

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

November 16 - November 22

Monday, 11/16	9:00 a.m.	Angelica Santos (L)
Tuesday, 11/17	9:00 a.m.	Ernesto Davella
Wednesday, 11/18	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
	7:30 p.m.	Carol Jean Jordan
Thursday, 11/19	9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Rodriguez
Friday, 11/20	9:00 a.m.	Adolfo Arias, Jr.
Saturday, 11/21	5:00 p.m.	Patsy & Stella Battista
Sunday, 11/22	8:00 a.m.	Mary Lott (L)
	11:15 a.m.	Fred Biasini
	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 Carlos Varela, husband of Maria Varela, Felicia Johnson, wife of Deacon Tyrone Johnson, Deacon Don E. Cummins, Deacon Carlos E. Contreras, Lynn Quintero, mother of Michael Quintero.

Please pray for the sick... Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Carol Harmon, Jackie Komlo, 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 November 15, 2020

Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30, 19-21
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/ Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/ Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/ Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-4

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

This week we will go over the answers to the last ten questions in the Faithful Citizenship Quiz.

11. According to a study by the University of Chicago, which factor best predicts that a boy will exhibit good behavior in fifth grade and avoid being suspended in eighth grade? **The answer: B—Being raised in an intact home with both his father and mother.** Being raised in an intact home with both his father and mother. In addition to confirming again that both moms and dads matter for children, this recent study is unique because it illuminates the crucial influence that fathers have on their sons. The researchers found that even when controlling for school quality and other external factors, the presence or absence of a father at home was the biggest single correlate with a boy's ability to interact appropriately with peers and adults. A similar effect on girls was not found.
12. Children in single-parent families comprise _____ of all American children, yet they account for _____ of all poor children. **The answer: A—27%, 62%.** Sadly, children in single-parent homes are much more likely to suffer poverty than children being raised by their father and mother – not only material poverty, but also the poverty of lacking one of their parents, usually their father. Strong marriages are the foundation of a strong society.
13. Unauthorized migrants take advantage of our welfare system to their own advantage and at the taxpayer's expense. **The answer: B—False.** On a federal level, and with very few exceptions (for example, prenatal care). Unauthorized immigrants are ineligible to receive assistance through means tested public benefits. On a state level, individual states have to make an affirmative legislative decision to provide services to the unauthorized populations, the default position is such that the unauthorized population is prohibited from receiving such benefits.
14. Undocumented immigrants pay taxes. **The answer: A—True.** Undocumented immigrants pay taxes. Between 50-75% of undocumented immigrants pay federal, state, and local taxes. Further still, undocumented workers pay sales taxes where applicable and property taxes—directly if they own and indirectly if they rent.
15. Studies show that unauthorized immigrants provide a net gain of how much to the Social Security System each year? **The answer: D--\$7 billion.** 7 billion dollars is the number commonly cited by experts as the amount unauthorized migrants contribute to the social security trust fund annually. Because they are unable to collect social security due to their unauthorized status, this money helps to ensure the fund's long term viability for future generations of retirees.
16. Torture is intrinsically evil. **The answer: A—True.** Torture is an intrinsic evil because it is a violation of the dignity of the human person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Even those who may have done evil never shed their intrinsic dignity.

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I have a gift that I have kept to myself out of fear or apprehension that I could develop and share?

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

17. What percentage of victims maimed or killed by landmines and cluster munitions are civilians? **The answer: D—90%.** Ninety percent of people killed or maimed by landmines and cluster munitions are non-military civilians. In addition, 30-40 percent of those killed or maimed by landmines are children. The United States and Cuba are the only countries in the Western Hemisphere who have not yet signed the Mine Ban Treaty which bans the use of landmines.
18. Life-saving poverty-focused international assistance that fights hunger, disease and poverty make up what percent of the U.S. federal budget? **The answer: A—1%.** Life-saving poverty-focused international assistance that fights hunger, disease, and poverty makes up less than 1% of the U.S. federal budget. These life-saving programs included agricultural assistance for subsistence farmers, vaccines for preventable diseases, assistance to orphans and vulnerable children, disaster assistance in places like Haiti, peacekeeping forces to protect innocent civilizations in troubled areas such as Sudan and the Congo, and support to migrants and refugees fleeing conflict or persecution in nations such as Iraq.
19. Which are the effects of climate change? **The answer: All of the following: Increased temperatures, rising sea levels, and changes in rainfall that contribute to more frequent and severe floods and droughts.** Increased temperatures, rising sea levels, and changes in rainfall are all impacts of climate change, and they affect people living in poverty the worst, even though these people contribute the least to climate change. In many poor countries, these impacts of climate change have led to increasingly limited access to water, reduced crop yields, more widespread disease, increased frequency and intensity of natural disasters, and conflict over declining resources—making the lives of the world's poorest people even more precarious.
20. People with disabilities have a much more difficult time finding the resources they need to live in dignity. **The answer: A—True.** In 2008, the Census Bureau started collecting statistics on disability status as a way to study the intersection of poverty and disability. The data clearly demonstrate that people with disabilities have a much more difficult time finding the resources they need to live in dignity. In 2010, 28 percent of people with disabilities lived in poverty, a rate over twice as high as people without a disability (12 percent).

During this month of November, please don't forget to pray for the Souls in Purgatory!

