

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Items for the bulletin must be submitted to Chris before the close of business on Wednesday.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Canceled

Sunday Canceled

Reconciliation

During this time Reconciliation will be scheduled by appointment



WELCOME

Father James Stuhrenberg, 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

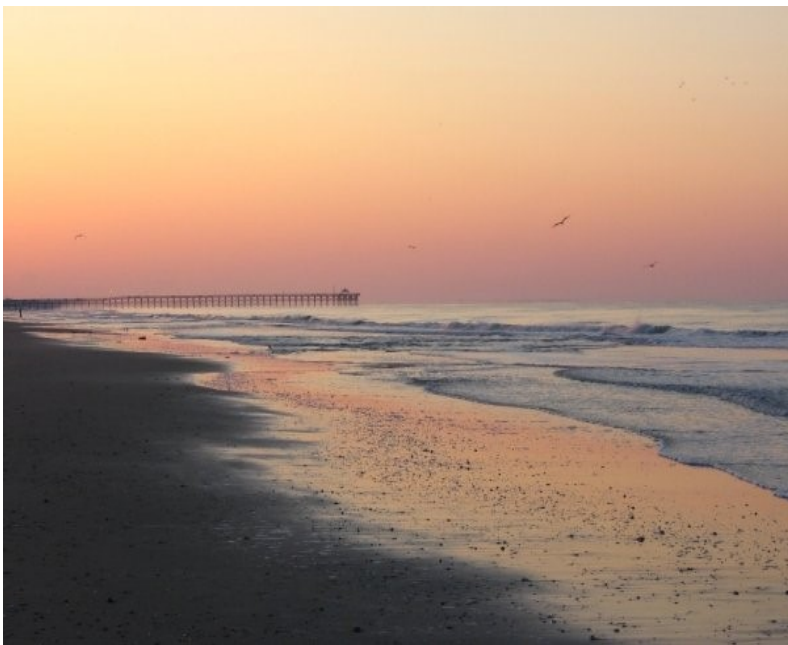
Vicariate Hispanic Ministry Coordinator:

Sergio Lopez 336-529-3748

Baptism Prep Class, Spanish:

Jose Juan Robles 336-977-4612

Sunday, July 5, 2020
The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.*
Matthew 11:28

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.

Weekly Calendar

In accordance with CDC guidelines and direction of Bishop Jugis any meetings must be of 10 or less people in attendance.

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 jkusaj@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.

Ministry Schedule

As we ease our way back to normalcy we are scheduling volunteers to serve in Mass and in helping with church linens.

Saturday Mass, July 11, 4:30pm

Lectors: *Tyler D. **John E.

Sunday Mass, July 12, 9:00am

Lector: *Kryn H. **Evelyn R.

Altar Linens week of July 6: Kryn H.
Altar Linens week of July 13: Mary R.

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!



Please note: There will be no Mass on Tuesday, July 7th. The office will be closed on Wednesday, July 8th.

Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, July 6, No Mass

Scripture: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 7, No Mass

Scripture: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13, Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10, Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 8, 12:00pm

Scripture: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 9, No Mass

Scripture: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9, Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 10, 9:00am

Scripture: Hos 14:2-10, Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17, Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 11, 4:30pm (Sign up only)

Scripture: Is 6:1-8, Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, Mt 10:24-33

Spanish Mass, July 11, 7:30pm (Sign-up only)

Sunday, July 12, 9:00am (Sign-up only)

Scripture: Is 55:10-11, Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14, Rom 8:18-23, Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

A Message from Father James

*To my parish Family,
As you may have heard Bishop Jugis is moving me to Holy Family Parish in Clemmons, NC. When I came here in July 2010, I said that I would try stay for 10 years like Fr Rollie. God has granted my request and given me 10 wonderful years here. I like the mountains and I certainly love being here with you all. But God has shown me it is time to face new challenges. So, I am filled with mixed emotions as God lends me to new pastures. When you are a priest you know there will be a lot of greetings and partings, but the number of your friends always increases. I will miss everybody.*

The good news is that Fr. Cory Catron will be coming to take my place. He is really excited about it. This was my first church to pastor, and it will be the same for Fr. Cory Catron. Unfortunately, the change will take place soon, July 21, 2020.



