

“We have found the Messiah”

*The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021*

*Saint Francis of Assisi Parish
Missions of Our Lady of the Valley in Fall River Mills
and Saint Stephen's in Bieber*

Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Church of Saint Francis, are a community of faith called by Baptism to center our lives in the sacraments and the Holy Eucharist. We gather together to mutually grow in our love for God and neighbor by studying the Word of God; by believing in the Faith and Traditions from the Apostles; by accepting the teachings of the Magisterium and by receiving and giving support, hope, faith and charity.

*Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís
Misiones de Nuestra Señora del Valle en Fall River Mills
y San Esteban en Bieber*

Nuestra Misión

Nosotros la Iglesia de San Francisco, somos una comunidad de Fe llamados por el Bautismo a centrar nuestra vida en los sacramentos y la Santa Eucaristía. Nosotros nos reunimos para crecer mutuamente en nuestro amor a Dios y a nuestro semejante a través de estudiar la Palabra de Dios; a través de creer en la Fe y Tradición de los Apóstoles; a través de aceptar las enseñanzas del Magisterio y a través de recibir y dar Apoyo, Fe, Esperanza y Caridad.

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MISSIONS

Our Lady of the Valley 43434 Hwy. 299E Fall River Mills	St. Stephen's 201 Hwy. 299E Bieber
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MASS SCHEDULE

See "Parish Calendar" (opposite) for changes.

Weekends

Saturday	4:30 pm	Our Lady of the Valley
Sunday	9:00 am	St. Francis
	11:00 am	Our Lady of the Valley (Spanish)
	1:00 pm	St. Stephen's
	4:30 pm	Our Lady of the Valley (Spanish)

Weekdays

Mon, Tue, Fri	9:00 am	St. Francis
Thursday	6:00 pm	St. Francis (Spanish)
Friday	6:00 pm	Our Lady of the Valley (Spanish)

ADORATION

1st Friday	9:30 am—Noon	St. Francis
1st Saturday	3:30 pm	Our Lady of the Valley
1st Sunday	11:45 am	St. Stephen's
Thursday's	3—6 pm	St. Francis
Friday's	11 am—6 pm	Our Lady of the Valley

First Sunday of the Month: All the Masses are said for the sick and, following Mass, Anointing of the Sick will be administered.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Confession is available one-half hour before scheduled Masses. Otherwise, call the parish for an appointment.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK

Food is available on request. Call the parish at 335-2372 for food anytime you are in need or call Bob Gartner at 249-8641.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at our website [@stfrancisburney.org](http://stfrancisburney.org)

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN (CCD)

Please contact Josefa Johnston (294-5290) or Elaine Shields (336-1003) or Estella Valdovinos (524-6434) Spanish

MUSIC: WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please contact Joan Knapp (530) 294-1234

BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)

Program of study for non-Catholic adults or Catholics seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact David Wanat at 335-2941 or email: convoyb@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Bob Gartner 249-8641

MINISTERS

St. Francis

Lectors:

January 17

John Klobas
Bob Gartner

January 24

Jim Billo
Justin Olesen

Ex. Min. of Holy
Communion:

CALENDAR

Weeklong	1/18-1/25	Prayer for Christian Unity
Fri	1/22	National Day of Penance
Tue	2/2	Presentation of The Lord World Day for Consecrated Life
Wed	2/17	Ash Wednesday
Sun	3/14	Daylight Savings Time begins

For more information see our website at www.stfrancisburney.org

Financial Report

July 1 to November 30, 2020

	This Year	Last Year	Difference	%
Collections	39,401.78	49,775.86	-10,374.08	-20.8%
Total Income	46,026.83	56,098.86	-10,072.03	-18.0%
Total Expense	-55,103.85	-60,769.80	-5,665.95	-9.3%
Surplus (-Defecit)	-9,077.02	-4,670.94		

Reflection

We are called to change from our comfortable patterns of conduct, thinking or religious practice which we have set for ourselves, so that our work for a better world may succeed.

Hospitality at St. Stephen's

Every Sunday is hospitality Sunday at St. Stephen's. Please join us for a nice lunch with soup/casserole, salad, bread, dessert and drinks. All are welcome, bring something to share if you can.

Reflection on the Gospel by St. John Paul II (*Ecclesia in America* #68)

An encounter with the Lord brings about a profound transformation in all who do not close themselves off from him. The first impulse coming from this transformation is to communicate to others the richness discovered in the experience of the encounter. This does not mean simply teaching what we have come to know but also, like the Samaritan woman, enabling others to encounter Jesus personally: "Come and see" (Jn 4:29). The result will be the same as that which took place in the heart of the Samaritans, who said to the woman: "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world" (Jn 4:42). The Church, which draws her life from the permanent and mysterious presence of her Risen Lord, has as the core of her mission a duty "to lead all people to encounter Christ".

She is called to proclaim that Christ is indeed the Living One, the Son of God, who became man, died and rose again. He alone is the Savior of every person and of the whole person; as the Lord of history, he is constantly at work in the Church and in the world through his Spirit, until the end of time. This presence of the Risen One in the Church makes it possible for us to encounter him, thanks to the invisible working of his life-giving Spirit. This encounter takes place in the faith received from and lived in the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. The encounter with Christ then has an essentially ecclesial dimension, and it leads to a life commitment. Indeed, "to encounter the living Christ means to accept the love by which he loves us first, to choose him, to adhere freely to his person and his plan, which consists in proclaiming and in bringing about the Kingdom of God".

