

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

August 3 –9

Monday, 8/3	9:00 a.m.	Amelia Dudenhoeffer
Tuesday, 8/4	9:00 a.m.	Patricia Walton
Wednesday, 8/5	9:00 a.m.	Pio T. Cruz
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Bernard R. Ihrle
Thursday, 8/6	9:00 a.m.	Paul Yeast
Friday, 8/7	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
Saturday, 8/8	9:00 a.m.	John Coady Dillon, Sr.
	5:00 p.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
Sunday, 8/9	8:00 a.m.	Lee Beng
	9:30 a.m.	Joyce Hayes Curtner
	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 if not prayed for in a public Mass.

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas Anessi, father of Kathleen Mantua, James Anderson, father of Chris Anderson.

Please pray for the sick... Tony Montealgre, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Joseph Michael Gardner, 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 August 2, 2020

Sunday:	Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
Monday:	Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/ Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9,10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I have been recounting the historic address of Pope Francis to Congress on September 24, 2015. Last week I mentioned the words Pope Francis spoke about Dr. Martin Luther King on that momentous day. Yesterday we had a talk by Fr. Robert Boxie that will hopefully be an opening to an important conversation for all in the parish. It might be good today to recall reflections by three of the predecessors of Pope Francis on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Pope St. Paul VI received Dr. King at the Vatican on September 18, 1964—several months before the first March in Selma, Alabama. On the occasion of Dr. King's visit to the Vatican, St. Paul VI encouraged him to continue his peaceful commitment against racial discrimination. On Palm Sunday, 1968. Pope St. Paul VI recalled the figure of Dr. King after his assassination in Memphis, Tennessee. He prayed that the crime might "take on the value of a sacrifice. Not hatred, not vengeance. A new gulf between citizens of the same great and noble land should not be deepened. Rather, a new common purpose of forgiveness, peace, reconciliation, in the equality of free and just rights, should replace the current unjust discrimination and struggles. Our pain becomes greater and more fearful because of the violent and disorderly reactions that his sad death has provoked. But our hope also grows as we see that in responsible corners and from healthy hearts grows the desire and the commitment to draw from the iniquitous killing of Martin Luther King an effective overcoming of racial struggles, in hopes of establishing laws and methods of coexistence more in conformity with modern civilization and Christian brotherhood."

Pope St. John Paul II recalled the dream of Dr. King when the Holy Father was in New Orleans meeting with the black Catholic community of that great city. Pope John Paul recalled the difficult journey of the African-American community to overcome injustice and free itself from the weight of oppression.

He continued with these words: "In the most difficult hours of your struggle for civil rights amidst discrimination and oppression, God himself guided you along the way of peace. Before the witness of history, the response of non-violence stands, in the memory of this nation, as a moment of honor to the black community of the United States." St. John Paul II also spoke of the "providential role" played by Dr. Martin Luther King "in contributing to the rightful human betterment of black Americans and therefore to the improvement of American society itself." John Paul II (like Paul VI) also found an affinity with the Christian vision of human brotherhood embodied by Dr. King who believed in the liberating action of faith in Christ Jesus.

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have I felt visceral emotion when seeing a family member, friend, or stranger in need? Do I turn to God in my need?

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 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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - AUGUST 7

We will have First Friday Adoration on Friday, August 7 after the 9:00 am Mass. Adoration will continue until 12 Noon when Fr. Patrick will preside at Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Volunteers are needed so that at least two people are praying before the Blessed Sacrament during the time of Adoration. Please call the Parish Office to sign up

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Pope Benedict XVI also made reference to this vision when he was welcomed to Washington on April 16, 2008. On that occasion Pope Benedict emphasized that faith in God has been “a constant inspiration and driving force” in the struggle led by Martin Luther King, Jr. “against slavery and in the civil rights movement.” Pope Benedict confirmed those words two days later when he met with Dr. King’s daughter, Bernice Albertine, on the margins of an ecumenical celebration in New York.

