

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 27, 2020
The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble
in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.*
Psalm 25:8-9

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.



We have begun Live Streaming the 9:00am Sunday Mass on the Parish YouTube Channel. You can find the channel by searching YouTube for “St. Francis of Assisi, Jefferson, NC”. The Live Stream will begin approximately 1 minute before Mass. You do not need a Google or YouTube account to simply watch the video. At the conclusion of the Live Stream, the video will be archived and available on the parish YouTube channel within 12- 24 hours.

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 27
6:30pm - Spanish Leadership Meeting
Monday, September 28
8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice
Tuesday, September 29
10:00am - Flower Ministry Meeting
8:00pm - Spanish Children’s Choir Practice
Friday, October 2
8:00pm - Young Adults for Christ Virtual Class

If you love flowers and like having them on the altar, then the Flower Ministry is for you. We need 4-5 people who can be available to arrange flowers for the altar and to check on their status during the week. They may need freshening up or discarded. Each person will only be responsible for 1 week every 4-5 weeks. A meeting is scheduled for 10:00am, Tuesday, September 29th. Call Joanne Kuszaj at 336-982-3054 or email: jkuszej@gmail.com if interested.



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, Harold Dillard, Kristina Hoekstra. May God bless you!



Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, September 28, No Mass
Scripture: Jb 1:6-22, Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7, Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 29, 9:00am
Mass Intention: Bill & Carolina Breton+ & Charles & Kay Grebel+
Scripture: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5, Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday, September 30, 9:00am
Scripture: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5, Jn 1:47-51

Thursday, October 1, No Mass
Scripture: Jb 19:21-27, Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14, Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 2, 9:00am
Scripture: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab, Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday, October 3, 4:30pm (Sign up only)
Scripture: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab, Mt 18:1-5, 10

Spanish Mass, October 3, 7:30pm (Sign-up only)

Sunday, October 4, 9:00am (Sign-up only)
Mass Intention: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family
Scripture: Is 5:1-7, Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43

Please note: *The office hours on Wednesday, September 30th are 12:00pm - 5:00pm.*

The Mass times on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 29th and 30th have been moved earlier to 9:00am.

Ministry Schedule

Weekend Ministers

Saturday Mass, October 3, 4:30pm
Lector: #1 Carolyn A., #2 Wayne C.
Greeter: Linda S.
Usher: Jim L.

Sunday, October 4, 9:00am
Lector: #1 Evelyn R., #2 Laura B.
Greeter: Isabel S.
Usher Rick L.

Altar Linens week of September 28: Kryn H.
Altar Linens week of October 5: Evelyn R.

Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 4th, is the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron saint. Readings for the weekend Masses will be those for the feast day, and not those for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time listed in our missalettes. A program with the readings will be provided. Deacon Lee will offer Blessing of the Animals at **11:00am on Sunday, October 4th.**



Pastor's Note

Did you know that there are many different kinds of Holy Water? There is, of course, the water we bless and make available as a reminder of our baptism and use in blessing our homes and other objects. But throughout the history of the Church, there have been other types as well, blessed in honor of certain saints or certain important feast days. In honor of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, which would have been celebrated on the 27th, had that not been a Sunday this year, I have blessed water in honor of St. Vincent. The prayers of blessing for it are different from those of regular holy water, and one part of the rite of this blessing includes dipping a relic of St. Vincent into the water to bless it (don't worry, I covered the reliquary in plastic to both protect it and for sanitary purposes). The water is to be given to the sick for them to drink, so that by the intercession of St. Vincent de Paul, they will be healed. You are welcome to take a bottle of this water, available in the vestibule of the Church. Please only take one per household!

