

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 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 16, 2020
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Through him the whole structure is held together
and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;
in him you also are being built together
into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*
Ephesians 2:21-22

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.

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 17
8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice
Tuesday, August 18
8:00pm - Spanish Children's Choir Practice
Thursday, August 20
5:30pm - Cemetery Committee Meeting

Ministry Schedule

Weekend Ministers

Saturday Mass, August 22, 4:30pm
Lectors: #1 Carolyn A., #2 Wayne C.
Greeter: Martha E
Usher: John E

Sunday Mass, August 23, 9:00am
Lector: #1 Kryn H., #2 Isabel S.
Greeter: Anne B.
Usher: Tom R.

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 17: Evelyn R.
Altar Linens week of August 24: Anne B.

Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, August 17, No Mass

Scripture: Ez 24:15-23, Deuteronomy 32:18-21, Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18, 12:00pm

Mass Intention: Clara Halecka+

Scripture: Ez 28:1-10, Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36, Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 19, 12:00pm

Mass Intention: Francis Joseph McHugh+

Scripture: Ez 34:1-11 or Ez 34:11-16, 23:1-6, Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 20, No Mass

Scripture: Ez 36:23-28 or Sir 15:1-6, Ps 119:9-14, Jn 17:20-26

Friday, August 21, 9:00am

Mass Intention: Carolina Breton

Scripture: Ez 37:1-14 or 1 Thes 2:2-8, Ps 89:2-5, 21-22, 25, 27, Jn 21:15-17

Saturday, August 22, 4:30pm (Sign up only)

Mass Intention: Joannie Hughes

Scripture: Is 9:1-6, Ps 113:1-8, Lk 1:26-38

Spanish Mass, August 22, 7:30pm (Sign-up only)

Sunday, August 23, 9:00am (Sign-up only)

Mass Intention: Parish Community

Scripture: Is 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

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!



“GOD has not called me to be SUCCESSFUL. He called me to be FAITHFUL.”

From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop

The building and dedication of God's house within us

We are gathered together to celebrate the dedication of a house of prayer. This is our house of prayer, but we too are a house of God. If we are a house of God, its construction goes on in time so that it may be dedicated at the end of time. The house, in its construction, involves hard work, while its dedication is an occasion for rejoicing.

What was done when this church was being built is similar to what is done when believers are built up into Christ. When they first come to believe they are like timber and stone taken from woods and mountains. In their instruction, baptism and formation they are, so to speak, shaped, leveled and smoothed by the hands of carpenters and craftsmen.

But Christians do not make a house of God until they are one in charity. The timber and stone must fit together in an orderly plan, must be joined in perfect harmony, must give each other the support as it were of love, or no one would enter the building. When you see the stones and beams of a building holding together securely, you enter the building with an easy mind; you are not afraid of its falling down in ruins.

Christ the Lord wants to come in to us and dwell in us. Like a good builder he says: A new commandment I give you: love one another. He says: I give you a commandment. He means: Before, you were not engaged in building a house for me, but you lay in ruins. Therefore, to be raised up from your former state of ruin you must love one another.

Dear brethren, remember that this house is still in process of being built in the whole world: this is the promise of prophecy. When God's house was being built after the Exile, it was prophesied, in the words of a psalm: Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. For a new song our Lord speaks of a new commandment. A new song implies a new inspiration of love. To sing is a sign of love. The singer of this new song is full of the warmth of God's love.

The work we see complete in this building is physical; it should find its spiritual counterpart in your hearts. We see here the finished product of stone and wood; so too your lives should reveal the handiwork of God's grace.

Let us then offer our thanksgiving above all to the Lord our God, from whom every best and perfect gift comes. Let us praise his goodness with our whole hearts. He it was who inspired in his faithful people the will to build this house of prayer; he stirred up their desire and gave them his help. He awakened enthusiasm among those who were at first unconvinced, and guided to a successful conclusion the efforts of men of good will. So God, who gives to those of good will both the desire and the accomplishment of the things that belong to him, is the one who began this work, the one who has brought it to completion.

