

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

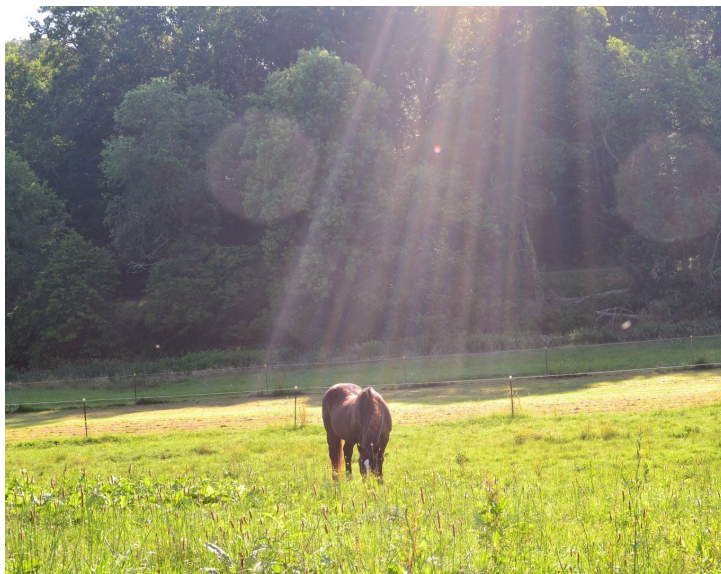
336-529-3748

Baptism Prep Class, Spanish:

Jose Juan Robles

336-977-4612

Sunday, August 2, 2020
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.*
Psalm 34:1

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 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.

Ministry Schedule

Weekend Ministers

Saturday Mass, August 8, 4:30pm
 Lectors: #1 Wayne C.; #2 Carolyn A.
 Greeter: Martha E.
 Usher: John E.

Sunday Mass, August 9, 9:00am
 Lector: #1 Laura B.; #2 Mark H.
 Greeter: Anne B.
 Usher: Tom R.

Altar Linens week of August 27: Anne B.
 Altar Linens week of August 3: Kryn H.

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, Meaghan 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!



Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, August 3, No Mass

Scripture: Jer 28:1-17, Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102, Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday, August 4, 12:00pm

Scripture: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23, Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 5, 12:00pm

Mass Intention: Larry Carnahan+

Scripture: Jer 31:1-7, Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13, Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 6, No Mass

Scripture: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9

Friday, August 7, 9:00am

Mass Intention: Ann O'Neill Sanderson+

Scripture: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7, Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41, Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 8, 4:30pm (Sign up only)

Mass Intention: Parish Community

Scripture: Hab 1:12—2:4, Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13, Mt 17:14-20

Spanish Mass, August 8, 7:30pm (Sign-up only)

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

Mass Intention: LaBonte Family

Scripture: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

Please note: The office will be closed on Thursday, August 6th, while Chris is away for her son's appointment.

Mass Intentions: As Catholics we firmly believe in the benefits and power of prayer. A very loving way to pray for a loved one is to schedule a Mass for their intentions. To schedule a Mass please see Chris in the office. The normal stipend request is \$10. It is requested that the complete names be given of donor/who is requesting the Mass and who the Mass is intended for.

Pastor's Reflection

Yes, dear brothers and sisters, our Christian communities must become genuine "schools" of prayer, where the meeting with Christ is expressed not just in imploring help but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening and ardent devotion, until the heart truly "falls in love". Intense prayer, yes, but it does not distract us from our commitment to history: by opening our heart to the love of God it also opens it to the love of our brothers and sisters, and makes us capable of shaping history according to God's plan.
-Pope St. John Paul II, *Novo Millenio Ineunte*, 2001

These words of Pope St. John Paul II in his exhortation at the close of the Jubilee Year of 2000 have always been very interesting to me, to think of our Christian communities as "schools of prayer." I can think of nothing better that summarizes what the Church envisions for the life of a parish than that it should be a school of prayer. And since the family is itself a kind of Christian community, then the family too should be a school of prayer. The family should mirror the parish in this way, and the parish should be like a big family, and overall, prayer must be the mission.

If we look at that phrase of "school of prayer," it is easy enough to say what a school is, as it is where we learn; what, then is prayer, the thing that is taught in our community, whether we mean the community of the family, of the parish, or of the whole Church throughout the world? Prayer is nothing more than our communication with God. It might be lengthy, it might be brief. It might be very formal, it might be just the words that come to mind for us as we pour out our hearts to God (I am far better at the former than the latter). Some of our prayer is found in the liturgy, some is found in the everyday rituals we carry out on our own or with our families, such as praying before meals or at bedtime. Just as there is a diversity of types of communication with other human beings, so also are there different ways of praying to God.

A school of prayer, then, would be somewhere that teaches us to communicate with God well. And as a community of learners—really, a community of disciples, for the word disciple itself means a student—we not only strive to learn to communicate with God for ourselves. From the very beginning, since Jesus called the disciples, the life of the Church has not been a solitary reality, and faith is not something we give ourselves. It is something we help one another to find. And so we pray as a community, and we help one another to pray better, so that our union with God as individuals is strengthened, which in turn strengthens the life of the community. C. S. Lewis speaks of friendship in one of his greatest works, *The Four Loves*, and says that if three people are friends with one another, it is not that friend A loses something of friend B because he shares B with friend C. Rather, he gains the relationship that B has with C, and should C depart, then A will lose what B and C had together. So also it is with how we share with one another our relationships with God. If you and I are friends, and God is the "third friend" between us, then you benefit from my relationship with God, and I from yours, because we are friends with one another.

If one member rejoices, all rejoice, says St. Paul, and our greatest rejoicing should always be in growing in the Divine life offered to us in Christ.

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Father Cory

Financial Figures

Offertory July 26:	\$	2,444.09
Offertory received this month:	\$	13,897.09
Offertory needed in July:	\$	15,341.00
Building Fund July 26:	\$	514.00
Building Fund received this month:	\$	6,835.00
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:	\$	12,526.28
Amount Pledged:	\$	1,330.75
Amount Needed:	\$	5,079.97
Number of Donors:		47

