



*“I do will it. Be made clean.”*

*The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
February 14, 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:

**February 14**

Justin Olesen

Kathy Billo

**February 21**

Carolyn Garfield

Jim 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%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>-66,927.82</b>	<b>-73,042.05</b>	<b>-6,114.23</b>	<b>-8.4%</b>
<b>Surplus (-Defecit)</b>	<b>-6,844.18</b>	<b>-3,027.08</b>		

**Reflection**

We give glory to God when we follow his will in our lives. Seeking his will in all things, let us devote ourselves with all our being to the glory of God and the service of our neighbor. As we prepare for Lent, let us make a decision to reject sin in our lives.

**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.

**Gospel Reflection From a Homily  
by St. John Paul II (February 11, 1979)**

The Lord Jesus, in today's Gospel, meets a man who is seriously ill: a leper, who begs him: "if you will, you can make me clean" (Mk 1:41). And immediately afterwards, Jesus forbids him to spread the news of the miracle, that is, to speak of his cure. And although we know that "Jesus went about ... preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity" (Mt 9:35), the restriction, the "reservation" of Christ with regard to the cure he had brought about, is significant. Perhaps there is here a distant anticipation of that "reservation", that caution with which the Church examines all supposed miraculous cures, for example, those that have taken place at Lourdes for over a hundred years. It is well known to what severe medical controls each of them is subjected.

The Church prays for the health of all the sick, of all the suffering, of all the incurables humanly condemned to irreversible infirmity. She prays for the sick and she prays with the sick. She is extremely grateful for every cure, even if it is partial and gradual. And at the same time, with her whole attitude she makes it understood—like Christ—that cure is something exceptional, that from the point of view of the divine "economy" of salvation it is an extraordinary and almost "supplementary" fact.

This divine economy of salvation—as Christ revealed—is certainly manifested in the liberation of man from that evil, which "physical" suffering is. It is manifested even more, however, in the interior transformation of that evil, which spiritual suffering is, in "salvific" good, in the good that sanctifies the one who suffers and, through him, also others. And, therefore, the text of today's liturgy, on which we must dwell today above all, are not the words: "I will; be clean", but the words: "Be an imitator of me". It is St Paul who addresses the Corinthians with these words: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Cor 11:1). Earlier than he, Christ himself had many times said: "come and follow me" (cf Mt 8:22; 19:21; Mk 2:14; Lk 18:22; Jn 21:22).

These words do not have the power to cure, they do not liberate from suffering. But they have a transforming power. They are a call to become a new man, to become particularly like to Christ, in order to find in this likeness, through grace, all the interior good in that which in itself is an evil, which makes one suffer, which limits, which perhaps humiliates or is embarrassing. Christ who says to suffering man "come and follow me", is the same Christ who suffers: the Christ of Gethsemane, the scourged Christ, Christ crowned with thorns, Christ on the way of the cross, Christ on the cross ... It is the same Christ who drained the cup of human suffering "which the Father gave him" (cf. Jn 18:11). The same Christ, who assumed all the ills of the earthly human condition except sin, in order to draw from them salvific good: the good of redemption, the good of purification and reconciliation with God, the good of grace. If he says to each of you, dear

Brothers and Sisters: "Come and follow me", he invites you and calls you to take part in the same transformation, in the same transmutation of the evil of suffering into salvific good: that of the redemption, of grace, purification, and conversion ... for oneself and for others.

Just for this reason, St Paul, who so passionately wished to imitate Christ, says in another place: "In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions" (Col 1:24).

**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  
(2/10/2021)**

In the preceding catechesis we saw how Christian prayer is “anchored” in the Liturgy. Today, we will shed light on how the Liturgy always enters daily life: on the streets, in offices, on public transportation... And there it continues the dialogue with God: the person who prays is like someone in love who always bears the beloved in his or her heart wherever they go.

Essentially, everything becomes a part of this dialogue with God: every joy becomes a reason for praise, every trial is an opportunity to ask for help. Prayer is always alive in our lives, like embers, even when the mouth does not speak, but the heart speaks. Every thought, even the apparently “profane” ones, can be permeated by prayer. There is even a prayerful aspect in the human intelligence; it is, in fact, a window peering into the mystery: it illuminates the few steps in front of us and then opens up to the entire reality, this reality that precedes it and surpasses it. This mystery does not have a disquieting or anxious face. No, knowledge of Christ makes us confident that whatever our eyes and the eyes of our minds cannot see, rather than nothing being there, there is someone who is waiting for us, there is infinite grace. And thus, Christian prayer instills an invincible hope in the human heart: whatever experience we touch on our journey, God’s love can turn it into good.

Regarding this, the Catechism reads: “We learn to pray at certain moments by hearing the Word of the Lord and sharing in his Paschal Mystery, but his Spirit is offered us at all times, in the events of each day, to make prayer spring up from us. [...] Time is in the Father’s hands; it is in the present that we encounter him, not yesterday or tomorrow, but today” (n. 2659). Today I meet God, today is always the day of the encounter.

Let us pray always, then, for everyone, even for our enemies. Jesus counseled us to do this: “Pray for your enemies”. Let us pray for our dear ones, even those we do not know. Let us pray even for our enemies, as I said, as the Scriptures often invite us to do. Prayer inclines us toward a superabundant love. Let us pray above all for people who are sad, for those who weep in solitude and despair that there still might be someone who loves them. Prayer works miracles; and the poor then understand, by God’s grace that, even in their precarious situation, the prayer of a Christian makes Christ’s compassion present. He, in fact, looked with great tenderness on the weary and lost crowd who were like sheep without a shepherd (cf Mk 6:34). The Lord is – let’s not forget – the Lord of compassion, of nearness, of tenderness: three words never to be forgotten regarding the Lord. Because this is the Lord’s style: compassion, nearness, tenderness.

Prayer helps us love others, despite their mistakes and sins. The person is always more important than their

actions, and Jesus did not judge the world, but He saved it. What a horrible life is that of the person who always judges others, who is always condemning, judging... This is a horrible, unhappy life, when Jesus came to save us. Open your heart, pardon, give others the benefit of the doubt, understand, be close to others, be compassionate, be tender, like Jesus.

...Pray in every moment, in every situation so the Lord might be near to us. And when a prayer is said according to the heart of Jesus, it obtains miracles.

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