

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

### August 23 - August 29

<b>Monday, 8/23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Herman Wiggins
<b>Tuesday, 8/24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Monsignor Godfrey Mosley
<b>Wednesday, 8/25</b>	9:00 a.m.	Cecilia Moran
	7:30 p.m.	Marie Louise Akpan
<b>Thursday, 8/26</b>	9:00 a.m.	Joan McDonald
<b>Friday, 8/27</b>	9:00 a.m.	Father Don Worch
<b>Saturday, 8/28</b>	5:00 p.m.	Richard & Patricia Hunt
<b>Sunday, 8/29</b>	8:00 a.m.	Donald Zezzo
	9:30 a.m.	Karin O'Connor (L)
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Mamerto De Castro

**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 William Chase, brother-in-law of Gee Gordon, Krisvhon Posadas.

**Please pray for the sick...** Karen Mason, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Jackie Komlo, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, 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 22, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 /Jn 6:60-69
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On Saturday, August 14, 2021, Haiti suffered a 7.2-magnitude earthquake. As of late Sunday, August 15, 2021, nearly 1,300 people have been killed, more than 5,700 people are injured, and more than 30,250 needed shelter as a result of the earthquake, which affected the southwestern part of the country, particularly the Dioceses of Jérémie, Les Cayes, and Anse-à-Veau Mirogoane.

In an interview on Sunday, August 15, Bishop Joseph Grandrand Décoste, SJ of Jérémie, noted the shock of the people at the destruction caused by the earthquake, which damaged several homes, churches, and even the Cathedral—all of which will have to be repaired or rebuilt. Bishop Décoste also remarked that many of the people are forced to stay under the trees or in open areas to protect them from the aftershocks that trail the earthquake.

Father Pierre Jeanot, Pastor of the Conversion of Saint Paul Parish in Léon, Haiti, wrote to Dan Cardile and other members of our parish Haiti Committee that the building housing their secondary school (which our parish has largely subsidized) has sustained some serious cracks as a result of the earthquake. One of the houses in Léon collapsed killing a child who was inside the house at the time the earthquake struck. Father Jeanot was grateful that the church building, under repair since it was destroyed in the earthquake in 2010, fortunately was not damaged in Saturday's earthquake.

Fonie Pierre, a public health professional who heads operations in Haiti for the U.S. based Catholic Relief Services and who lives in Les Cayes, Haiti's third-largest city and one of the hardest hit by the 7.2 earthquake, reports that she and her daughter fled their home during the earthquake and have joined neighbors in living outdoors for the foreseeable future.

Ms Pierre also reported that the local hospital in Les Cayes does not have capacity to receive so many injured people, while other medical centers in the south are trying to offer help "but it is difficult for them to find materials, doctors, nurses, and human resources to manage this situation."

Relief workers report that the August 14 earthquake might not be as catastrophic as the 2010 quake that was closer to the capital, but recovery will be complicated because the quake came after the assassination of Haiti's president last month, an economic and ongoing political crisis, the coronavirus pandemic, and an active storm season currently underway.

Let me close this column with a statement released by Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on August 14, 2021:

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**August 22, 2021**

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*What specific action can I take to show my commitment to remain a disciple of our Lord?*

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

Do you know anyone who is interested in developing a relationship with Jesus Christ? If so, please tell them about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which will begin at 7:30 pm Wednesdays on September 15. RCIA is a parish program led by Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick and a dedicated team of adults. Participants will explore their interest in Catholicism before making a commitment to continue with the process later this fall. The program ends in July 2022 with the Mystagogy period, though, it is the only the beginning of a lifelong journey of getting to know Christ. For more information, contact Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

### **FOOD PANTRY BOX IS MOVING**

The Food Pantry Box will be moving from the Rectory Front Porch to the Gathering Space where it was originally located on the morning of Friday, September 3rd after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The church is normally open weekdays 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Beginning Saturday, September 4th the church will be open at 9:00 a.m. for individual prayer.

