

# 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 9, 2020*  
*The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*Let me hear what  
God the LORD  
will speak,  
for he will speak  
peace to his people,  
to his saints,  
to those who turn to  
him in their hearts.  
Psalm 85:8*

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.

**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 15, 4:30pm**

Lectors: #1 John E., #2 Tyler D.

Greeter: Joanna M.

Usher: Lenny A.

**Sunday Mass, August 16, 9:00am**

Lector: #1 Patrick H., #2 Anne B.

Greeter: Isabel S.

Usher: Tom R.

Altar Linens week of August 10: Kryn H.

Altar Linens week of August 17: 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, 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 10, No Mass**

Scripture: 2 Cor 9:6-10, Ps 112:1-2, 5-9, 12:24-26

**Tuesday, August 11, 12:00pm**

Scripture: Hos 2:16, 17, 21-22 or 2 Cor 4:6-10, 16-18, Ps 45:11-12, 14-16, Jn 15:4-10

**Wednesday, August 12, 12:00pm**

Scripture: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22, Ps 113:1-6, Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday, August 13, No Mass**

Scripture: Ez 12:1-2, Ps 78:56-59, 61-62, Mt 18:21-19:1

**Friday, August 14, 9:00am**

**Mass Intention: Patricia O'Neill+**

Scripture: 1 Jn 3:13-18, Ps 116:10-13, 16-17, Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday, August 15, 9:00am, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Saturday, August 15, 4:30pm (Sign up only)**

**Mass Intention: Parish Community**

Scripture: Rev 11:19; 12:1-6, 10, Ps 45:10-12, 16, 1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56

**Spanish Mass, August 15, 7:30pm (Sign-up only)**

**Sunday, August 16, 9:00am (Sign-up only)**

**Mass Intention: Dennis Quinn+**

Scripture: Is 56:1, 6-7, Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Mt 15:21-28

**Please note:** The office hours on Monday, August 10th will be 12:30pm - 5:00pm.

**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.

**Saturday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Father Cory will offer Mass on Saturday, August 15th at 9:00am.



## Pastor's Reflection

“God has a sense of humor,” you will occasionally hear people say, and it’s one of those lightly humorous lines we use to try to appreciate the strange things that happen to us, for better or for worse. Sometimes it is said with a chuckle, as we try to show gratitude for some good thing that has happened unexpectedly. Sometimes it is said through gritted teeth and fighting back bitter tears as we experience the deepest kind of struggle, while still attempting to cling to some notion of faith. A lightly humorous phrase such as this admits a diversity of applications.

Perhaps it is something thinking about more deeply. What do we mean when we say that God has a sense of humor? Archbishop Fulton Sheen provides some excellent insights into this in his interesting little book called *These are the Sacraments*. The introductory essay of the book, which also contains reflections by the eminent French Catholic historian Henri Daniel-Rops and striking images by the legendary portrait photographer Yousuf Karsh, is entitled “the Divine Sense of Humor.” In it, Sheen posits that humor is little more than taking one thing and making it mean something else. This is why jokes are funny; we take one word that usually means one thing, and we make it mean something else. This is why unexpected events make us laugh; we think that things will happen one way, and they happen differently, and the meaning of what we observe is changed. In the context of the sacraments, then, this makes perfect sense, as sacraments are taking one thing and making it mean something else. Very simple matter—bread, wine, water, oil—becomes the means of our salvation, by becoming what imparts divine grace. In this way, the sacraments represent the divine sense of humor. Ordinary, universally available things are transformed into the means of receiving divine life.

The pinnacle of this divine sense of humor, the action of God whereby he takes one thing and turns it into another, may perhaps be seen on Calvary itself. The darkest day in human history, the day on which the sins of all mankind caused life itself to be put to death, was in fact the greatest day in human history as well, for it was by his defeat on the Cross that Christ gained for us victory over death. This is not simply a story we tell because it is some kind of “founding myth” for our faith, it is a real event that happened in our history. And it is not only a real historical event, it is one that we continually experience, for it is the source of our life as Christians. This should be a great consolation for us, that when we face our very darkest days, we face them alongside Christ, for he consecrated the darkest day in history to be the point of access to him and the life that he promises. Our consolation is in knowing that no matter how painful our Crosses, the Lord can transform them into our Resurrection. He is the greatest at taking one thing and making it mean another. He is the supreme humorist.