Financial Figures

Offertory August 9:	\$	1,746.00
Offertory received this month:	\$	4,270.00
Offertory needed in August:	\$	16,867.00
Building Fund August 9:	\$	1,865.00
Building Fund received this month:	\$	2,870.00
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:	\$	12,609.43
Amount Pledged:	\$	1,252.60
Amount Needed:	\$	5,074.97
Number of Donors:		47

Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís
Vigesimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Agosto 16, 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 17 - 23, 2020

Lunes: Ezequiel 24:15-23, Deuteronomio 32:18-21, Mateo 19:16-22

Martes: Ezequiel 28:1-10, Deuteronomio 32:26-28, 30, 35-36, Mateo 19:23-30

Miércoles: Ezequiel 34:1-11 o Ezequiel 34:11-16, Salmo 23:1-6, Mateo 20:1-16

Jueves: Ezequiel 36:23-28 o Eclesiástico 15:1-6, Salmo 119:9-14, Juan 17:20-26

Viernes: Ezequiel 37:1-14 o 1 Tesalonicenses 2:2-8, Salmo 89:2-5, 21-22, 25, 27, Juan 21:15-17

Sábado: Isaías 9:1-6, Salmo 113:1-8, Lucas 1:26-38

Domingo: Isaías 22:19-23, Salmo 138:1-3, 6, 8, Romanos 11:33-36, Mateo 16:13-20

Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio agosto 9:	\$ 1,746.00
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San Agustín
Sermón 336

Edificación y consagración de la casa de Dios en nosotros

El motivo que hoy nos congrega es la consagración de una casa de oración. Esta es la casa de nuestras oraciones, pero la casa de Dios somos nosotros mismos. Por eso nosotros, que somos la casa de Dios, nos vamos edificando durante esta vida, para ser consagrados al final de los tiempos. El edificio o, mejor dicho, la construcción del edificio exige ciertamente trabajo; la consagración, en cambio, trae consigo el gozo.

Lo que aquí se hacía, cuando se iba construyendo esta casa, sucede también cuando los creyentes se congregan en Cristo. Pues, al acceder a la fe, es como si se extrajeran de los montes y de las selvas las piedras y los troncos; y, cuando reciben la catequesis y el bautismo es como si fueran tallándose, alineándose y nivelándose por las manos de los artífices y carpinteros.

Pero no llegan a ser casa de Dios sino cuando se aglutinan en la caridad. Nadie entraría en esta casa si

las piedras y los maderos no estuviesen unidos y compactos con un determinado orden, si no estuviesen bien trabados, y si la unión entre ellos no fuera tan íntima que en cierto modo puede decirse que se aman. Pues cuando ves en un edificio que las piedras y que los maderos están perfectamente unidos, entras sin miedo y no temes que se hunda.

Así, pues, porque nuestro Señor Jesucristo quería entrar en nosotros y habitar en nosotros, afirmaba, como si nos estuviera edificando: Os doy un mandamiento nuevo: que os améis unos a otros. «Os doy —dice— un mandamiento. Antes erais hombres viejos, todavía no erais para mí una casa, yaciais en vuestra propia ruina. Para salir, pues, de la caducidad de vuestra propia ruina, amaos unos a otros».

Considerad, pues, que esta casa, como fue profetizado y prometido, debe ser edificada por todo el mundo. Cuando se construía el templo después del exilio, como se afirma en un salmo, decían: Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo, cantad al Señor toda la tierra. Lo que allí decía: Un cántico nuevo, el Señor lo llama: Un mandamiento nuevo. Pues ¿qué novedad posee un cántico, si no es el amor nuevo? Cantar es propio de quien ama, y la voz del cantor amante es el fervor de un amor santo.

Así, pues, lo que vemos que se realiza aquí materialmente en las paredes, hagámoslo espiritualmente en nuestras almas. Lo que consideramos como una obra perfecta en las piedras y en los maderos, ayudados por la gracia de Dios, hagamos que sea perfecto también en nuestros cuerpos.

En primer lugar, demos gracias a Dios, nuestro Señor, de quien proviene todo buen don y toda dádiva perfecta. Llenos de gozo, alabemos su bondad, pues para construir esta casa de oración ha visitado las almas de sus fieles, ha despertado su afecto, les ha concedido su ayuda, ha inspirado a los reticentes para que quieran, ha ayudado sus buenos intentos para que obren, y de esta forma Dios, que activa en los suyos el querer y la actividad según su beneplácito, él mismo ha comenzado y ha llevado a perfección todas estas cosas.