

**Mass Intentions for the week**

**NOTE: No Mass on Thursday**

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00PM** †Richard Corrinne ....by his wife Gloria  
†Jeannette Willingham (7 Ann) .... By Brian Biglow.

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00AM** † Margarita Muñoz...Por Angel Guzmán  
† En Acción de Gracias por el cumpleaños de Ivone y Fabricio Dávila

**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00AM** † Mr. & Mrs. Domenic Pagnotto...by Mr. Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Pagnotto

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00PM** †

**6:00PM** † En Acción de Gracias por el cumpleaños de María Paulino

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00AM** †

**6:00 PM** †

**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00AM** †

**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00PM** †

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00PM** †Louise Morin (1<sup>st</sup> Ann) ....by Georgette Morin.

† Yvonne Rochette (14 Ann) ...by the family

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00AM** † Margarita Muñoz...Angel Guzman



The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit for all soul purgatory.

Our Blessed Mother lamp is lit to all the Priest and nuns.

A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for all the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi.

**In Loving Remembrance**

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

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**Parish Support November 28-29**

Offertory: \$ 2,458

Total: \$ 2,458

Thank you!

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

**Religious Education News**



Religious EDUCATION AT HOME

The religious education program at St. Francis of Assisi, is focused on

creating disciples of Christ through prayer, education, and exposure to the sacraments of the Church. We center deep in our faith to educate and encompass the life of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and the holy sacraments. Our mission is to help children encounter Christ through virtual classes and reinforce that they are children of God.

Zoom Classes- If you haven't received an email regarding your child zoom classes is because we have the wrong email address. Please contact the Coordinator Yesenia thru email at [yquinones08@aol.com](mailto:yquinones08@aol.com) and let her know.



"Share Your Table with Love"  
The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul food Pantry for the month **December. 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\*\***



**Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule**

**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 4PM English Mass & 6PM Spanish.**  
**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 8 AM**

English & 11AM Spanish.

**December 31<sup>st</sup> - 4PM English & 6 PM Spanish.**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> - 8 AM English & 11AM Spanish**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent**



*Are you* Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark? Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect

upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus

**Sing & Praise**



*Lord, let us see your kindness, and  
grant us your salvation.*

*Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y  
danos tu salvacion.*



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peace. AMEN.*



**FUELFUND**

*Winter is coming soon! We encourage you to our fuel fund. We are in need of your generosity gift to help us defray our oil bills. Thank you!*



**Safe Environment**

*Our Parish follows the guidelines of our Diocese of Worcester "Protecting God Children" Policies. Any questions or Concerns, please call the victim service coordinator from the*

*Diocese of Worcester Judith Audette, (508) 929-4363.*

**Word of life**

*"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."*

**Legacy of Hope Update PARISH GOAL: \$147,675**



*We Are Now in The Commitment Phase of The Campaign Here at The Cathedral and Need Every Parish Family to Make Their Pledge. The Key To Our Success Is*

**100% Participation.**

*Our Needs With the funds raised through the Legacy of Hope Campaign, St. Francis of Assisi parish will address the following: Update our kitchen to serve safe certification specifications. Establish a fund for ongoing parish maintenance needs (i.e. repairing the church windows and repair the front steps of the church) Keep in Mind 1. Your tax-deductible pledge can be made over 48 months 2. Completed pledge cards can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed in 3. Pray for our community to come together to make this a successful campaign!*

*Thank you for your continued support to St. Francis of Assisi and the Diocese of Worcester!*

**To learn more or make your gift,**

**VISIT OUR CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AT WWW.LEGACYOFHOPE.WORCESTERDIOCESE.ORG.**

**Prayer in time of Pandemic**

*Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick was made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.*

*Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.*

*Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.*

*Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.*

*Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.*

*Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.*

*Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.*

*Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.*

*Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.*

*Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.*

*Jesus Christ, heal us.*



El Domingo pasado Dios nos pedía estar alertas y velar. Hoy a través del profeta Isaías (1ª lectura) y Juan Bautista nos urge a preparar el camino de nuestro corazón para recibir a Cristo (evangelio). Esto supone una lucha contra el pecado y un inmenso trabajo

por la santidad para llevar una vida sin mancha ni reproche (2ª lectura). San Juan Bautista al hablar así tan fuerte y convencido sacudió las columnas de la religión y los corazones de los hombres, y los nuestros. Entonces, los hombres y mujeres le abrían las cuentas corrientes de sus vidas – ¿y nosotros? -, los sacerdotes de Jerusalén le abrieron un expediente –¿también nosotros?-, el rey Herodes le abrió las puertas de la mazmorra de Maqueronte y, a petición de una corista, le cortó la cabeza para no escuchar esos gritos ensordecedores, ¡ojalá que nunca nosotros!-. Cayó eliminado como un profeta.

