

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

### July 27 - August 2

<b>Monday, 7/27</b>	9:00 a.m.	Amelia & Eugene Dudenhoeffler
<b>Tuesday, 7/28</b>	9:00 a.m.	Carol Jean Jordan
<b>Wednesday, 7/29</b>	9:00 a.m.	Patsy Battista
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Chris Posch
<b>Thursday, 7/30</b>	9:00 a.m.	Noah Vincent
<b>Friday, 7/31</b>	9:00 a.m.	Rhea Agnes Smithson
<b>Saturday, 8/1</b>	9:00 a.m.	Filomena De Castro
	5:00 p.m.	Robert O'Connell
<b>Sunday, 8/2</b>	8:00 a.m.	Gerardo Bombach
	9:30 a.m.	Margaret Gleason
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Alexander O'Connor

**Mass Intentions will be prayed for in a private daily Mass said by Fr. John if not prayed for in a public Mass.**

### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Reverend Luis G. Salcedo, Archdiocese of Washington, Deacon Leonard F. Cain, Archdiocese of Washington, James Furilla, Dave Lott, husband of Mary Lott, Jim Schatz, grandfather of Kristin Raker.

**Please pray for the sick...** Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Joseph Michael Gardner, Sandra Kimball, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoeffler, 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 July 26, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
<b>Monday:</b>	Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-4
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
<b>Friday:</b>	Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I continue reporting the historic address of Pope Francis to Congress on September 24, 2015. At the time of the address Michael Sean Winters wrote in the National Catholic Reporter that Pope Francis's remarks had an encouraging and challenging tone about them. In contrast to his visit to Bolivia where Pope Francis sounded like an Old Testament prophet when speaking to community organizers, here before Congress the words of Pope Francis were more like a parish priest who was encouraging his flock by beginning with what was good in their lives and pointing out where God was already working in them. Let's continue to hear again some more of this momentous address:

In this land, the various religious denominations have greatly contributed to building and strengthening society. It is important that today, as in the past, the voice of faith continue to be heard, for it is a voice of fraternity and love, which tries to bring out the best in each person and in each society. Such cooperation is a powerful resource in the battle to eliminate new global forms of slavery, born of grave injustices which can be overcome only through new policies and new forms of social consensus.

Here I think of the political history of the United States, where democracy is deeply rooted in the mind of the American people. All political activity must serve and promote the good of the human person and be based on respect for his or her dignity. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" (Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776). If politics must truly be at the service of the human person, it follows that it cannot be a slave to the economy and finance. Politics is, instead, an expression of our compelling need to live as one, in order to build as one the greatest common good: that of a community which sacrifices particular interests in order to share, in justice and peace, its goods, its interests, its social life. I do not underestimate the difficulty that this involves, but I encourage you in this effort.

Here too I think of the march which Martin Luther King led from Selma to Montgomery fifty years ago as part of the campaign to fulfill his "dream" of full civil and political rights for African Americans. That dream continues to inspire us all. I am happy that America continues to be, for many, a land of "dreams". Dreams which lead to action, to participation, to commitment. Dreams which awaken what is deepest and truest in the life of a people.

In recent centuries, millions of people came to this land to pursue their dream of building a future in freedom. We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this to you as the son of immigrants, knowing that so many of you are also descended from immigrants. Tragically, the rights of those who were here long before us were not always respected. For those peoples and their nations, from the heart of American democracy, I wish to reaffirm my highest esteem and appreciation. Those first contacts were often turbulent and violent, but it is difficult to judge the past by the criteria of the present.

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*What or whom have I overlooked in searching for the kingdom of heaven? How can I develop an understanding heart?*

### SUNDAY MASS VIA YOU TUBE

Fr. John or Fr. Patrick will say 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 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)

Nonetheless, when the stranger in our midst appeals to us, we must not repeat the sins and the errors of the past. We must resolve now to live as nobly and as justly as possible, as we educate new generations not to turn their back on our "neighbors" and everything around us. Building a nation calls us to recognize that we must constantly relate to others, rejecting a mindset of hostility in order to adopt one of reciprocal subsidiarity, in a constant effort to do our best. I am confident that we can do this.