A question has been brought to my attention by the parish council that I felt it was a good idea to address here. There are some people who would like to attend Mass, but are not yet comfortable receiving Holy Communion, and so feel that they should not come at all. This has been a common idea in the recent history of the Church, actually, that when we go to Mass, we must receive communion. This is actually not the case. We are only obligated to receive communion once per year, per the law of the Church. And there are many reasons why someone might go to Mass, and yet not receive communion. A non-Catholic would not receive communion, of course, nor would someone conscious of grave sin without prior sacramental confession. If one does not observe the communion fast of one hour before receiving, he should not present himself for communion. I have, at certain points in my time as a priest, attended my third or fourth Mass of the day without celebrating or concelebrating, but sitting in choir (more on what that means in a future pastor's note), and perhaps giving the homily or assisting with communion. In those times, I do not receive communion myself. Beyond these practical and juridic considerations, of course, it cannot be understated that we receive great graces from attending Mass, and so we still benefit spiritually from the sacrifice and from public, corporate prayer, whether we receive communion or not.

In short, we are encouraged to receive Holy Communion frequently, but it is not required that we receive at every Mass we attend. I would also like to assure those who are perhaps uncomfortable with the idea of receiving at present, given the pandemic and the risks associated therewith, that I am taking every precaution to ensure that the reception of Holy Communion is safe for everyone. I sanitize my hands after putting on my mask and before opening the tabernacle. I use an alcohol wipe to sanitize my fingers after each communicant receives, particularly the back of my hand, which might have been exposed to someone's respiratory droplets when they come close for communion. I am using the procedures recommended by the Diocese, which have been evaluated by a number of medical professionals and found to be safe (I have personally asked a number of acquaintances in the medical field about this). These precautions are identical to what was in place in my previous parish, and I can say that, since the resumption of public Masses, there have never been any significant issues of the spread of the virus among those attending Mass there. Be assured that I take your health and safety very seriously and am always striving to ensure that the care of your souls and is rendered in the most prudent way possible.

Financial Figures

Offertory September 20:	\$ 3,798.00
Offertory received this month:	\$ 11,186.00
Offertory needed in September:	\$ 16,400.00
Priests Retirement & Benefits:	\$ 1,510.00
Building Fund September 20:	\$ 2,125.00
Building Fund received this month:	\$ 5,132.00
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:	\$ 12,962.58
Amount Pledged:	\$ 1,099.45
Amount Needed:	\$ 4,874.97
Number of Donors:	48

News from the Knights of the Columbus

Leave No Neighbor Behind Members of the Knights of Columbus are offering to assist Parish members who may need help with getting groceries, prescriptions or needing transportation. You may contact Luis de la Cerda at 954-328-4026 to schedule an appointment for a visit.

Knights of Columbus 50/50 Raffle Ticket sales continue. We need your support. ***FIRST PLACE PRIZE CURRENTLY IS \$650.*** As ticket sales grow so does that prize money! We would love to see it hit \$1,000. Drawing will be on November 4th so there is still time to get your ticket. Didn't receive a ticket in the mail? Ask a Knight and we will get a ticket to you. Thanks so much for your generous support.

Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís
Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Septiembre 27, 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 28 – octubre 4, 2020

Lunes: Job 1:6-22, Salmo 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7, Lucas 9:46-50

Martes: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 o Apocalipsis 12:7-12ab, Salmo 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5, Juan 1:47-51

Miércoles: Job 9:1-12, 14-16, Salmo 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15, Lucas 9:57-62

Jueves: Job 19:21-27, Salmo 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14, Lucas 10:1-12

Viernes: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, Salmo 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab, Mateo 18:1-5, 10

Sábado: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, Salmo 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab, Mateo 18:1-5, 10

Domingo: Isaías 5:1-7, Salmo 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20, Filipenses 4:6-9, Mateo 21:33-43

Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio septiembre 20: \$ 3,798.00