**Puntos de la idea principal:**

En primer lugar, no podemos negar que este san Juan Bautista, que cada año nos sale al paso en el Adviento, es un “tipo raro” a los ojos de este mundo placentero, consumista, vividor y ambiciosamente competitivo. Vestía áspero como un camello, comía saltamontes a la parrilla del sol y miel silvestre, bebía agua del río, vivía soltero conventual y amanecía como le cogía la noche: rostro a tierra y en oración. Radical él. Y durante el día, a gritar para preparar los caminos al Señor. Sí, los caminos de la conciencia, para destiznarla de tanto hollín acumulado por el pecado. Sí, los caminos de la mente, para que se abra a los criterios de Dios, y no vaya por ahí destilando ideas liberales y opuestas a su Palabra salvífica en el campo de la moral familiar, sexual y doctrinal que rozan a ambigüedad, cuando no a herejía. Sí, los caminos de la afectividad, para que esa fuerza poderosa que tenemos ame a Dios sobre todas las cosas y al prójimo, por encima del egoísmo, los apegos y los cacareos turbios. Sí, los caminos de la voluntad, para que siempre elija en la libertad y amor lo que Dios pide para nuestra felicidad temporal y salvación eterna, aunque exija sacrificio, renuncia y tascar el freno al capricho y veleidad. ¡Gracias, Juan Bautista, por recordarnos esto en este tiempo de Adviento, ¡aunque tu voz nos moleste y aturda!

**En segundo lugar**, aunque este Juan Bautista es en cierto sentido un “tipo raro”, sin embargo, a los ojos de Cristo es amigo del Esposo y un grande profeta porque durante su corta vida sólo habló de las tres cosas que preocupan a los hombres y mujeres de todos los siglos, razas, culturas, religiones, continentes: primero, que somos malos; segundo, que tenemos que ser buenos; y tercero, que debemos reconciliarnos con Dios. ¡Poca cosa! ¿Predicamos los laicos, los curas, obispos y Papa estas verdades? Tres verdades: pecado, arrepentimiento y reconciliación. A esas dianas tiraba Juan Bautista la flecha. ¿A todos alcanzó el tiro certero de su flecha?

**Finalmente**, si hoy volviera este Juan Bautista con esos pelos, esa palabra afilada y esa vida, ¿no sería anacrónico? ¿Sería bien recibido, cuando no le interesa el dinero, ni el bienestar ni la comodidad ni el placer ni...? No tengo la menor duda de que, si hoy volviera y sentara cátedra de espartano por las orillas de cualquier río lugareño o



## Saint Francis of Assisi

rascacielos americano. ...sería un electroimán: a él marcharíamos todos. Porque bien miradas las cosas, si algo buscan los hombres hoy es la autenticidad y él fue auténtico; bravura, y él fue bravo; toque divino y él era un tocado de Dios; visionario de trascendencias divinas y él lo era. O tal vez me equivoco.

**Para reflexionar:** ¿Me reconozco pecador? ¿Estoy arrepentido de mis pecados de pensamiento, de palabra, de obra, de omisión...de mi niñez, adolescencia, juventud, edad madura y vejez...de mis pecados ocultos y desconocidos? ¿Acudiré en este Adviento al sacramento de la reconciliación para encontrarme con ese Padre lleno de misericordia y ternura para que me perdone, me purifique y así poder llegar lo menos indignamente preparado para la santa Navidad?

**Legado de Esperanza Meta parroquial: \$ 147,675**



Ahora estamos en la fase de compromiso de la campaña aquí en San Francisco de Asís y necesitamos que cada familia parroquial haga su compromiso. **La clave de nuestro éxito es la participación al 100%**

Nuestras necesidades Con los fondos recaudados a través de la Campaña Legado de Esperanza, nuestra parroquia abordará lo siguiente: Actualice nuestra cocina para servir especificaciones de certificación seguras. Establecer un fondo para las necesidades continuas de mantenimiento de la parroquia (es decir, reparar las ventanas de la iglesia y reparar los escalones del frente de la iglesia)

### **Tenga en cuenta**

Su compromiso deducible de impuestos se puede realizar durante 48 meses. Las tarjetas de compromiso completadas se pueden colocar en la canasta del ofertorio o enviarlas por correo

¡Ore para que nuestra comunidad se una para hacer que esta campaña tenga éxito! ¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo a San Francis de Ass y la Diócesis de Worcester!

**PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN O HACER SU COMPROMISO, VISITE EL SITIO WEB DE NUESTRA CAMPAÑA**

**WWW.LEGACYOFHOPE.WORCESTERDIOCESE.ORG .**

November 28 - December 6, 2020

## Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

### Daily Scripture Reading

#### Monday, December 14, 2020

Numbers 24:2-7

Salmo//Psalm 25:4-5b

San Matthew 21:23-27

#### Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Zephanish 32:1-2,9-13

Salmo//Psalm 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,1-,23

San Matthew 21:28-32

#### Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Isaiah 45:6b-8,18,21c-25

Salmo//Psalm 85:9ab,10-14

San Luke: 7:18b-23

#### Thursday December 17, 2020

Genesis 49:2,8-10

Salmo//Psalm 72:3-4,7-8,17

San Matthew 1:1-17

#### Friday, December 18, 2020

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Salmo//Psalm 72:1-2,12-13,18-19

San Matthew 1:18-25

#### Saturday, December 19, 2020

Judges 13:2-7,24-25a

Psalm 71:3-4a,5-6b,16-17

San Luke 1:5-25

#### Sunday, December 20, 2020

<sup>3rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:15-1-5

Salmo//Psalm 89:2-5,27,29

Ramons 16:25-27

San Luke 1:26-38

### Misa de la Navidad y de Víspera de año nuevo

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