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

JOIN US FOR THE VIRTUAL HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 21

At 7:00 pm Saturday, November 21, the parish Music Ministry and Communications Ministry will premiere a virtual Haiti Benefit concert featuring a joint performance by Director of Music Janet Pate and cellist Stephen Czarkowski. The duo will be performing three pieces by J.S. Bach, Camille Saint-Saëns and Astor Piazzollo and will also each perform a solo by J.S. Bach and Johannes Brahms. Join us for an evening of music and heartfelt testimonials! We thank you for your ongoing support of our parish's Haiti Ministry, which consists of the Medical Mission, Bon Pasteur School and Just Haiti Coffee fair trade program in our sister parish in Leon, Haiti. Please check Flocknote and the parish web site for the concert link, which will be posted on our Parish YouTube page. To donate to the Haiti Benefit Concert fundraiser, text a donation amount to (301) 804-2584, go online to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/110/40739>, or send a check to the church, Attn. Haiti Benefit Concert Fundraiser. For more information, please contact Director of Music Ministry Janet Pate at sfadwmusic@sfadw.org.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

There are just a few weekends left to volunteer for the St. Francis Christmas Tree Sale, which will kick off November 28 and end December 13. If you are interested in working outside, meeting other parishioners and helping serve our parish in a community-building fundraiser, then please sign up.

Volunteers are still needed to help set up the tree lot, offload and stake trees, sell trees and help break down the lot. Sign up for as many shifts as you can at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/21902>. The sales shifts will be Monday through Friday from 3-6 pm and 6-8 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9 am-12 pm. All volunteers are strongly encouraged to wear personal protective equipment while working at the lot.

For more information, please e-mail Ministry Coordinator Brian Pettit at brianpettit@pettitcompanies.com or call him at (240) 372-1662.

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 PROGRAM

- *Circle of Grace* Safe Environment lessons for Kindergarten thru Grade 5 students will be taught online at 11 am on November 15 and again on December 13. Please look for signup information in email messages from the Religious Education Office and plan for your children to attend one of these two sessions.
- As noted on the Unit 1 checklist found in the folder included in your child's At-Home Catechesis Kit, students are scheduled to complete lessons in their textbooks as follows:
 - week of October 18: Session 1
 - week of October 25: Session 2
 - week of November 1: All Saints Day lesson
 - week of November 8: Session 3
 - week of November 15: Session 4
- Our next online parent meeting introducing the themes of Unit 2 will be held at 11 am on Sunday, November 22. The link for this Zoom meeting will be sent to registered families, and a recorded version will also be made available. Families will also be receiving Unit 2 materials around this time.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETINGS

A reminder to families of children preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation this year: the next First Reconciliation Parent Meetings will be held online on Wednesday, November 18 or Thursday, November 19 from 7:30-9:00 pm. Parents are asked to attend one of these online meetings. The link to join the meeting will be sent to registered families. If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 301-258-9193.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE SESSION: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Confirmation candidates will meet online on Monday, November 23, for Confirmation class from 7:00-8:30 pm. The link to join the meeting will be sent to registered families. If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 301-258-9193.

CRAFTERS NEEDED TO DECORATE CHRISTMAS WREATHS ON NOVEMBER 27/28

Crafters over the age of 12, join us to help decorate fresh wreaths to be sold at the Christmas Tree Sale, which will operate from November 28-December 13 in front of the church.

Parishioners are invited to come to the Parish Center from 6:30-9 pm Friday, November 27 and 9 am-12:30 pm Saturday, November 28, to festoon more than 70 wreaths. The parish will supply all the decorations and floral wire, but participants should bring their own wire cutters. Volunteers will be socially distanced, with two volunteers each working at nine tables in the Parish Center. All volunteers are strongly encouraged to wear face masks or facial coverings. Any children over 12 who attend must be accompanied by an adult.

Please sign up for this event via this Flocknote link: <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/24203>. Christmas music will be played and the wonderful smell of fresh wreaths are sure to stir up the spirit of the season. For more information, contact Ministry Coordinator Carolyn Brauer at carolyn_brauer@yahoo.com.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2020

Thank you for your prayers for all who have celebrated their First Eucharist this fall. May God continue to bless these young people as they live in God's grace!

*Joaquin Ancheta
Rafael Babay
Gianni Blanco
Caleb Campbell
Alexander Claro
Phoebe Della
Liam Flanagan
Jack Flores
Brian Healy
Leo Jimenez
Theo Lindquist
Juliet Luetkemeier
Caleb McCormick
Evelin Munoz
Caleb Phelan
Augustine Pate
Samuel Pomicter
Thomas Rudmann
Martin Sukal
Bryce Thorson
Brody Titcombe
Angelina Truong
Ange Tsetezoh
Angelo Valverde
Michelle Villalta
Mckenzie Waybright*

LEARN ABOUT SIX BLACK CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD DURING ONLINE SERIES

In celebration of Black Catholic History Month, join us for the final two installments of the online series "Celebrating the Cloud of Witnesses: Race, Resilience and Renewal," which take place from 2:30-4:30 pm EST on Saturday, November 14 and November 21. On November 14, participants will learn about the lives of two more Catholics of African descent who are in line to be canonized for the sainthood -- Henriette Delille and Augustus Tolton. The last installment focuses on Julia Greeley and Thea Bowman, with the former introduced by Director of Social Concerns Tony Bosnick. Purchase tickets for the virtual series at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cloud-of-witnesses-grant-funding-by-nbcc-daniel-rudd-fund-tickets-122107178859>. Registration is free, but reserved seats start at \$15 per event. The series will conclude on November 21 with a live stream Mass of the Consistory celebrated by Cardinal-elect Wilton Gregory.

NEW NEIGHBORS INTERFAITH ALLIANCE

St Francis of Assisi is involved in a new effort expanding our current refugee support effort, called the New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance. This new alliance will be working with other faith communities assisting refugees, asylum seekers, asylees, and undocumented immigrants who settle in Montgomery and P.G. Counties. We are seeking volunteers from the SFA community who would be willing to support this effort in any number of ways. Please contact Chris King (caking.home@gmail.com), or Bob Cook (cookerh1251@gmail.com) for more information.