



*“Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also.  
For this purpose have I come.”*

## *The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time February 7, 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**

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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:

**February 7**

Sandy Ogden  
John Klobas

**February 14**

Justin Olesen  
Kathy Billo

Ex. Min. of Holy  
Communion:

**CALENDAR**

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
Sat/Sun	3/13-14	The Catholic Relief Services Collection (shared w/Church in Central & Eastern Europe)
Sun	3/14	Daylight Savings Time begins
Sun	3/28	Palm Sunday
Fri	4/2	Good Friday
Sun	4/4	Easter 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	%
Collections	50,688.88	62,604.47	-11,915.59	-19.0%
Total Income	60,083.64	70,014.97	-9,931.33	-14.2%
Total Expense	-66,927.82	-73,042.05	-6,114.23	-8.4%
Surplus (-Defecit)	-6,844.18	-3,027.08		

**Reflection**

The Lord entrusts the Gospel to us, and we have an obligation to live it and share it, carrying on the work of Christ for the world. With love and zeal, let us share the good news of salvation with those we meet.

**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 Pope Francis (2/8/15)

This is what Jesus' life was like: "he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons" (Mk 1:39). Jesus who preaches and Jesus who heals. The whole day was like this: preaching to the people, teaching the Law, teaching the Gospel. And the people look for Him to listen to Him and also because He heals the sick. "That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.... And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons" (Mk 1:32, 34). And we are before Jesus in this celebration: Jesus is the One who presides at this celebration. We are priests in the name of Jesus, but He is the President, He is the true Priest, who offers the sacrifice to the Father. We could ask ourselves whether we let Jesus preach to us. Each one of us: "Do I let Jesus preach to me, or I know know all? Do I listen to Jesus or do I prefer to listen to something else, perhaps people's gossip, or stories ...". Listening to Jesus. Listening to Jesus' preaching. "How can I do this, Father? On which TV channel does Jesus speak?". He speaks to you in the Gospel! And this is an attitude that we still do not have: to go to seek the word of Jesus in the Gospel. And Jesus speaks to me, Jesus preaches to me there. It is the Word of Jesus. And we have to get accustomed to this: to hear the Word of Jesus, to listen to the Word of Jesus in the Gospel. To read a passage, think a bit about what it says, what it is saying to me. If I don't feel it is speaking to me, I move to another. But to have this daily contact with the Gospel, to pray with the Gospel; because this way Jesus preaches to me, He says with the Gospel what He wants to tell me.

And Jesus heals: let yourselves be healed by Jesus. We all have wounds, everyone: spiritual wounds, sins, hostility, jealousy; perhaps we don't say hello to someone: "Ah, he did this to me, I won't acknowledge him anymore". But this needs to be healed! "How do I do it?". Pray and ask that Jesus heal it". It's sad in a family when siblings don't speak to each other for a small matter; because the devil takes a small matter and makes a world of it. Then hostilities go on, often times for many years, and that family is destroyed. Parents suffer because their children don't speak to each other, or one son's wife doesn't speak to the other, and thus, with jealousy, envy.... The devil sows this. And the only One who casts out demons is Jesus. The only One who heals these matters is Jesus. For this reason I say to each one of you: let yourself be healed by Jesus. Each one knows where his wounds are. Each one of us has them; we don't have only one: two, three, four, 20. Each one knows! May Jesus heal those wounds. But for this I must open my heart, in order that He may come. How do I open my heart? By praying. "But Lord, I can't with those people over there. I hate them. They

did this, this and this ...". "Heal this wound, Lord". If we ask Jesus for this grace, He will do it. Let yourself be healed by Jesus. Let Jesus heal you. Let Jesus preach to you and let Him heal you. This way I can even preach to others, to teach the words of Jesus, because I let Him preach to me; and I can also help heal many wounds, the many wounds that there are. But first I have to do it: let Him preach to me and heal me.

### 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)

### Annual Catholic Appeal

On the weekend of February 20, we will have the opportunity to walk with others as Jesus asks us to do. Together as Catholics, we extend our hand to those who need help. We assist them beyond dire circumstances and to begin again, refreshed and renewed. As our communities overcome the paralyzing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, let us accompany those in physical and emotional poverty.

Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really do make a difference in someone's life. Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

**From the Audience of Pope Francis  
(2/3/2021)**

In the history of the Church, there has often been a temptation to practise an intimist Christianity, which does not recognise the spiritual importance of public liturgical rites. Often, this tendency claimed the supposed greater purity of a religiousness that did not depend on external ceremonies, which were considered a useless or harmful burden. At the centre of the criticism was not a particular ritual form, or a particular way of celebrating, but rather the liturgy itself, the liturgical form of praying.

Indeed, in the Church one can find certain forms of spirituality that have failed to adequately integrate the liturgical moment. Many of the faithful, although they participate assiduously in the liturgy, especially Sunday Mass, have instead drawn nourishment for their faith and spiritual life from other sources, of a devotional type.

...Jesus Christ is not an idea or a sentiment, but a living Person, and His Mystery a historical event. The prayer of Christians passes through tangible mediations: Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments, liturgical rites, the community. In Christian life, the corporeal and material sphere may not be dispensed with, because in Jesus Christ it became the way of salvation. We might say that we must pray with the body too: the body enters into prayer.

Therefore, there is no Christian spirituality that is not rooted in the celebration of the holy mysteries. The Catechism writes: "The mission of Christ and of the Holy Spirit proclaims, makes present, and communicates the mystery of salvation, which is continued in the heart that prays" (2655). The liturgy, in itself, is not only spontaneous prayer, but something more and more original: it is an act that founds the whole Christian experience and, therefore, also prayer. It is event, it is happening, it is presence, it is encounter. It is an encounter with Christ. Christ makes himself present in the Holy Spirit through the sacramental signs: hence the need for us Christians to participate in the divine mysteries. A Christianity without a liturgy, I dare say, is perhaps a Christianity without Christ. Without Christ in full. Even in the sparest rite, such as that which some Christians have celebrated and continue to celebrate in places of incarceration, or in the seclusion of a house during times of persecution, Christ is truly present and gives Himself to His faithful.

When the first Christians began to worship, they did so by actualizing Jesus' deeds and words, with the light and power of the Holy Spirit, so that their lives, reached by that grace, would become a spiritual sacrifice offered to God. This approach was a true "revolution". Saint Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans: "I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to

God, which is your spiritual worship" (12:1). Life is called to become worship to God, but this cannot happen without prayer, especially liturgical prayer. May this thought help us all when we go to Mass: I go to pray in the community, I go to pray with Christ who is present. When we go to the celebration of a Baptism, for example, it is Christ who is there, present, who baptizes. "But Father, this is an idea, a figure of speech": no, it is not a figure of speech. Christ is present, and in the liturgy you pray with Christ who is beside you.

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