

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 13, 2020

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

*If we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*
Romans 14:8

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 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

Sunday, September 13

8:00am - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, September 14

6:00pm - Mass for Exultation of the Cross

8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 15

8:00pm - Spanish Children's Choir Practice

Friday, September 18

8:00pm - Young Adults for Christ Virtual Class

Ministry Schedule

Weekend Ministers

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: Kryn H.

Usher: Rick L.

Altar Linens week of September 14: Kryn H.
Altar Linens week of September 21: Evelyn R.



Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection

The dedicated priests who served us in the past now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. Please be as generous as you can in this second collection, which can be placed in the collection basket next weekend, **September 19/20**.

Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, September 14, 6:00pm

Scripture: Nm 21:4b-9, Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38, Phil 2:6-11, Juan 3:13-17

Tuesday, September 15, 12:00pm

Scripture: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a, Ps 10:1b-2, 3, 4, 5, Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday, September 16, 12:00pm

Scripture: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13, Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22, Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17, No Mass

Scripture: 1 Cor 15:1-11, Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28, Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 18, 9:00am

Scripture: 1 Cor 15:12-20, Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15, Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 19, 4:30pm (Sign up only)

Mass Intention: Parish Community

Scripture: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49, Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14, Lk 8:4-15

Spanish Mass, September 19, 7:30pm (Sign-up only)

Sunday, September 20, 9:00am (Sign-up only)

Mass Intention: Parish Community

Scripture: Is 55:6-9, Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, Phil 1:20-24, 27, Mt 20:1-16

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

The 50/50 raffle is underway. If you have not received your tickets, see a member of the Knights for tickets. You may return purchased tickets by mail, drop off at the office or drop your envelope in a collection basket at Mass. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Pastor's note

As many of you know, I am not originally from the Diocese of Charlotte or the State of North Carolina. I grew up not too far from here, in Wythe County, VA, and came to be a seminarian and then a priest of the Diocese of Charlotte after having attended college at Belmont Abbey. One of the things that drew me to this diocese as a freshman at the Abbey was an event I got to attend just a couple of weeks after classes began, the annual Eucharistic Congress. I will never forget that procession through the streets of Charlotte, as it was a catalytic moment in my own discernment, one that took the smallest hint of a vague attraction to the priesthood and helped to give it full form. I stood by with others vested as altar servers that day, waiting for the procession to begin. The bells rang, the doors of St. Peter's opened, the canopy went up, and the Bishop stepped out with Our Lord in the monstrance. We knelt as they emerged, and then took up our places in the procession. It was an overcast day, and it was strangely still. Thousands of people knelt in the streets, construction workers high up on scaffolding took their helmets off in salute, and a very rare kind of silence descended upon the heart of the city.

It was in the midst of that silence that I first heard something calling me to follow. Follow I did, and now, some fifteen years later, I am a priest and a pastor. The way here has been marked by a few memorable moments connected to the Eucharistic Congress. There have been some monumental figures to speak at the Congress whom I then had the pleasure of meeting, there have been friendships begun and old friends rediscovered as a result of attending. But the really memorable moments have everything to do with the central figure of the Congress. No matter who the speaker is, no matter what reunions there may be, Our Eucharistic Lord is the reason we would gather, and he is the one who enlivens the whole experience. I will never forget the Congress of 2015, my tenth time attending (I have been to all of them save for one, the inaugural one, held the year before I entered college). I had been ordained a deacon a few months before. I walked beneath the canopy with a friend who had been ordained a priest that summer, and with the Bishop carrying the monstrance. I will never forget the moment the Bishop handed off the monstrance to me, and I carried Our Lord down the streets where just inside a decade before, I had first heard him calling out to me. It was one of those delightful moments where things come full circle.

This year promises to be a memorable Eucharistic Congress experience because, for the first time since its inception, we will not be holding one. The Bishop and his advisors made the difficult decision to cancel the Congress out of caution amidst the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. He encouraged all of us priests to hold Eucharistic celebrations in our parishes, and so this is what we are doing. It is very encouraging to see a parish such as ours already a witness to Eucharistic devotion, with nocturnal adoration happening monthly. This is why I have consolidated all of our usual devotions onto this one weekend, and added in processions to accompany the Masses. I hope that one of the chief fruits that comes out of this weekend is to further our desire for Eucharistic devotion, so that we may begin to explore other ways to adore Our Lord and witness to his presence among us. I look at what already was when I arrived here, and I say, using that immortal phrase of Abbot Leo Haid of Belmont Abbey, which became the Abbey's motto: "Crescat! Let it grow!"

While we cannot gather with everyone else from all across the Diocese in one location, we are still all united as one family of faith through communion in Our Eucharistic Lord. May these days bear great fruit in all of our hearts, and serve to further the greater glory of God.