Pope Francis, like his predecessor, also met Bernice Albertine, who is herself a civil rights activist, at the Vatican on March 12, 2018. The meeting was private but it was very significant in that it occurred three weeks before the fiftieth anniversary of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. Pope Francis wrote in his Message for World Peace Day 2017 that Dr. King achieved successes against racial discrimination which “will never be forgotten.” The way this success has been achieved matter just as much as the results themselves. “The decisive and consistent practice of nonviolence has produced impressive results.” Much of the information in this posting is based on a column by Alessandro Gisotti that can be found on the Vatican website.

We’ll resume looking at Pope Francis’ address to Congress in 2015 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.



THANK YOU TO OUR VBC VOLUNTEERS AND CAMPERS!

Thank you to our 46 teen volunteers and 20 adult leaders for making this year’s Vacation Bible Camp such a wonderful, faith-filled event for our campers and families and for our parish community!

Jesus’ power was truly with us as we moved to an online and at-home format. Each of our volunteers stepped up to the challenge and witnessed boldly to the power of God’s love at work in our lives.

Thank you, as well, to our 55 campers and their families who chose to participate in this year’s Vacation Bible Camp not fully knowing what to expect. We especially appreciate the extra efforts parents made to bring the VBC spirit into their homes! The smiling faces of campers and their sharing at our daily online meetings have made this a special week for all of us!

May the messages we shared at VBC continue to sustain us through all of life’s ups and downs:

Jesus’ power.....

helps us do hard things....gives us hope...

helps us to be bold...lets us live forever...

helps us be good friends...

Trust Jesus!

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!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Pre-Register by August 12 for this year's

Religious Education Program

For the 2020-21 program year, we will be supporting families with an at-home model of catechesis instead of our usual in-person classes. We are also planning a variety of ways to connect families with catechists and others in the parish community through outreach, online gatherings, and, as conditions allow, the possibility of in-person gatherings, all in support of your efforts to teach the faith at home.

Our program offerings for Kindergarten-Grade 8 will include the following:

1) An At-Home Catechesis Kit with the following resources:

- *Finding God* 2021 grade-level textbook for each child (K-8)
- 60-page (print out or digital access) of *Finding God* At-Home Edition parent lesson plans for each grade
- Access to online resources, including Interactive Session Reviews and Learning Games

2) Religious Education Program Events facilitated by parish staff and volunteer catechists, including:

- 7 online sessions for parents using *Finding God* Family Catechesis program, offered in live and recorded formats
- Catechist outreach/Family Small Groups (parents choose one); 7 or more throughout the year
- Online Religious Education Program events for all; 7 throughout the year (any of these could be offered in-person as safety allows)
- Online class meetings with catechists for students in Grades 6-8; to be scheduled every 3 weeks; families choose Monday or Tuesday evening sessions

The registration fee for this year's program is \$100 per child. However, those who pre-register by August 12, 2020 will receive a \$25 discount on each child's registration fee (i.e., discounted registration fee is \$75 per child).

To pre-register, please complete the form found at this link:
<https://forms.gle/UnhwSYvUZyPDNfdH7>.

Payment is not required at this time. All who pre-register will receive a registration packet, payment information, and additional details about this year's program by the end of August. (Please note: We never want finances to be a deterrent to faith formation. Please contact us if you have a situation that requires assistance.)

Information Regarding Sacramental Preparation for 2020-21
Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, and full initiation in the adapted RCIA for children and teens seeking Baptism will also be offered in a blended program including online and at-home formats. Since preparing for a sacrament involves formation in addition to grade-level catechesis, sacramental preparation at St. Francis is not grade specific and children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament. Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to indicate this on the pre-registration form so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs.

Questions? Call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193 or email sfareligioused@sfadw.org.

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.

RECRUITING SENIOR PARISHIONERS

The IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) is a lay organization in the Jesuit tradition that provides meaningful service opportunities and spiritual formation based on the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola to those in their retirement years. As our communities reopen, many of our partner agencies have an increased need for the expertise and professional skills that our Service Corps Members provide. We are currently making ten-month placements for the service year that begins in the Fall, and it is possible to serve remotely in some circumstances. For an IVC application and more information on how you can make a profound difference to our community and Church, contact DC/Metro Maryland Director (and St. Francis parishioner) Mike Goggin at 202-277-4447 (cell) or mgoggin@ivcusa.org (e-mail)."

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