

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

June 8 - June 14

Monday, 6/8	9:00 a.m.	Thresiamma Kurian
Tuesday, 6/9	9:00 a.m.	Tom Mason
Wednesday, 6/10	9:00 a.m.	Dino Vinciguerra
	7:30 p.m.	Christos Nicholson
Thursday, 6/11	9:00 a.m.	Esther Aguilar
Friday, 6/12	9:00 a.m.	Marge Locke
Saturday, 6/13	9:00 a.m.	Thomas Mason
	5:00 p.m.	Marge Locke
Sunday, 6/14	8:00 a.m.	Carol Jean Jordan
	9:30 a.m.	Don Smith
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Eduardo Rivera

Mass Intentions will be prayed for in a private daily Mass said by Fr. John.

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of William Daleus, husband of Eileen Daleus, Jack Ryan, father of John Ryan, Deacon John J. McGinnis, Archdiocese of Washington, Agatha He, mother of Reverend J. Ruan, Our Lady of China Pastoral Mission.

Please pray for the sick... Suzy Person, Diane Comly, Kristin Marie Denchfield, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Margaret Weiss, Joseph Michael Gardner, Tom Breece, Sandra Kimball, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoeffer, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. *(Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)*

Readings for the Week of June 7, 2020

Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday:	1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/ Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/ Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-5

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Pope Francis preached a very memorable homily on Pentecost Sunday (May 31) this year. In that homily he pointed out that the Holy Spirit brought about unity among Christ's followers in the early Church despite the diversity of backgrounds and ethnicities that were present even at that time. Pope Francis continued by saying that today we also have our differences, such as opinions, choices, or sensibilities. But when we yield to the temptation to defend fiercely our own ideas as being good for everyone, the Holy Father said that becomes a "faith created in our own image," "not what the Spirit wants."

He continued, "We might think that what unites us are our beliefs and our morality. But there is much more: our principle of unity is the Holy Spirit." The Spirit comes to us in our differences and unites us as "God's beloved children." We are brothers and sisters because we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father.

In taking a closer look at the day of Pentecost, the Holy Father said that the first task of the Church is proclamation. The Holy Spirit does not want the Apostles to be locked in upper rooms where it is easy to "nest." On the contrary, He "opens doors and pushes us to press beyond what has already been said and done, beyond the precincts of a timid and weary faith."

After Pentecost, one thing that kept the Apostles going was "the desire to give what they had received." In the Church, Pope Francis said that the Spirit guarantees unity to those who proclaim the message.

Pope Francis pointed out that the "secret of unity" of the Holy Spirit is a gift, as He Himself is gift. It is important, then, to believe that "God is gift"—that He acts not by taking away, but by giving.

If we realize what we are owing to His free and unmerited gift, then "we too will want to make our lives a gift." We do this by loving humbly, serving freely and joyfully. In this way we will offer to the world the true image of God.

However, the Pope warns us, that in this gift of self, there are three enemies for which we need to be on guard: narcissism, victimhood, and pessimism.

Narcissism, Pope Francis said, makes us concerned only with how we can profit from it. In this time of pandemic, the Pope lamented the tendency to think only of our own needs and to be indifferent to the needs of others.

Victimhood, he said, was equally dangerous. Victims complain every day about their neighbors—that no one understands them, no one experiences what they experience and everyone is against them. In the present crisis, Pope Francis noted, we are experiencing how ugly victimhood is.

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Most Holy Trinity Sunday

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I respond to God's generosity? How can I share what I have been given in a way that imitates God's generosity?

SUNDAY MASS VIA YOU TUBE

Fr. John says Mass every Sunday at 10 a.m. from the St. Clare Chapel. Please visit our website www.sfadw.org for more information and also the link to the Mass on Sunday. Details for other virtual services such as Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Praying the Rosary and Wednesday Evening Mass can also be found on our website.

FAITH DIRECT - ONLINE GIVING

I want to invite you in joining me and many others at St. Francis of Assisi in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes. To sign up for electronic contributions visit www.faithdirect.net. The code for St. Francis is MD110 or text the word ENROLL to 301-804-2584. I want to thank you for your continued support of our parish family especially during these trying times. God Bless You, **Fr. John**

THANK YOU TO THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PARISH DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO!!

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Pessimism is an unending complaint that "nothing is going well in society, politics, the Church..." A pessimist gets angry with the world, but sits back and does nothing. In the current crisis, the Pope said it is damaging to "see everything in its worst light and to keep saying that nothing will return as before."

"When someone thinks this way," the Pope observed, "the one thing that certainly does not return is hope." "We are experiencing a famine of hope," he said, "and we need to appreciate the gift of life, the gift that each of us is." "We need the Holy Spirit, the gift of God who heals us of narcissism, victimhood, and pessimism."

Until next week,
Fr. John

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2020 JULY 20-24

Our summer Vacation Bible Camp will be offered this year in a new format, including online gatherings, at-home activities, digital media, and other offerings.

Vacation Bible Camp is geared for children age 4 through those who are completing the grade in June 2020. Family at-home support and participation will help to make this year's Vacation Bible Camp a success!