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Father Cory

### Financial Figures

Offertory August 2:	\$	2,524.00
Offertory received this month:	\$	2,524.00
Offertory needed in August:	\$	16,867.00
Building Fund August 2:	\$	1,005.00
Building Fund received this month:	\$	1,005.00
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:	\$	5,074.97
Number of Donors:		47

**Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís**  
**Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**  
**Agosto 9, 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 10 - 16, 2020*

Lunes: 2 Corintios 9:6-10, Salmo 112:1-2, 5-9, Juan 12:24-26

Martes: Hos 2:16, 17, 21-22 o 2 Corintios 4:6-10, 16-18, Salmo 45:11-12, 14-16, Juan 15:4-10

Miércoles: Ezequiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22, Salmo 113:1-6, Mateo 18:15-20

Jueves: Ezequiel 12:1-2, Salmo 78:56-59, 61-62, Mateo 18:21--19:1

Viernes: 1 Juan 3:13-18, Salmo 116:10-13, 16-17, Juan 15:12-17

Sábado: Apocalipsis 11:19; 12:1-6, 10, Salmo 45:10-12, 16, 1 Corintios 15:20-27, Lucas 1:39-56

Domingo: Isaías 56:1, 6-7, Salmo 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, Romanos 11:13-15, 29-32, Mateo 15:21-28

**Figuras del Ofertorio**

Ofertorio julio 26: \$ 2,444.09

**Reflexión del pastor**

"Dios tiene sentido del humor", ocasionalmente escuchará a la gente decir, y es una de esas líneas ligeramente humorísticas que usamos para tratar de apreciar las cosas extrañas que nos suceden, para bien o para mal. A veces se dice con una sonrisa, mientras tratamos de mostrar gratitud por algo bueno que ha sucedido inesperadamente. A veces se dice con los dientes apretados y luchando contra las lágrimas amargas a medida que experimentamos el tipo más profundo de lucha, mientras intentamos aferrarnos a alguna noción de fe. Una frase ligeramente humorística como esta admite una diversidad de aplicaciones.

Quizás sea algo en lo que piense más profundamente. ¿Qué queremos decir cuando decimos que Dios tiene sentido del humor? El arzobispo Fulton Sheen ofrece algunas ideas excelentes sobre esto en su interesante librito llamado Estos son los sacramentos. El ensayo introductorio del libro, que también contiene reflexiones del eminente historiador católico francés Henri Daniel-Rops e imágenes impactantes del legendario fotógrafo de retratos Yousuf Karsh, se titula "el sentido divino del humor". En él, Sheen postula que el humor es simplemente tomar una cosa y hacer que signifique otra. Por eso los chistes son divertidos; tomamos una palabra que generalmente significa una cosa, y hacemos que signifique otra. Es la razón

que eventos inesperados nos hacen reír; creemos que las cosas sucederán de una manera, y suceden de manera diferente, y el significado de lo que observamos cambia. En el contexto de los sacramentos, entonces, esto tiene mucho sentido, ya que los sacramentos toman una cosa y hacen que signifique otra. La materia muy simple (pan, vino, agua, aceite) se convierte en el medio de nuestra salvación, al convertirse en lo que imparte la gracia divina. De esta manera, los sacramentos representan el sentido divino del humor. Las cosas ordinarias, universalmente disponibles, se transforman en los medios para recibir la vida divina.

El pináculo de este sentido divino del humor, la acción de Dios mediante la cual toma una cosa y la convierte en otra, tal vez se pueda ver en el Calvario. El día más oscuro de la historia humana, el día en que los pecados de toda la humanidad causaron la muerte de la vida misma, fue, de hecho, el mejor día de la historia humana, ya que fue por su derrota en la Cruz que Cristo ganó por nosotros victoria sobre la muerte. Esta no es simplemente una historia que contamos porque es una especie de "mito fundador" para nuestra fe, es un evento real que sucedió en nuestra historia. Y no es solo un evento histórico real, es uno que experimentamos continuamente, ya que es la fuente de nuestra vida como cristianos. Esto debería ser un gran consuelo para nosotros, que cuando enfrentamos nuestros días más oscuros, los enfrentamos junto a Cristo, porque él consagró el día más oscuro de la historia para ser el punto de acceso a él y a la vida que promete. Nuestro consuelo es saber que no importa cuán dolorosas sean nuestras Cruces, el Señor puede transformarlas en nuestra Resurrección. Él es el mejor en tomar una cosa y hacer que signifique otra. Él es el humorista supremo.

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*Padre Cory*

**El sábado 15 de agosto es la solemnidad de la Asunción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María.** El padre Cory ofrecerá misa el sábado 15 de agosto a las 9:00am.