Nota del Párroco

¿Sabías que hay muchos tipos diferentes de agua bendita? Por supuesto, está el agua que bendecimos y usamos como recordatorio de nuestro bautismo y usamos para bendecir nuestros hogares y otros objetos. Pero a lo largo de la historia de la Iglesia, también ha habido otros tipos, bendecidos en honor a ciertos santos o ciertas fiestas importantes. En honor a la fiesta de San Vicente de Paúl, que se habría celebrado el día 27, si no hubiera sido domingo este año, he bendecido el agua en honor a San Vicente. Las oraciones de bendición son diferentes de las del agua bendita regular, y una parte del rito de esta bendición incluye sumergir una reliquia de San Vicente en el agua para bendecirla (no te preocupes, cubrí el relicario con plástico tanto para protegerlo como para fines sanitarios). El agua se debe dar a los enfermos para que la beban, para que por intercesión de San Vicente de Paúl, sean curados. Le invitamos a llevarse una botella de esta agua, disponible en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. ¡Por favor, solo lleve una botella por hogar!

El concilio parroquial me ha llamado la atención sobre una pregunta que sentí que era una buena idea abordar aquí. Hay algunas personas a las que les gustaría asistir a la Misa, pero aún no se sienten cómodas recibiendo la Sagrada Comunión, por lo que sienten que no deberían asistir en absoluto. Esta ha sido una idea común en la historia reciente de la Iglesia, de hecho, que cuando vamos a misa, debemos recibir la comunión. En realidad, este no es el caso. Solo estamos obligados a recibir la comunión una vez al año, según la ley de la Iglesia. Y hay muchas razones por las que alguien puede ir a misa y no recibir la comunión. Alguien que no es católico no recibiría la comunión, por supuesto, ni tampoco alguien consciente de un pecado grave sin una confesión sacramental previa. Si alguien no observa el ayuno de comunión de una hora antes de recibir, no debe pre-

sentarse para la comunión. En ciertos momentos de mi tiempo como sacerdote, he asistido a mi tercera o cuarta misa del día sin celebrar ni concelebrar, sino sentado en el coro (más sobre lo que eso significa en la nota de un futuro pastor), y tal vez dando la homilía o asistiendo con la comunión. En esos momentos, yo mismo no recibo la comunión. Más allá de estas consideraciones prácticas y jurídicas, por supuesto, no se puede subestimar que recibimos grandes gracias por asistir a la Misa, por lo que todavía nos beneficiamos espiritualmente del sacrificio y de la oración pública y colectiva, ya sea que recibamos la comunión o no.

En resumen, se nos anima a recibir la Sagrada Comunión con frecuencia, pero no es necesario que la recibamos en cada misa a la que asistimos. También me gustaría asegurar a aquellos que quizás se sientan incómodos con la idea de recibir en la actualidad, dada la pandemia y los riesgos asociados con ella, que estoy tomando todas las precauciones para asegurar que la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión sea segura para todos. Higienizo mis manos después de ponerme la máscara y antes de abrir el tabernáculo. Uso una toallita con alcohol para desinfectar mis dedos después de que cada comulgante recibe, particularmente el dorso de mi mano, que podría haber estado expuesta a las gotitas respiratorias de alguien cuando se acerca para la comunión. Estoy utilizando los procedimientos recomendados por la Diócesis, que han sido evaluados por varios profesionales médicos y se han encontrado seguros (personalmente he preguntado a varios conocidos en el campo de la medicina sobre esto). Estas precauciones son idénticas a las que había en mi parroquia anterior y puedo decir que, desde la reanudación de las misas públicas, nunca ha habido problemas de propagación del virus entre los asistentes a la misa allí. Tenga la seguridad de que me tomo muy en serio su salud y seguridad y siempre estoy trabajando por asegurar que el cuidado de sus almas sea prestado de la manera más prudente posible.

Noticias de Caballeros de Colón

Dejar a ningún vecino detrás los miembros de Caballeros de Colón se ofrecen para ayudar a los miembros de la Parroquia que pueden necesitar ayuda con la obtención de alimentos, recetas o la necesidad de transporte. Puede comunicarse con Luis de la Cerda al 954-328-4026 para programar una cita para una visita.



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.