The calling gives rise to a search for Jesus: "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), 'where are you staying'. He said to them: 'Come and see'. They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed that day with him" (Jn 1:38-39). This "staying" is not limited to the day of one's call, but rather extends to the whole of life. To follow Jesus involves living as he lived, accepting his message, adopting his way of thinking, embracing his destiny and sharing his project, which is the plan of the Father: it involves inviting everyone to communion with the Trinity and to communion among ourselves in a just and fraternal society". The burning desire to invite others to encounter the One whom we have encountered is the start of the evangelizing mission to which the whole Church is called.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

- Friday Mass at Our Lady of the Valley in Spanish at 6:30 is cancelled.
- Saturday Mass at Our Lady of the Valley in English at 4:30 is cancelled and rescheduled to Sunday at 4:30.
- Sunday Mass in Spanish at 4:30 is cancelled.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

St. Francis

Ray Wanat, Nancy Longacre, Irma Welty, Melba Facey, Christina Mora, Glenda Pearson & Barbara, Bob Heisinger

Our Lady of the Valley

Rick Phay, Eva Rebay, Gary Freeland

St. Stephen's

Olivia Cox, Ryan Graham, Vernon Ferreira, Trish Bautista, Nancy Fenner, Liz Paul, Breen Hofmann, Carl & Mary Doyle, Carol Mitchell

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention (January)

Intention for evangelization—Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Pope Francis' Prayer for America

Dear brothers and sisters, I offer an affectionate greeting to the people of the United States of America, shaken by the recent siege at the Congress. I pray for those who lost their life—five— they lost it in those dramatic moments. I reiterate that violence is always self-destructive. Nothing is earned with violence and so much is lost. I exhort the government authorities and the entire population to maintain a deep sense of responsibility, in order to calm souls, to promote national reconciliation and to protect the democratic values rooted in American society. May the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of the United States of America, help keep alive the culture of encounter, the culture of care, as the royal road to build together the common good; and I do so with all those who live in that land.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Monday, 1/18 @ 8pm – Parent Support:
Building a Pro-life household - www.scd.org/parentsupport

Wednesday, 1/20 @ 12:15pm -
Youth Ministry Leaders and Confirmation Co-ordinators Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82413032315>

Wednesday, 1/20 @ 7:30pm - Youth Ministry Leaders and Confirmation Coordinators Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82413032315>

Thursday, 1/21 @ 7pm – Into the Mix: Protect Every Life on YouTube

Saturday, 1/23 @ 10:30am - Protect Every Life: Solidarity Walk + Live Testimony & Ultrasound for families on Facebook Live
[@scdformedfaith](https://www.facebook.com/scdformedfaith)

**From the Audience of Pope Francis
(January 13, 2020)**

We will take as our starting point a critical passage in the life of Jesus. After the first miracles and the involvement of the disciples in the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the mission of the Messiah goes through a crisis. John the Baptist doubts and makes Him receive this message - John is in jail: "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (Mt 11:3), because he feels this anguish of not knowing whether he is mistaken in his proclamation. There are always dark moments, moments of spiritual nighttime, and John is going through this moment. There is hostility in the villages along the lake, where Jesus had performed so many prodigious signs (see Mt 11:20-24). Now, precisely in this disappointing moment, Matthew relates a truly surprising fact: Jesus does not lift up a lament to the Father, but rather He raises a hymn of jubilation: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth", says Jesus, "that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes" (Mt 11:25). So, in the midst of a crisis, amid the darkness of the soul of so many people, such as John the Baptist, Jesus blesses the Father, Jesus praises the Father.

And then Jesus praises the Father for favouring the little ones. It is what He Himself experiences, preaching in the villages: the "learned" and the "wise" remain suspicious and closed, who are calculating; while the "little ones" open themselves and welcome His message. This can only be the will of the Father, and Jesus rejoices in this. We too must rejoice and praise God because humble and simple people welcome the Gospel. When I see these simple people, these humble people who go on pilgrimages, who go to pray, who sing, who praise, people who perhaps lack many things but whose humility leads them to praise God... In the future of the world and in the hopes of the Church there are the "little ones": those who do not consider themselves better than others, who are aware of their own limitations and their sins, who do not want to lord it over others, who, in God the Father, recognise that we are all brothers and sisters.

To whom is praise helpful? To us or to God? A text of the Eucharistic liturgy invites us to pray to God in this way, it says this: "Although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness, but profit us for salvation" (Roman Missal, Common Preface IV). By giving praise, we are saved.

The prayer of praise serves us.

There is a great teaching in that prayer that for eight centuries has never lost its beat, that Saint Francis composed at the end of his life: the "Canticle of Brother Sun" or "of the creatures". The Poverello did not compose it in a moment of joy, in a moment of wellbeing, but on the contrary, in the midst of hardship. Francis was by then almost blind, and he felt in his soul the weight of a solitude he had never before experienced: the world had not changed since the beginning of his preaching, there were still those who let themselves be torn apart by quarrels, and in addition he was aware that death was approaching ever nearer. It could have been the moment of disillusionment, of that extreme disillusionment and the perception of his own failure.

These examples of saints, of Christians, and also of Jesus, of praising God in difficult moments, open to us the gates of a great road to wards the Lord, and they purify us always. Praise always purifies.


The Saints show us that we can always give praise, in good times and bad, because God is the faithful Friend. This is the foundation of praise: God is the faithful friend, and His love never fails. He is always beside us, He always awaits us. It has been said, "He is the sentinel who is close to you and keeps you going with confidence". In difficult and dark moments, let us have the courage to say: "Blessed are you, O Lord". Praising the Lord. This will do us so much good. Thank you.

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