

Mass Intentions for the week

NOTE: No Mass on Thursday

Saturday, June 27th

4:00PM † Mark Leger & Michael Leger...by the family

Sunday, June 28th

11:00AM † Isaiás Vera... Por la familia
† Angelito Guzman... Por sus padres.

Monday, June 29th

8:00AM † Ramon Matos...by Norman St. Denis

Tuesday, June 30th

8:00PM †

6:00PM †

Wednesday, July 1st

8:00AM †

Thursday, July 2nd

8:00AM † NO MASS

Friday, July 3rd

6:00PM † Mr. & Mrs. Albert Murray...by the family.

† Ramón Matos....by Daisy, Maria, Cathy & Georgette.

Saturday, July 4th

4:00PM † Robert LeBlanc...by St. Vicent de Paul

Sunday, July 5th

11:00AM † Maritza Ramos Fortiz...Por la familia, luna, Baez y Pagan.



The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit for Theresa David

Our Blessed Mother lamp is lit in thanksgiving to God...requested by Maria Encarnacion.

A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for the memory of Ramon Matos...requested by parishioners.

In Loving Remembrance

In your charity, please pray for all the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace. AMEN.

Parish Support June 20th – 21st

Offertory: \$ 2,019

Maintenance: \$ 15

Fuel: \$ 146

Others: \$ 200



Total: \$ 2,330

Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given,"
St. Francis of Assisi

2020 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL



Generate Joy

What an inspiration it is for all us to know that when we support the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal, we generate joy in the lives of those served by our many agencies and ministries. And you, in turn, where in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve. It is why I offer my thanks to God for the prayers and support of the generous people of the Diocese Worcester." The world calls for and expects from us simplicity of life, the spirit of prayer, charity towards all, especially towards the lowly and poor, obedience and humility...."

The Goal for St. Francis Parish is \$20,000. So far, we Collected 85% of our goal (Thank you those parishioners who already contribute). Please, help us make St. Francis of Assisi goal of \$20,000.



"Share Your Table with Love"

The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul food Pantry for the month **July Tuna, canned meat (spam ham), beef stew, canned chicken,**

canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, Jelly, Cereal, boxed potatoes, salad dressing and Raman soup.

Thank You for your donations. "When I was hungry you gave food...."

****Food Pantry Hours: Friday 12:30 -2:00PM****



Happening at St. Francis Parish- Phrase two

Mass Schedules

Monday, June 29th – 8 A M. English Mass

Tuesday, June 30th – 8 AM English Mass & 6PM Spanish

Wednesday, July 1st - 8 AM English Mass

Thursday, July 2nd NO MASS

Friday, June July 3rd – 6PM English Mass

The challenge of being a follower of Jesus



I share the following simply and honestly. I find it very easy to call myself a follower of Jesus when everything is going well for me. In short, when I am in control and can control what happens to me and around me, as best I can. However, the real cost of being a disciple of Jesus comes when it is demanding and challenging. At times like this I am shaken from my complacency and casualness. When this happens, I am called to recommit myself to my prayer, Christian living and my friendship with Jesus.

The gospel today does not make for easy reading or listening! Jesus is very clear and even demanding in what he says to those who were with him and more importantly to each of us today. He says, 'anyone who prefers their father or mother is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers their son or daughter is not worthy of me.' What could Jesus possibly mean by these words? Why would he suggest that we decide between our family and him? When Matthew was writing his gospel, the early Christians were being persecuted by both religious and civil authorities. To freely decide to follow Jesus was a very radical and even dangerous thing to do. It was not a decision that was taken lightly. Some members of a family decided to become followers of Jesus; others didn't. This caused great division within families and communities as they were split and separated from each other because of religious beliefs. When Jesus said 'come follow me', he never said it was going to be easy!

It is unlikely that any of us are going to be persecuted for being Christian. However, let us not forget that there are in fact many people in our world today who are being persecuted and killed for following Jesus. There are many in countries such as Egypt, India, Iran and Turkey, to name but a few who lives are in danger for believing in and following Jesus. However, for those of us who live with religious freedom, we face no such dangers; we are free to practice our religion or not.