Camper registration form and teen volunteer applications are available on the parish website
<https://www.sfadw.org/vbc>

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE JUNE 14, 2020
(to allow time to order supplies and T-shirts)

Cost is \$30 per camper. Payment can be made online through Faith Direct or by check payable to "St. Francis" can be mailed to St. Francis of Assisi Church, ATT: VBC 2020, 6701 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood MD 20855.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
ADULTS & TEENS (Grades 6-12 as of June 2020)

Teen volunteer positions fill quickly! Teen volunteer applications are available on the parish website and will also close on Sunday, June 14: <https://www.sfadw.org/vbc>

For more information about Vacation Bible Camp, please contact [Susan Anderson](mailto:Susan.Anderson@sfadw.org), Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

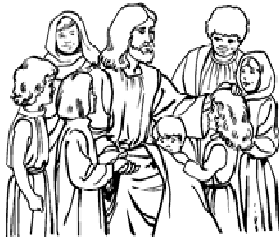
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new, transferring or readmitted members to share in their Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism activities. Council 2323 supports many St. Francis activities and has many social events. The K of C offers life and long term care insurance opportunities as well as annuities. A new opportunity: join as an Online Member for \$30 per year; go to www.kofc.org and click on "Join Us". If you wish you can join the Council later. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301) 948-6494 or email gtdbpalmer@verizon.net.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (240) 751-7259 or mariannebu@comcast.net with your requests.

INVITATION TO PRAY

Please remember we have the outdoor Stations of the Cross which you are welcome to visit and pray the Stations. Also, we have our Mary Garden and the Peace Pole where you can also pray. *Please remember to keep social distancing when visiting any of these locations.*



REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL OPEN IN MID-JULY

We will be following with care the guidance being offered by the State of Maryland and the Archdiocese of Washington as we make plans for next year's Religious Education program. To guide decision-making, a parish advisory board of catechists and parents is being convened and will meet in June. We will share plans and open registration for next year's Religious Education program and sacramental preparation in mid-July. Please watch for updates on the parish website and through parish communications.

THANK YOU TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS & CATECHISTS!

Thank you to our catechists and volunteers who have helped to make this a successful year for our Religious Education Program. Our parish is blessed to have so many wonderful catechists who volunteer their time to teach and share the faith. While our year did not finish quite as we had planned, our catechists continued to inspire us with their creativity and continuing support for our families. We pray that God will continue to bless each of them with his gifts of joy and peace!

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The High School Youth Group has merged with St. John Neumann Parish and meets virtually every Sunday night from 6-8 p.m. If your teen would benefit from gathering with other Catholic teens during this time, please email Youth Minister, Sarah Seyed-Ali at sfayouth@sfadw.org for the link to join. Updates will also come through this email.

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND AT HOME

(Bulletin Insert)

Sunday, June 14 - The Body and Blood of Christ

When Jesus' followers gathered after his death and Resurrection to break bread and drink from the cup, they were doing something dangerous. Their Lord had been executed, and by gathering in his name they risked the same fate. They gathered nonetheless. By communing with the Risen Christ, they declared themselves part of his body and showed their willingness to suffer for the sake of the Gospel. When we come forward during Communion, we are doing the same thing. By partaking of the consecrated bread and wine, we become part of Christ's Body. We commit ourselves to acting as Christ in the world, even to the point of suffering, maybe even shedding our blood, so that others will know of Christ's love for them. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58.*

Friday, June 19 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

In the First Reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that God bound himself to his people in a covenant, and they, in turn, must remain bound to God and God alone. St. John writes similarly in our Second Reading, urging us to remain bound to God by loving each other as God loves us, for God is love itself. Because we associate the human heart with love, it became natural to revere the heart of Jesus as the more particular embodiment of the Father's love. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells us to yoke or bind ourselves to him. He invites us to live in a way that is not burdensome because it is the way of love and because he accompanies us every step of this way. We can trust him because we know that he has already bound himself to us in love. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30.*

MISSION IN ACTION

What can I do to as missionary at home?

During this difficult time our world is facing with the corona virus, we have the opportunity to grow in our friendship with Jesus and to pray and offer sacrifices on behalf of others who are in need. We are missionaries even at home.

1. Pray the Mission Rosary with your family for peace and healing in the whole world.
2. Clean your room and do extra things around the house to help your mom and dad or siblings.
3. Say the Divine Mercy Chaplet and ask the Holy Spirit to be at the bedside of someone sick or dying.
4. Read the Sunday Mass readings. As a family, participate in a live-streamed Sunday Mass. Click on the link to find spiritual resources for live-streamed masses and prayers: <https://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/>

MORNING REFLECTION FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The Office for Family Life will be offering an on-line morning reflection on Saturday, June 20 from 9am - 10am for parents who have lost a child. The theme is our Father's loving promises. Any parent who has lost a child is welcome to attend, no matter how long ago the loss or the cause. For more information, contact the Office for Family Life at visiblesign@adw.org or 301-853-4546.