### **THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR**

#### **Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles statement:**

“On behalf of the bishops of the United States, I wish to express my heartfelt prayers for the people of Haiti who are mourning the loss of loved ones and are suffering from the destruction caused by the earthquake that took place this morning. We offer our prayers to Archbishop Launay Saturné, president of the bishops’ conference in Haiti, and to all those who tirelessly serve the faith communities in Haiti. We stand in solidarity with the Church in Haiti in offering our prayers, in a particular way this weekend as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

“In these moments of continued trial, may you feel the comfort, compassion, and embrace of our Blessed Mother. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti, intercede for us!

“Catholics and all people of good will may assist in the relief work by contacting Catholic Relief Services. I am grateful to all who can support the relief effort of our brothers and sisters in Haiti.”

Until next week,

**Fr. John**

### **“THE JUSTICE THOUGHT”**

*The Parish Council’s Ad Hoc Committee on Racism will provide a brief message each week under the title, “The Justice Thought” that is intended to educate and help us contemplate ways we can combat the sin of racism. This project stems from recommendations made to the committee by participants in the parish-sponsored dialogue, “Four Courageous Conversations on Racism.” Please contact Vincent Price at [price93507@aol.com](mailto:price93507@aol.com) with any comments or suggestions.*

**What Can We Do to Bring about Racial Justice?** The Maryland Catholic Conference is the official voice for Catholics on public policy issues related to advocacy for racial justice. The bishops representing Maryland work together to address racial justice issues.

In their letter, *Building Bridges of Understanding and Hope*, which was released June 15, 2020, the Maryland bishops extolled the contributions of Black Catholics in our region, starting with Mother Mary Lange, who, in 1828, founded the first Catholic school for Black children in Baltimore. They also recognized that Maryland is home to the National Black Catholic Congress, which acts as a witness to the Black Catholic experience in the United States.

But the bishops stated we must go beyond recognizing the contributions of our Black Americans and begin advocating for racial justice in our cities, states, and country. “The Catholic Bishops of Maryland have stood firmly in our support of laws sought to bring about justice and an end to unequal treatment based on race.” *Building Bridges of Understanding and Hope*, June 15, 2020.

*Question: How can you become aware of what they are doing and support these efforts? See <https://www.mdatholic.org/racialjustice>*



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### **NEW PARISH LOGO FEATURING PRAYERFUL ST. FRANCIS IS UNVEILED**

Fr. John Dillon recently unveiled our new parish logo in a recent Flocknote to rebrand our faith community as we approach the parish’s 50-year anniversary in June 2022. In our new logo, a silhouette of our patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi, floats in front of an outline of the San Damiano cross. This distinctive cross was the crucifix St. Francis was praying before when God commissioned him to rebuild his church. Francis stands before a partially seen circle, suggesting the sun and his holiness as a saint. He looks upward in prayer to a dove, both a symbol representing the Eucharist and peace. While our new logo will be phased into use over the next few months on our web site, on parish letterhead, in publications and on online platforms, you will see it heavily used as we gear up for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish. For more information, please contact parish Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan at [megan@sfadw.org](mailto:megan@sfadw.org).

## REGISTER FOR 2021-22 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION .

Our religious education program is gearing up for the 2021-22 school year, offering families a choice of two options for religious education:

**Option 1: "Homeschool model"** with parents teaching their children at home with textbook resources and support provided by the parish, including 7 online parent meetings and additional events for students and families

OR

**Option 2: "Classroom model"** with children attending in-person classes with modifications in place to comply with covid safety protocols (including keeping 3 ft. distance in classrooms, required use of face masks, and frequent hand washing/sanitizing). In-person classes for Kindergarten through Grade 8 will be offered as follows:

- **Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5) classes with students attending class in person on alternating weeks and completing a lesson at-home between each in-person class.** Two Elementary session times will be offered: Sunday morning, 9:20-10:35 am and Monday afternoon, 4:45-6:00 pm. Classes will start Sept. 19/20 for Group A and Sept. 26/27 for Group B.
- **Middle School (Grade 6, 7 & 8) classes with students attending weekly.** Two Middle School Session times will be offered: Monday & Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm. Classes start September 20/21.
- **Classes for children and youth with special needs will continue to be offered via Zoom meeting** on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm. Classes begin Sept. 19.