It has been said that once you encounter and experience Jesus in your daily life, you are never the same! To encounter Jesus demands a choice: to accept him or reject him – the choice is ours. Jesus freely calls and invites us to follow him and then he waits. He can never make us follow him and he never will. This is our free decision. We think of the Rich Young Man. Jesus asked him to become one of his followers, but he simply couldn't and Jesus let him go. Today in our modern world and society we are surrounded and even bombarded by all sorts of messages, voices and ideas. They are all asking for our attention; they are all looking for our commitment. To whose voice are we attracted and listening? Once Jesus asked his closest friends if they wanted to leave him. Peter replied, 'Lord, to whom would we go, you have the message of eternal life.' Perhaps these recent months have challenged our faith and belief in Jesus. Maybe today is a time to gently

*recommit ourselves to following Jesus who is our Way, our Truth and our Life – this day and every day of our lives.
– Br Michael Moore OMI*

Sing & Praise



***Forever I will sing the
goodness of the Lord
Proclamaré sin cesar la
misericordia del Señor***



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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RAFFLE TICKETS

- 1st Prize \$ 2,500
- 2nd Prize \$1,000
- 3rd Prize \$ 500
- 4th Prize \$ 250
- 5th, 6th, & 7th Prize \$ 100



Although we are going through this difficult time, we continuing with the annual raffle. If you are interested in a book of raffle tickets or if you need more information, contact the Rectory, María Paulino or Awilda Martínez. If someone already has tickets sold, contact Awilda, Maria, or call the rectory.

The draw will be held on August 9, 2020.



The Church Building -Phrase 2

Daily Mass Chapels -The use of smaller “daily Mass” chapels should be suspended with all liturgies taking place in the main church.

Holy Water - All standing Holy Water should be removed from all fonts. Small individual bottles of Holy Water might be appropriately provided for parishioners or Holy Water may be made available in larger closed containers, from which the faithful might draw a personal supply. All water fountains should be turned off.

Hymnals and Missalettes- Hymnals and Missalettes will be removed from the church and stored for possible future use. Only “one-time use” worship aids may be used and should be disposed of after one use. The faithful may also be reminded of online sources for the daily readings, etc. which may be accessed on their cell phone.

Marking the Floor, the floor will be marked with removable tape at six-foot intervals approaching all communion stations and approaching all rest rooms.

Cleaning- Pew backs and surfaces in bathrooms will be disinfected after every Mass. Door handles and other surfaces should be disinfected daily. Gloves should be used when cleaning and emptying trash receptacles. Further guidance has been provided by the CDC. 5

People arriving at

People arriving at Church Masks and Social Distancing All members of the congregation should be masked and required to observe a minimum of a six-foot social distance. Liturgical ministers are not masked, except for the isolated instances noted below.

Seating- In order to promote social distancing, people should be seated at least six feet apart in every-every-another pew.

Collection- Instead of passing collection baskets, parishioners should be directed to place their donations in conveniently located standing baskets, from which gloved ushers may transfer the money to drop-safe. The donations should be quarantined for three days before counting in order to assure that any trace of the virus has been neutralized.

Stay tuned: Take- Out Delicious food Fundraiser and Raffle Ticket Drawing.



Es un refrán que he escuchado en varios momentos y de diversas personas: “El Evangelio aflige a los que se sienten

confortables y conforta a los afligidos.” En algunas ocasiones el mensaje de Cristo nos ofrece mucho consuelo y en otras nos reta fuertemente dándonos una línea clara y exigente. El Evangelio según san Mateo nos da muchos ejemplos.

Hoy en el Evangelio, encontramos a Jesús hablando en una manera contundente: “El que ama a su padre o a su madre más que a mí, no es digno de mí; el que ama a su hijo o a su hija más que a mí, no es digno de mí; y el que no toma su cruz y me sigue, no es digno de mí.”

En el domingo siguiente, escucharemos a Jesús hablar con mansedumbre invitándonos a encontrar y experimentar en él un descanso verdadero como remedio para los que andan sobrecargados. “Tomen mi yugo sobre ustedes y aprendan de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón, y encontrarán descanso, porque mi yugo es suave y mi carga, ligera.”

Para seguir a Jesucristo auténticamente es necesario amarlo sobre todo y sobre todas las personas; es necesario mantenerse firme y no darse la fuga al enfrentar situaciones difíciles. En otras palabras, es justo y necesario tomar la cruz de cada día y a seguirlo. Es necesario valorar la vida, pero también es importante amar y agradecer a el que nos la ha dado.

La lección de Jesús nos muestra como la vida abre y florece cuando nuestros pasos sean ejemplos actuales del seguimiento del Señor; cuando olvidarnos de nosotros mismos nos recordamos cuanto Dios nos ama.

Jesucristo no nos promete que seguirme sus pasos en nuestra vida sea algo fácil. Sin embargo, acudir a Jesucristo en busca de descanso es entendible y en verdad es lo que él nos quiere ofrecer. El confort y el consuelo que Jesucristo nos da es más dulce en la medida en que nos hemos entregado a su servicio dedicados a los más necesitados y menos a nuestros deseos. Experimentaremos la vida plena cuando la recibimos como don de Dios y no la cotizamos como recompensa merecida

Padre fray Charles Johnson, O.P.

Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana
Daily Scripture Readings

lunes 29 de junio// Monday, June 29, 2020

Acto/Act 12:1-11
Salmo//Psalm 34:2-9
San Mateo//Matthew 16:13-19

martes, 30 de junio//Tuesday, June 30,2020

Amos 3:1-8,4:11-12
Salmo//Psalm 5:4b-6A,6B-7,8
San Mateo//Matthew 8:23-27

miércoles 1 de junio // Wednesday, July 1,2020

Amos 5:14-15,21-24
Salmo//Psalm 50:7-13,16BC-17
San Mateo//Matthew 8:28-34

jueves, 2 de junio // Thursday, July 2,2020

Amos 7:10-17
Salmo//Psalm 19:8-11
San Mateo//Matthew 9:1-8

viernes, 3 de junio// Friday, July 3,2020

Efesios//Ephesians 2:19-22
Salmo//Psalm 117:1BC,2
San Juan//John 20:24-29

sabado, 20 de junio // Saturday, July 4,2020

Amos 9:11-15
Salmo//Psalm 85:AB,10-14
San Mateo//Matthew 9:14-17

domingo, 5 de junio // Sunday, June 5,2020

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reyes/Kings 3:5,7-12
Salmo//Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130
Romano 8:28-30
San Mateo//Matthew 44-52

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Aunque estemos pasando esta triste situación, Vamos a continuar con las rifas. Si alguien está interesado en un libro de boleto de rifa o necesita más información, comuníquese con Rectoría, María Paulino o Awilda Martínez para obtener más información. Si alguien ya tiene boletos vendidos, comuníquese con Awilda, María o llame a la rectoría.

El sorteo se realizará el 9 de agosto de 2020.

ORACION EN TIEMPO DE PANDEMIA

Oh Dios, cuyo Hijo único cargó con el sufrimiento de toda la humanidad por nuestra salvación, escucha las oraciones de tu Iglesia por nuestros hermanos y hermanas enfermos y auxilianos en esta hora de angustia.

Abre nuestros oídos y nuestros corazones para escuchar la voz de tu Hijo: “No tengan miedo, estoy con ustedes siempre.”

Bendice a todos los doctores y enfermeras, investigadores y servidores públicos; Danos la sabiduría para hacer lo correcto y la fe necesaria para vivir este momento; Que nos volvamos a reunir una vez más para bendecir tu nombre en el corazón de la Iglesia, libres ya de toda ansiedad y confiados en tu misericordia. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo. Amen

Catecismo



-Todos los estudiantes de Catecismo será avanzado al siguiente grado desde kínder al Octavo grado.
-Todos los estudiantes de Primera Comunión que

ya tomaron 2 años. de la clase de Primera Comunión y están preparados, harán la Primera Comunión en septiembre de 2020. La coordinadora y los maestros notificarán a todos los padres y tendrán una reunión con cada familia.

Las reuniones se llevarán a cabo en julio. El registro de Educación Religiosa 2021 está disponible. Llame a la oficina al 978-342-9651 de lunes a miércoles de 9 am a 1 pm o envíe un correo electrónico a pastor-@saintfrancis-fitchburg.com

Misa de la semana

- Monday, June 15th – 8 A M. English Mass
- Tuesday, June 16th – 8 AM English Mass & 6PM Spanish
- Wednesday, June 17th - 8 AM English Mass
- Thursday, June 18th NO MASS
- Friday, June 19th – 6PM English Mass