Financial Figures

Offertory June 28:	\$	2,940.00
Offertory received this month:	\$	11,847.00
Offertory needed in June:	\$	15,225.00

Building Fund June 28:	\$	971.00
Building Fund received this month:	\$	5,468.00
Loan Payment needed each month:	\$	5,203.00

Building Debt (as of June 22, 2020):		
Total owed	\$	424,955.00

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:	\$	12,298.13
Amount Pledged:	\$	1,388.90
Amount Needed:	\$	5,249.97
Number of Donors:		46

Father James wishes you all a safe and Happy Independence Day weekend. May we pray to the Lord that we never take our freedom for granted.



Prayer for Our Nation

God our Father in Heaven,
 you chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters;
 Holy Spirit, you overshadowed Mary
 at the Annunciation;
 God the Son, you became incarnate in the womb of Mary,
 your Mother. In union with Mary, we adore you,
 the Most Holy Trinity and acknowledge that you,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hold eternal dominion
 and authority over all nations.
 Most Holy Trinity,
 we place the United States of America
 into the hands of Mary Immaculate
 in order that she may present our country to you.
 Through her we wish to praise and thank you
 for the great resources of our land and for the freedom,
 which has been our heritage.
 Through the intercession of Mary,
 have mercy on the Catholic Church in the United States.
 Grant us peace.
 Have mercy on our president
 and on all the officers of our government.
 Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity.
 Raise up and protect all of our families.
 Through the intercession of our Mother,
 have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, sinners—on
 all who are in need.
 Above all, we ask Mary to intercede on our behalf
 that you would protect
 our conscience rights and religious freedom,
 upon which our country was founded.
 Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Our Mother,

Patroness of our land, we honor you
 and give ourselves to you.
 Wrap your mantel of protection around each of us
 and all our fellow citizens.

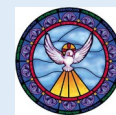
Protect us from all evil and harm.
 Pray for us, that acting always according to your will
 and the Will of your Divine Son,
 we may live and die pleasing to God.
 Amen.

Based on a Marian consecration by Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, prayed in parishes throughout the United States in November of 1959

The Pastoral Council at St. Francis is planning to resume meetings.

It is our hope to begin meeting again and will be planned with consideration of the executive orders for the Covid 19 pandemic that exist at the time. We have active and dedicated members on the Council and meet monthly to assist Fr. James with operations as well as to build the parish community through activities, educational programs for children & adults and encouraging participation in parish ministries and community involvement. We are looking for interested parishioners to join the Council and work with current members to help continue to build our community and provide consultation to our Pastor, Fr. James, as he leads our parish. The Council meetings are open to all parishioners to attend even if you are not a member. We would like to invite any current parishioner who is interested in joining the Council to contact our Chairperson, Joanne Kuszaj at 336-982-3054 or jkuszej@gmail.com to dis-

Attention Confirmation Candidates please note the following important events:



In-Person Candidate Meeting & Evaluation: Sunday, July 5, 2020 10:15am - 11:15am.

Candidate must wear face-masks and remain in the car in the lower parking lot until a team member takes a temperature forehead scan and interviews them for safety issues. Bring your text books, Bibles and completed Answer sheets. Parents/Guardians should return promptly at 11:15am and remain in their cars until your student is escorted out.

Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal: Saturday, July 11, 2020. 9:00am-1:00pm.

Candidate must wear face-masks and remain in the car in the lower parking lot until a team member takes a temperature forehead scan and interviews them for safety issues. Bring your text books, Bibles and a Rosary. Parents/Guardians should return promptly at 1:00pm and remain in their cars until your student is escorted out.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Thursday, July 16, 2020 7:30pm.

Candidates and Sponsors must wear face-masks as they assemble in the parish center on the lower level one hour before or 6:30pm. They will then be escorted up into the Church and take their place at their assigned pews. Up to 6 additional family members will be allowed to join the candidates and sponsors in their assigned pews. More information will be forthcoming.

Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís
Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Julio 5, 2020

Pastor: Padre James Stuhrenberg, 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 Lopez Horarios de misa entre semana: Martes y Miércoles 12:00pm,
Viernes 9:00am

Lecturas Bíblicas de julio 6 - 12, 2020

Lunes: Oseas 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22, Salmo 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mateo 9:18-26

Martes: Oseas 8:4-7, 11-13, Salmo 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10, Mateo 9:32-38

Miércoles: Oseas 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, Salmo 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mateo 10:1-7

Jueves: Oseas 11:1-4, 8e-9, Salmo 80:2ac y 3b, 15-16, Mateo 10:7-15

Viernes: Oseas 14:2-10, Salmo 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 y 17, Mateo 10:16-23

Sábado: Isaías 6:1-8, Salmo 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, Mateo 10:24-33

Domingo: Isaías 55:10-11, Salmo 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14, Romanos 8:18-23, Mateo 13:1-23 o Mateo 13:1-9

Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio junio 28: \$ 2,940.00

Santa María Goretti
virgen y mártir

Santa María Goretti nació en Corinaldo, Italia el 16 de octubre de 1890 hija de Luis Goretti y Assunta Carlini, ambos campesinos. María fue la segunda de seis hijos.

Vivió en el seno de una familia humilde y perdió a su padre a los diez años por causa del paludismo.

Como consecuencia de la muerte de su padre, la madre de María Goretti tuvo que trabajar dejando la casa y los hermanos menores a cargo de ésta quien realizaba sus obligaciones con alegría y cada semana asistía a clases de catecismo.

A los once años hizo su primera comunión haciéndose, desde entonces, el firme propósito de morir antes que cometer un pecado.

En la misma finca donde vivía María trabajaba Alejandro Serenelli, quien se enamoró de María que en ese entonces contaba con doce años.

Serenelli, a causa de lecturas impuras, se dedicó a buscar a María haciéndole propuestas que la santa rechazaba haciendo que Serenelli se sintiera despreciado.

El 5 de julio de 1902 Serenelli fue en busca de María



quien estaba sola en su casa y al encontrarla la invitó a ir a una recámara de la casa a lo que María se negó por lo que aquél se vio obligado a forzarla.

María se negaba advirtiéndole a Serenelli que lo que pretendía era pecado y que no accedería a sus pretensiones por lo que éste la atacó con un cuchillo clavándosele catorce veces.

María no murió inmediatamente, fue trasladada a la hospital de San Juan de Dios donde los médicos la operaron sin anestesia porque no había y durante dos horas la santa soportó el sufrimiento ofreciendo a Dios sus dolores.

Antes de morir, un día después del ataque, María alcanzó a recibir la comunión y la unción de los enfermos e hizo público su perdón a Serenelli.

El asesino fue condenado a 30 años de prisión donde al principio no daba muestras de arrepentimiento. La tradición cuenta que después de un sueño donde María le dijo que él también podía ir al cielo, Serenelli cambió completamente volviéndose hacia Dios y ofreciendo sus trabajos y sufrimientos en reparación de sus pecados.

Después de 27 años de cárcel fue liberado y acudió a pedir perdón a la madre de la santa, quien no solo lo perdonó sino que lo defendió en público alegando que si Dios y su hija lo habían perdonado, ella no tenía porque no perdonarlo.

La fama de María Goretti se extendía cada vez más y fueron apareciendo las muestras de santidad, que fue fruto de su cercanía a Dios y su devoción a la Virgen María.

Después de numerosos estudios, la Santa Sede la canonizó el 24 de junio de 1950 en una ceremonia que se tuvo que realizar en la Plaza de San Pedro debido a la cantidad de asistentes que se calculaban en más de quinientas mil personas.

En la ceremonia de canonización acompañaron a Pío XII la madre, dos hermanas y un hermano de María. Durante esta ceremonia Su Santidad Pío XII exhaltó la virtud de la santa y sus estudiosos afirman que por la vida que llevó aún cuando no hubiera sido mártir habría merecido ser declarada santa.

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