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**Registration fee: \$125.00 per child**

*If payment of registration fees poses a financial hardship, please contact us and allow us to assist you.*

**Register for the 2021-22 Religious Education program and sacramental preparation using the forms found on our parish website: <https://www.sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>**

Completed forms can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm), or returned as digital copies via email to [sfareligioused@sfadw.org](mailto:sfareligioused@sfadw.org). Questions? Call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193 or email [sfareligioused@sfadw.org](mailto:sfareligioused@sfadw.org).

**Please share this information with others, especially those who will be new to our program!**

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

### Information Regarding Sacramental Preparation for 2021-22

Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, and full initiation in the adapted RCIA for children and teens seeking Baptism will also be offered in adapted formats as needed for compliance with covid protocols.

- 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.

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## Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

*We are...St. Jude*

[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://www.StJudeRockville.org)

<http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd>

**We are please to announce Katharine Balog as Interim Assistant Principal** Katharine Balog has just accepted the Interim Assistant Principal position at St. Jude. She has been teaching for 16 years, 11 at St. Jude. She is a graduate of Quince Orchard High School, and West Virginia University with a BFA in fine arts and education. Mrs. Balog received her master's degree from Hood College in Educational Leadership and Administration. Mrs. Balog has been teaching fourth grade at St. Jude for 9 years-incorporating her creativity into their daily lessons and she will continue to teach her 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. Katharine and her husband Adam are very excited to enroll their 3-year-old son the in preK3 program this year. Katharine considers St. Jude a second home and cannot wait to share her love for St. Jude with her son. She is excited to join the administration and continue to serve the community she adores.

**Looking for a wonderful, spirit filled school?** St. Jude has limited openings in Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd, 6th, and 7th. Please contact Ellen Donnelly at [Ellen.Donnelly@stjuderockville.org](mailto:Ellen.Donnelly@stjuderockville.org) or 301-946-7888. "Build yourselves up in your most holy faith, pray in the Holy Spirit." Jude 1:20

### Mark your Calendars

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** - Back-To-School Picnic and Drive-in Movie at 6:30PM. The movie is Luca! Kona Ice truck will be on campus for you to purchase a delicious Icy. Come on out to see your friends and meet your teachers.

**August 31<sup>st</sup>** - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Classes (full day for grades 1 to 8, ½ day for Pre-K and Kindergarten).

### BIBLE STUDY OFFERED

Knights of Columbus Montgomery Council is hosting a Bible Study at Father Cuddy Hall in Derwood. The Bible Study will run on Mondays from September through May. The Bible Study will utilize the Jeff Cavins Great Adventure Bible Study Course. The only cost for the course will be \$35.95 to order the Study Set from Ascension Press. Sign Up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4BA8AB2CA1FE3-great>

### POSITIONS OPEN AT MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

Mother of God School in Gaithersburg, MD is recruiting for a full-time or part-time Physical Education Teacher. If full-time, duties would include overseeing our CYO program, seventh-grade homeroom, and K-5 technology. We are also looking for substitutes to be called on for various positions throughout the year. MOG School is an Independent, Catholic PreK through 8th-grade school, affiliated with the Archdiocese of Washington. At Mother of God, faith is not an extra but an integral part of everything we do! Candidates must be practicing Catholics/Christians with a zeal for living out their faith. For more information please email the principal, Melissa Sloan at [principal@mogschool.com](mailto:principal@mogschool.com)

### Sacramental Preparation for 2021-22 (continued)

- Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to indicate this when registering for religious education so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs.