



*The people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.*

## *The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time January 31, 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](mailto:convoyb@gmail.com)

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please contact Bob Gartner 249-8641

**MINISTERS**

**St. Francis**

Lectors:

**January 31**

Abbie Olesen  
Karen Churney

**February 7**

Sandy Ogden  
John Klobas

Ex. Min. of Holy  
Communion:

**CALENDAR**

Sat/Sun	1/30-31	Second Collection—CCD Program for Our Children
Tue	2/2	Presentation of The Lord World Day for Consecrated Life
Wed	2/17	Ash Wednesday
Sat/Sun	2/20-21	ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND
Wed	3/10	Day of Penance for Negative Attitudes and Discrimination
Sun	3/14	Daylight Savings Time begins
Sun	3/28	Palm Sunday

**For more information see our website at [www.stfrancisburney.org](http://www.stfrancisburney.org)**

Financial Report

**July 1 to December 31, 2020**

	This Year	Last Year	Difference	%
<b>Collections</b>	50,688.88	62,604.47	-11,915.59	-19.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	60,083.64	70,014.97	-9,931.33	-14.2%
<b>Total Expense</b>	-66,927.82	-73,042.05	-6,114.23	-8.4%
<b>Surplus (-Defecit)</b>	-6,844.18	-3,027.08		

**Reflection**

We were created to offer true worship to the Father in the temple of our hearts. Aware of our utter dependence on him, let us strive never to defy his authority and always to submit our entire lives to him. Let us joyfully welcome his word and let it penetrate our hearts.

**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

Evangelizing in the power of the Spirit means being invested with that power which was supremely manifested in Jesus' evangelizing activity. The Gospel tells us that those who listened to him were astonished at his teaching because "he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes" (Mk 1:22). Jesus' word drives out demons, calms storms, heals the sick, forgives sinners and raises the dead.

Jesus' authority is bestowed by the Spirit, as an Easter gift, on the Church. Thus we see the Apostles filled with parrhesia, i.e., that boldness which enables them to speak fearlessly about Jesus. Their adversaries were filled with wonder "when they ... perceived that they were uneducated, common men" (Acts 4:13).

Thanks to the gift of the Spirit of the New Covenant, Paul too can say in all truth: "Since we have such a hope, we are very bold" (2 Cor 3:12).

This power of the Spirit is more necessary than ever for the Christians of our time who are asked to bear witness to their faith in a world which is often indifferent, if not hostile and deeply marked by relativism and hedonism. It is a power essential to all preachers who must offer the Gospel anew without yielding to compromises and false short-cuts, by proclaiming the truth about Christ "in season and out of season" (2 Tm 4:2).

**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 (February)**  
**Universal intention: Violence against women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may  
be protected by society and have their sufferings considered  
and heeded

**Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday**  
**(2/17/21)**

9:00 AM	St. Francis
1:00 PM	St. Stephen's
5:00 PM	Our Lady of the Valley (English)
6:30 PM	Our Lady of the Valley (Spanish)

Flocknote Enrollment

Please enroll so we can contact you by  
email or text message.

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## From the Audience of Pope Francis (1/27/2021)

Today I would like to focus on the prayer we can do beginning with a Bible passage. The words of the Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart. The Word of God goes to the heart. The Catechism affirms that: "prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture" – the Bible should not be read like a novel, it must be accompanied by prayer – "so that a dialogue takes place between God and man" (no. 2653). This is where prayer leads you, because it is a dialogue with God. That Bible verse was written for me too, centuries and centuries ago, to bring me a word of God. It was written for every one of us. This experience happens to all believers: a passage from the Scripture, heard many times already, unexpectedly speaks to me one day, and enlightens a situation that I am living. But it is necessary that I, that day, be present for that appointment with that Word. That I may be there, listening to the Word. Every day God passes and sows a seed in the soil of our lives. We do not know whether today he will find dry ground, brambles, or good soil that will make that seed grow (cf. Mk 4:3-9). That they become for us the living Word of God depends on us, on our prayer, on the open heart with which we approach the Scriptures. God passes, continually, and through the Scripture. And here I return to what I said last week, to what Saint Augustine said: "I am afraid of God when he passes". Why is he afraid? That he will not listen to him. That I will not realize that he is the Lord.

Through prayer a new incarnation of the Word takes place. And we are the "tabernacles" where the words of God want to be welcomed and preserved, so that they may visit the world. This is why we must approach the Bible without ulterior motives, without exploiting it. The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore in that same Spirit they must be welcomed and understood, so that the encounter can occur.


It irritates me a little when I hear Christians who recite verses from the Bible like parrots. "Oh, yes... Oh, the Lord says... He wants this...". But did you encounter the Lord, with that verse? It is not a question only of memory: it is a question of the memory of the heart, that which opens you to the encounter with the Lord. And that word, that verse, leads you to the encounter with the Lord.

Therefore, we read the Scriptures because they "read us". And it is a grace to be able to recognize oneself in this passage or that character, in this or that situation. The Bible was not written for a generic humanity, but for us, for me, for you, for men and women in flesh and blood, men and women who have a name and a surname, like me, like you. And the Word of God, infused with the Holy Spirit, when it is received with an open heart, does not leave things as they were before: never. Something changes. And this is the grace and the strength of the Word of God.

Through prayer, the Word of God comes to abide in us and we abide in it. The Word inspires good intentions and sustains action; it gives us strength and serenity, and even when it challenges us, it gives us peace. On "weird" and confusing days, it guarantees to the heart a core of confidence and of

love that protects it from the attacks of the evil one.

Christian life is at the same time a work of obedience and creativity. A good Christian must be obedient, but he or she must be creative. Obedient, because he listens to the Word of God; creative, because she has the Holy Spirit within who drives her to be so, to lead her on. Jesus, at the end of one of his parables, makes this comparison – he says, "Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure – the heart - what is new and what is old" (Mt 13:52). The Holy Scriptures are an inexhaustible treasure. May the Lord grant to all of us to draw ever more from them, through prayer.



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