Financial Figures

Offertory September 6:	\$ 4,460.00
Offertory received this month:	\$ 16,981.00
Offertory needed in September:	\$ 16,867.00
Building Fund September 6:	\$ 2,557.00
Building Fund received this month:	\$ 8,257.00
Loan Payment needed each month:	\$ 5,203.00
Building Debt (as of August 18, 2020):	
Total owed	\$ 418,061.00

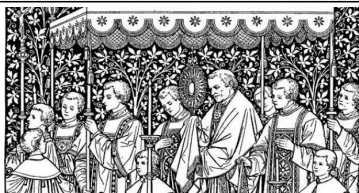
Parishioners are strongly encouraged to mail in their offertory as bills still need to be paid. Checks can be mailed to the following address:

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



Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís
Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Septiembre 13, 2020

Pastor: Padre Cory Catron, 336-246-9151

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

Email: stfrancis@skybest.com

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 14 - 20, 2020

Lunes: Números 21:4b-9, Salmo 78:1bc-2, 34-38, Filipenses 2:6-11, Juan 3:13-17

Martes: 1 Corintios 12:12-14, 27-31a, Salmo 10:1b-2, 3, 4, 5, Juan 19:25-27 o Lucas 2:33-35

Miércoles: 1 Corintios 12:31--13:13, Salmo 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 y 22, Lucas 7:31-35

Jueves: 1 Corintios 15:1-11, Salmo 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28, Lucas 7:36-50

Viernes: 1 Corintios 15:12-20, Salmo 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b y 15, Lucas 8:1-3

Sábado: 1 Corintios 15:35-37, 42-49, Salmo 56:10c-12, 13-14, Lucas 8:4-15

Domingo: Isaías 55:6-9, Salmo 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, Filipenses 1:20-24, 27, Mateo 20:1-16

Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio septiembre 6: \$ 4,460.00

Nota del Párroco

Como muchos de ustedes saben, no soy originario de la Diócesis de Charlotte ni del Estado de Carolina del Norte. Crecí no muy lejos de aquí, en el condado de Wythe en Virginia, y llegué a ser seminarista y luego sacerdote de la Diócesis de Charlotte después de haber asistido a la universidad en Belmont Abbey. Una de las cosas que me atrajo a esta diócesis como estudiante de primer año en Belmont Abbey fue un evento al que asistí solo un par de semanas después de que comenzaran las clases, el Congreso Eucarístico anual. Nunca olvidaré esa procesión por las calles de Charlotte, ya que fue un momento catalizador en mi propio discernimiento, uno que tomó la más mínima insinuación de una vaga atracción por el sacerdocio y ayudó a darle forma completa. Me quedé al lado de otros investidos como monaguillos ese día, esperando que comenzara la procesión. Sonaron las campanas, se abrieron las puertas de la Iglesia de San Pedro, se subió el baldaquín y el Obispo salió con Nuestro Señor en el ostensorio. Nos arrodillamos cuando salieron y luego ocupamos nuestros lugares en la procesión. Era un día nublado y estaba extrañamente tranquilo. Miles de personas se arrodillaron en las calles, los trabajadores de la construcción en lo alto de los andamios se quitaron los cascos en señal de saludo y una especie de silencio muy raro descendió sobre el corazón de la ciudad.

Fue en medio de ese silencio que escuché por primera vez algo que me llamaba a seguir. De verdad, sigue, y ahora, unos quince años después, soy sacerdote y párroco. El camino aquí ha estado marcado por algunos momentos memorables relacionados con el Congreso Eucarístico. Ha habido algunas figuras monumentales para hablar en el Congreso que luego tuve el placer de conocer, se han entablado amistades y se han redescubierto viejos amigos como resultado de la asistencia. Pero los momentos real-

mente memorables tienen todo que ver con la figura central del Congreso. No importa quién sea el orador, no importa qué reuniones puedan haber, Nuestro Señor Eucarístico es la razón por la que nos reunimos, y él es quien anima toda la experiencia. Nunca olvidaré el Congreso de 2015, la décima vez que asisto (he estado en todos ellos excepto en uno, el inaugural, que se llevó a cabo el año antes de empezar a la universidad). Me habían ordenado diácono unos meses antes. Caminé bajo el baldaquín con un amigo que había sido ordenado sacerdote ese verano y con el obispo que llevaba el ostensorio. Nunca olvidaré el momento en que el obispo me entregó el ostensorio, y llevé a Nuestro Señor por las calles donde apenas una década antes, lo había escuchado por primera vez llamándome. Fue uno de esos momentos encantadores en los que las cosas se completan.

Este año promete ser una experiencia memorable del Congreso Eucarístico porque, por primera vez desde su inicio, no realizaremos uno. El obispo y sus asesores tomaron la difícil decisión de cancelar el Congreso por precaución en medio de la pandemia de coronavirus en curso. Nos animó el obispo a todos los sacerdotes que realicen celebraciones eucarísticas en nuestras parroquias, y eso es lo que estamos haciendo. Es muy alentador ver que una parroquia como la nuestra ya es testigo de la devoción eucarística, con adoración nocturna que ocurre mensualmente. Por eso he consolidado todas nuestras devociones habituales en este fin de semana y las he agregado en procesiones para acompañar las misas. Espero que uno de los principales frutos de este fin de semana sea animar nuestro deseo de devoción eucarística, para que podamos comenzar a explorar otras formas de adorar a Nuestro Señor y dar testimonio de su presencia entre nosotros. Miro lo que ya era cuando llegué aquí, y digo, usando esa frase inmortal del abad Leo Haid de Belmont Abbey, que se convirtió en el lema de la abadía: "¡Crescat! ¡Déjalo crecer!"

Si bien no podemos reunirnos con todos los demás de toda la Diócesis en un solo lugar, todavía estamos todos unidos como una familia de fe a través de la comunión en Nuestro Señor Eucarístico. Que estos días den gran fruto en todos nuestros corazones y sirvan para promover la mayor gloria de Dios.



Caballeros de Colón

Ya empezó la rifa de los 50/50. Si usted no ha recibido sus boletos, favor de ver a uno de los Caballeros de Colón. Puede regresar sus boletos comprados por correo o los puede dejar en la oficina de la Iglesia o puede dejar su sobre en la canasta de la colecta durante la Misa. Se les agradece mucho de antemano su participación