Our world is facing a refugee crisis of a magnitude not seen since the Second World War. This presents us with great challenges and many hard decisions. On this continent, too, thousands of persons are led to travel north in search of a better life for themselves and for their loved ones, in search of greater opportunities. Is this not what we want for our own children? We must not be taken aback by their numbers, but rather view them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories, trying to respond as best we can to their situation. To respond in a way which is always humane, just and fraternal. We need to avoid a common temptation nowadays: to discard whatever proves troublesome. Let us remember the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Mt 7:12).

We'll listen to more of his important talk next week.

Until then,  
*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*

### COMMUNION SERVICE SUNDAYS - 3:00-3:30 PM

Fr. John and Fr. Patrick will offer Holy Communion from 3-3:30 pm in front of the church to parishioners who are unable to receive the Eucharist during in-person Mass. Attendees should park their cars, put on a face mask and line up, maintaining six feet of distance between households or unrelated parties; please note that there may be two lines of people receiving Holy Communion. When it is the participant's turn to receive Communion, he or she must:

Stand six feet in front of Fr. John or the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC).

Come forward once the EMHC presents the Eucharist and the recipient says 'Amen.'

Receive the Eucharist in his or her hands, move six feet away from the EMHC, loosen his or her face mask and place the Eucharist in his or her mouth.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES REMOTE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Current undergraduate students looking for a remote internship opportunity are invited to apply to the Outreach and Events Intern at Catholic Charities D.C. for the Fall semester. The intern will work with our Volunteer Engagement Office to and will be responsible for project coordination and communication with our volunteers. This is a good position for someone interested in developing skills in community outreach, event coordination, and learning more about large non-profits. Interested students can find the full job description and apply online at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/2020-summer-internships/>

### 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>.

**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!!**

## WELCOME FR. PATRICK!

As many of you know, Fr. Patrick Agustin arrived a week ago at our parish to begin his ministry service as our parochial vicar pro-tem. His faith journey is both relatable and real and I wanted to share part of it here with you, as an introduction to our new priest this summer.

A product of Catholic schools in Prince George's County, Fr. Patrick hails from a Filipino family and served our Church as many youth do: altar service, young adult choir, and in Kids, Youth and Singles for Christ, part of the Couples for Christ lay ecclesial movement. At the University of Maryland-College Park, he was active at the Catholic Student Center but did not feel like the vocations many of his friends were discerning were his calling. His life took him on an exciting path, starting at Fannie Mae in Washington DC in 2008 at the height of the financial crisis and, eventually, relocating to Los Angeles in 2012 as a senior financial analyst at Sony Pictures in the Home Entertainment Division.

It was during a trip back to Los Angeles after seeing a good friend's diaconate ordination that Fr. Patrick found himself in tears on a Super Shuttle bus at Los Angeles International Airport. They did not stop once he got back to his apartment. "November 4, 2013 was when the Lord made it very clear that he was calling me to discern the priesthood," Fr. Patrick said. "They were tears of complete peace and consolation. *There's a deeper love the Lord wanted me to experience in this vocation.*"

While not every decision was taken with absolute certitude, Fr. Patrick said he relied on the good advice of a priest at his parish in LA: just focus on the next step. That advice guided him back to DC to attend the seminary, to Rome to study at the Pontifical North American College, to Our Lady of Mercy Church in Potomac when COVID-19 sent all the seminarians back home and to the altar at St. Catherine Labouré Church in Wheaton on June 20, when he was ordained a diocesan priest.

This summer, Fr. Patrick, 34, said he looks forward to ministering in his two favorite parts of priestly service: celebrating Mass and hearing Confessions. He is already taking part in preparations for Vacation Bible Camp and is helping inspire our teens in the next phase of their faith journeys. He yearns to follow the spiritual path of his favorite saint, St. Maximilian Kolbe, who chose to take the place of a father and son to die of starvation in the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II: "For love until victimhood."

There is so much more I could share about Fr. Patrick, but I would like for you to hear that from him. At 9 am on Saturday, July 18, Fr. Patrick held a virtual dialogue where parishioners were able to ask him questions. We have loaded this session to the parish YouTube channel if you would like to view it. *Please welcome Fr. Patrick warmly to our parish!*

## AMAZONSMILE ENABLES ST. FRANCIS TO INCREASE FUNDRAISING THROUGH ONLINE SHOPPING

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## 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.

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## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next weekend the Archdiocese of Washington will take up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Funds for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development support organizations, both locally and in other parts of the country, that serve the poor and disenfranchised. Please give generously to the combined Catholic Communications and Human Development collection as a way that you can participate in these two important outreach ministries of the Church.