición de Dios; él desea beneficiarte aún más si continúas con firmeza en la oración (Rom 12:12). Porque, ¿qué hay más alto que disfrutar de una conversación con Dios y estar absorto con la comunicación con él?" En esto vemos que el verdadero don de la oración no es que cambiemos la mente de Dios o su voluntad, que son inmutables, sino que persistiendo en la oración nos unimos más profundamente a Él, que es la única razón de nuestra existencia.



Caballeros de Colón

El Concilio de San Francisco de Asís está conduciendo una rifa de 50/50 para poder apoyar y ayudar a nuestra parroquia y a las comunidades de Jefferson y de Sparta. Los boletos de la rifa serán mandadas por correo a todos los miembros de la parroquia. Se les pide su apoyo y su ayuda con y en lo que puedan. La rifa será el 4 de Noviembre del presente año.
Muchas gracias

