

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

June 29 - July 5

<b>Monday, 6/29</b>	9:00 a.m.	Charles Edward Dillon
<b>Tuesday, 6/30</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mary Valentino
<b>Wednesday, 7/1</b>	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Francis Bober
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Bernard R. Ihrle
<b>Thursday, 7/2</b>	9:00 a.m.	Eugene Dudenhoefler
<b>Friday, 7/3</b>	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	Rita Arias
<b>Saturday, 7/4</b>	9:00 a.m.	For Our Country
	5:00 p.m.	Anna Marie Kuzma
<b>Sunday, 7/5</b>	8:00 a.m.	Teresa Maguire
	9:30 a.m.	John Loh
	11:15 a.m.	Guy Beaven
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

*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 soul of Thomas Mallabar, cousin of John Talcott.

*Please pray for the sick...* Grizelle Apodeca, Filomena de Castro, Donnajean Pettit, Douglas Free, Albert Marisco, Suzy Person, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Heidi Weiss, Joseph Michael Gardner, Tom Breece, Sandra Kimball, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoefler, 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 28, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34
<b>Thursday:</b>	Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8
<b>Friday:</b>	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
<b>Saturday:</b>	Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Today I want to continue our reflection based on the 2018 Pastoral Letter issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. To help us with this, I am going to use one of the handouts prepared by the USCCB as an aid to our discussion: "The Call to Address Racism in Our Hearts and Communities, which was copyrighted by the USCCB in 2018.

Our bishops hope that the fruit of a conversation addressing racism will be evident in our full celebration and integration of ethnic and cultural diversity, which is truly a gift from God. How can we respond to the call to address racism in our hearts and communities? Our bishops suggest four ways:

**(1) Listen to and know the stories of our brothers and sisters who have suffered from racism in history, and in the present.** True and authentic encounter is difficult but worth the effort. Authentic relationships require vulnerability, humility, and getting outside of our comfort zones. For some, this will mean actively seeking opportunities to engage with people of diverse backgrounds. For others, this might mean raising your voice or sharing your story. Through authentic engagement we bring together diverse perspectives and experiences which honor the fullness of God's plan.

**(2) Work to address both individual and systemic racism.** Racism can be individual when persons fail to recognize certain groups as created in the image of God and equal in dignity, or it can be systemic, where practices or policies are upheld that treat certain groups of people unjustly. These systems are often perpetuated due to the silence or unawareness of many. Commit to learn more about racism and employment, housing, wealth, education, criminal justice—and then get involved in diocesan, parish, or community efforts to pray and work for conversion of both hearts and systems.

**(3) Think about what you can do, wherever you are.** Commit to raising your awareness in whatever situations you find yourself.

**a. As people of faith,** we can intentionally work to create spaces of welcome and opportunities for encounter. Create opportunities for sharing of stories and learn how racism impacts our communities. Regularly think about whose voices may be missing as leaders and volunteers in parish ministry. In parishes and schools, educators can use activities from [usccb.org/racism](http://usccb.org/racism) to integrate contact on the pastoral lesson into their lessons.

**b. In your family,** think about with whom you socialize on a regular basis. Intentionally create opportunities to interact with those you may not run into over the normal course of the week. Where in the community do you see diverse groups of people come together? Parents: talk with your children about race. Continuing to talk with them about everyone's human dignity and the pain of racism in our country will help form them to respect the dignity of all. Find prayers for children at [usccb.org/racism](http://usccb.org/racism).

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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Can I allow myself to attempt to see the world from God's perspective? What sacrifice can I make to carry out the Lord's mission?*

### 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](http://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](http://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*

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

c. **At school or work**, ask: How can you learn more about other cultures? What resources are available to you? If there are others who are treated differently because of their race, speak up. Think about what you might do if you hear someone making disparaging remarks about a classmate or coworker. How can you be ready to respond?

- (4) **As individuals and communities of faith, examine your conscience.** We all must ask ourselves: Where have I not lived as an example of Christ's love? Where have my attitudes or perceptions caused me to devalue persons of other cultures or ethnicities? Where have I been unnecessarily suspicious or allowed a preconceived notion to overshadow the human nature of another? Where have I seen the "other" instead of welcoming an opportunity to listen to the story of that person's life, struggles, or joys?

I would encourage everyone to read *Open Wide Your Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. It would be great if we could talk with one another about how our community could respond to the bishops' invitation in the pastoral letter. USCCB resources against racism are at [uscgb.org/racism](http://uscgb.org/racism).

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*

### ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years was to be held Sunday, **June 28, 2020**. **It has now been rescheduled to November 22, 2020** at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please email the parish office to register [dzezzo@sfadw.org](mailto:dzezzo@sfadw.org). Please include the following information in your email:

- Name of the couple (as you want it printed on the certificate)
- Mailing Address
- Telephone Number or email
- Number of years married
- Will you attend the Mass if it is held

Names of Jubilarians need to be turned into the parish office on or before **Monday, September 14**. Please **do not call the parish office** as it is closed at this time. You can also mail in the above information to the Parish Office, ATT: Donna Zezzo.

**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!!**

### 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](mailto:sfayouth@sfadw.org) for the link to join. Updates will also come through this email.

### 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

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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

## FORMED

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FORMED is available 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. St. Francis has purchased this gift for parish use.

FORMED is also offering many resources for parishioners to use for meditation and prayer during this difficult time.

## NIGHTLY ROSARY

The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all, who would like to unite in prayer at this time of uncertainty, to join in our nightly Rosary at 8 p.m., 7 days a week. We offer this prayer for the healing of the Church and for our currently health - challenged world. To join us, call 605-468-8016, ID 357090# at 8 p.m. seven days a week. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please email us at [archdiocesecw@gmail.com](mailto:archdiocesecw@gmail.com). For other prayer resources please see our website <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>

## YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED

Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace).

## WHEN WE GATHER FOR MASS PLEASE OBSERVE OUR GUIDELINES

### WEAR MASKS

Face coverings are to be worn in and around the church for anyone over 2 years of age.

### STAY 6 FEET APART

Physical distancing is practiced in the church and on the church property.

### HOLY WATER

Fonts will be empty.

### HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed only in the hand.

### OFFERTORY

Baskets will be placed by the church doors for you to place your envelopes or donations.

### HYMNALS & BULLETINS

All hymnals, prayer cards and other papers are not available. The bulletin will only be available online at our website.

### SEATING

Seating by direction of an usher only. Please do not enter a pew until directed to do so.

## A MILLION ROSARIES

Every prayer counts! Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the Coronavirus pandemic. Sign up for the one million Rosary campaign at <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org>.

## A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO THE 2020 CENSUS

It is estimated that the state of Maryland lost nearly a billion dollars in state funding during the 2010 census, and subsequently, the state did not obtain its share of funding. **The 2020 Census is safe and confidential. It does not have a citizenship question.** Every person, regardless of immigration status, has the right to be counted. Completing the Census is easy. People can also respond – online, by paper, or by phone. Help is available in many languages. Visit the website <https://2020census.gov/en.html> Call 844-468-2020 in Spanish and in English at 844-330-2020. **The Census Bureau has extended the response period to August 14, 2020.**

## VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL RETREATS

During this time of physical separation, Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is providing virtual retreats so that you can connect with others and feed your soul. Currently these programs are offered at no cost, and a suggested donation of \$75 per person is greatly appreciated. For more information on the upcoming retreats, visit <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats>. You can also call 301-365-0612.