

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

October 12 - October 18

Monday, 10/12	9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Ralph Kuehner
Tuesday, 10/13	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Thomas Stehle, Jr.
Wednesday, 10/14	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
	7:30 p.m.	Homebound Parishioners (L)
Thursday, 10/15	9:00 a.m.	Corazon Vitin Gomez Magno
Friday, 10/16	9:00 a.m.	Isaac Scharbach
Saturday, 10/17	9:00 a.m.	Rosalina F. Ruiz
	5:00 p.m.	Richard & Pat Hunt
Sunday, 10/18	9:30 a.m.	Carol Jean Jordan
	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 soul of Adela Doronlila Ferraris, mother of Desiree Ferraris Araneta.

Please pray for the sick... Jackie Komlo, Mary Cutting, Jay Ruffin, Kathleen Caponiti, 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*

Readings for the Week of October 11, 2020

Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/ Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/ Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/ Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/ Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/ Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/ Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Today I want to conclude a presentation of the Message of Pope Francis for the 106th World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Last week I mentioned that he wanted to reflect on six pairs of verbs in the 2020 Message. Here are the six pairs of verbs:

- To know in order to understand
- To be close in order to serve
- To listen in order to be reconciled
- To share in order to grow
- To be involved in order to promote
- To cooperate in order to build

This week we'll look at the last three pairs of verbs. The first pair in this series is **"to share in order to grow."** Here is what he said in regard to that pair of verbs:

In order to grow, it is necessary to share. Sharing was an essential element of the first Christian community: "Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common" (Acts 4:32). God did not want the resources of our planet to benefit only a few. This was not the Lord's will! We have to learn to share in order to grow together, leaving no one behind. The pandemic has reminded us how we are all in the same boat. Realizing that we have the same concerns and fears has shown us once more that no one can be saved alone. To grow truly, we must grow together, sharing what we have, like the boy who offered Jesus five barley loaves and two fish... yet they proved enough for five thousand people (cf. Jn 6:1-15)!

The fifth pair of verbs is **to be involved in order to promote.** Here is what he says about that:

We need to be involved in order to promote. As Jesus was with the Samaritan woman (cf. Jn 4:1-30). The Lord approaches her, listens to her, speaks to her heart, and then leads her to the truth and makes her a herald of the Good News: "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did! Can this be the Christ?" (v. 29). Sometimes the impulse to serve others prevents us from seeing their real riches. If we really want to promote those whom we assist, we must involve them and make them agents in their own redemption. The pandemic has reminded us of how essential co-responsibility is, and that only with the contribution of everyone – even of those groups so often underestimated – can we face this crisis. We must find "the courage to create spaces where everyone can recognize that they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity" ([Meditation in Saint Peter's Square, 27 March 2020](#)).

The sixth and final pair of verbs is **to cooperate in order to build.** Here are his remarks about this pair:

It is necessary to cooperate in order to build. That is what the Apostle Paul tells the community of Corinth: "I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment" (1 Cor 1:10). Building the Kingdom of God is a duty common to all Christians, and for this reason it is necessary

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do this week to put on Christ, to pass along God's generosity to others?

SUNDAY MASS VIA YOU TUBE

Fr. John is saying 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.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

that we learn to cooperate, without yielding to the temptation to jealousy, discord and division. In the present context it should be reiterated: "This is not a time for self-centeredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons" (Urbi et Orbi Message, 12 April 2020). To preserve our common home and make it conform more and more to God's original plan, we must commit ourselves to ensuring international cooperation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded.

He concludes his Message for the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with the following prayer suggested by the example of Saint Joseph at the time he was forced to flee to Egypt to save the child Jesus.

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.

Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.

Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.

Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen.

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

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.faidirect.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**

2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

I thank our parishioners who have donated to the 2020 Annual Appeal. Our parish currently stands at 54.5% of our 2020 goal of \$190,100.

The Annual Appeal amplifies the impact our parish can make for people in need especially during this pandemic across Washington, D.C. and Maryland including:

- *Chaplains heroically serving the sick and dying in hospitals*
- *Catholic Charities providing food and other assistance to thousands*
- *St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families continuing to offer temporary housing, counseling and child-care services to single mothers*

These needs, and many others benefited by the Annual Appeal, depend on our financial support.

*If you have not yet made your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal, it is not too late. Visit appeal.adw.org to make your gift today. I thank you again for your support of the Annual Appeal. **Fr. John***



SOCK-TOBER

So Others Might Eat (SOME) needs new adult socks for the homeless. Please place your donations in the "Sock" Box on the front porch of the rectory during the month of October.

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

There will be an online First Reconciliation Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, at 7:30 pm. Information will be sent to families of young people expected to be preparing for this Sacrament. If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 301-258-9193

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 sign-up 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 sfareligious@sfadw.org. Please share this information with others, especially those who will be new to our program!

URGENT VIRTUAL DRIVE FOR THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that assists low-income pregnant women and their children. During the pandemic and economic crisis, the need for the Gabriel Project's services has grown tremendously while typical sources of support are greatly reduced. You can help provide critically needed material resources by purchasing essential items like baby gear, diapers, and clothing through the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List: [GP Amazon List](#). For more information about the Gabriel Project, please visit the website at www.gpmoco.org. Thank you for your generous support!

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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.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR CANCELLED

We are sad to report that we will not be having our Annual Holiday Bazaar this year. Due to the pandemic and ongoing construction in the parish center it isn't possible this year. We do hope to see everyone next year though!

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

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 email archdioceseseccw@gmail.com. For other prayer resources please see our website <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>

A MILLION ROSARIES

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/PROPOGATION OF FAITH

Reminding us of Our Lord's commission to spread the Gospel to all nations, this second collection supports Church missions in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests and religious in desperate need, to bring the light of Christ to families and children living in the darkest of circumstances. This national collection will be taken this weekend. Please be generous according to your means.