





"Meet The Incredible Sister Andre Who Just Overcame COVID And Turns 117  
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*The second oldest person in the world shares "my joy is to pray."*

Sister Andre has been in the media recently for surviving COVID-19. After contracting the virus on January 15, the French nun fortunately didn't display any symptoms other than great fatigue.

While the centenarian wasn't concerned for her own health, she was anxious to know if her daily routine would change and if other residents were safe, according to David Tavella, who is the spokesperson for Sainte Catherine Laboure retirement home where Sister Andre resides.

In an interview with French broadcaster BFMTV, Sister Andre – born Lucile Randon – was asked if she had been scared of COVID. Her reply was simple: "No, I wasn't scared, because I wasn't scared to die. I'm happy to be with you, but I would wish to be somewhere else – to join my big brother, and my grandfather and my grandmother."

When previously asked in 2019 the secret to her impressive years the nun replied: "The secret? I don't know, I had plenty of misfortune in my life. During the war of 1914-1918, I was a child, I suffered like everybody else. It wasn't funny. Only the Good Lord can say what it is."

However, the nun shared that her key to happiness is both prayer and a daily hot chocolate, stating "my daily happiness is to be able to continue to pray," as reported in the Spanish media outlet, [Cope](#).

Although Sister Andre, who converted to Catholicism at 19, is blind and has to use a wheelchair, she is still very much involved in what's going on around her, according to [FranceInfo](#). Thankfully the religious sister is now out of self-isolation and will be able to celebrate her incredible age tomorrow (Feb 11) with hopefully a couple of visitors. A special Mass is planned to be held in her honor at her retirement home of St. Catherine Laboure in Toulon, where 10 other religious sisters reside. Sister Andre will also be able to indulge in some of her favorite dishes, including a Norwegian omelette.

The nun, who joined the Charity of Daughters in Paris at the age of 40, after World War II, is not bothered about becoming the oldest living person – an accolade currently held by Japan's Kane Tanaka, who is 118 years old. Known for her sense of humor Sister Andre has said, "May the Good Lord not be too slow to make me wait any longer."

### **PONDERINGS FROM FATHER BILL**

In a challenging time of negative political tensions, economic struggles for many, and a pandemic seemingly intent on not leaving us this is a story from France that lifts the spirits of all humanity. This wonderful religious sister of 117 credits her long life to prayer and hot chocolate. What a wonderful combination. Her beauty of the soul is enhanced by wanting to rejoin her family and God in Heaven. Beautiful aspirations to think of both in our remaining moments on earth and future in Heaven. Those of us who have lost loved ones can heed her advice well. Father Bill

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Monday, February 22  
9:00am **Charlie Messina**  
By Friends

Sacred Heart-St Francis Weekly Collection  
February 13 & 14, 2021  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$12,356  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection **\$2,059**  
TOTAL \$14,415

Monday, February 22  
7:00am **Communion Service**  
  
12:00pm **Elizabeth Ann Currey**  
By John & Mary Guarracino

Tuesday, February 23  
9:00am **Armand Santacroce**  
By The Family



Tuesday, February 23  
7:00am **Communion Service**  
  
12:00pm **Kinan Phillips**  
By Jean Laske

Wednesday, February 24  
9:00am **Linda Jane Hummel**  
By Linda Sarles

Sacred Heart Mass Attendance  
February 13 & 14, 2021  
5:30 N/A  
10:00 N/A  
12:00 N/A

Wednesday, February 24  
7:00am **Communion Service**  
  
12:00pm **Charlie Messina**  
By Carmella & David Rupp

TOTAL

Thursday, February 25  
9:00am **Rose & Jerry Cariffe**  
By Marilyn Hearns



Thursday, February 25  
7:00am **Communion Service**  
  
12:00pm **Charlie Messina**  
By Friends

Friday, February 26  
9:00am **Mary Fisher**  
By Agnes Rotunda

Saint Francis Mass Attendance  
February 13 & 14, 2021  
4:00 100  
8:30 54  
1:30 52

Friday, February 26  
7:00am **Communion Service**  
  
12:00pm **Eileen & Henry Grehl**  
By By Loving Family

TOTAL

Saturday, February 27  
9:00am **Carole Booth (Health & Blessings)**  
By John & Janice Roscino

Mass Intentions for This Weekend  
February 20 & 21, 2021 Sacred Heart

Saturday, February 27  
4:00pm **Shirley Corizzo (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)**  
By Colleen & Michael Corizzo  
**Connie Brunetti & Frank Llerena**  
By Edward Elias

5:30pm **Mary Foti**  
By Norma & Joe Casillo

5:30pm **Deceased Members of the Porvaznik Family**

10:00am **Robert Fisher**  
**Domenico & Frank Chillemi**

12:00pm **Charlie Messina**

Sunday, February 28  
10:00am **Mary Fisher**  
By The Counting Crew  
**Teresa Martelli**  
By The Martelli Family  
12 noon **Charlie Messina**  
By Parish Family

Mass Intentions for This Weekend  
February 20 & 21, 2021 Saint Francis

Sunday, February 28  
8:30am **Charlie Messina**  
By John & Janice Roscino

4:00pm **Frank Schaffner**  
**Louis Talamo**

8:30am **Mary Scalzo**

**TODAY**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15**

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

**Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

**Monday**

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday**

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday**

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday**

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday**

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday**

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

All Masses are being held in the Main church  
Our Mass Schedule Remains The Same:

Daily Mass:

9:00am - Sacred Heart – Monday-Saturday

12 noon – Saint Francis – Monday-Friday

Weekend Mass:

Saturday (vigil) 4:00pm – Saint Francis

5:30pm – Sacred Heart

Confession 3:00pm-3:45pm – Saint Francis

4:30-5:15pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 8:30 am - Saint Francis

10:00am – Sacred Heart

12 noon – Sacred Heart

1:30pm (Spanish) – Saint Francis

Fellow Parishioners – with the cold and flu season, as well as coronavirus hitting all at the same time, it is imperative that we wear a facial mask while attending both daily mass and the Sunday Liturgy. The CDC has stressed the importance of wearing masks to curb the spread of the virus. Remember the mask is to cover your face and not be pulled down on your chin and bring hand sanitizer for your own personal use. Please let's work together to keep one another safe during these uncertain times. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and God Bless us all.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

You may continue to mail your weekly envelopes to Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church, 301 Ann Street, Newburgh, NY 12550 or drop them off in the mailbox located outside the rectory door on the Ann Street side. You can also sign up for the online giving program by clicking on these links:

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## Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to you and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



**Please remember the following members of the armed service in your prayers.**

US Marines, Sgt. C.J. Kozlik - US Army  
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Pvt. Haley Pacenza - US Army, Airman Samantha Trappe - Air Nat'l Guard, S/Sgt Grant Drumgold - Air Force  
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PFC Matthew F. Lease USMC, Capt Matthew Stark, Army, Jonathan Stagliano – Master at Arms Navy.  
If you know of someone deployed overseas, please let us know.



## SACRED HEART DONATIONS FOR MARY'S HOPE -

We are very much in need of Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Spaghetti & Sauce, Tuna, Complete Pancake Mix & Syrup, Mashed Potatoes in a box, Rice in 1lb packages, Gravy, Stuffing, Pasta in a can, Baked Beans, Tomato and Chicken Noodle soup. We also need plastic bags (yellow or white) and paper bags with handles. **Please note:** we cannot give out expired food to our clients. Please bring donations to Sacred Heart church. Thank you for your continued generosity.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Deacon Peter Haight, Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Maureen Kelly, Anne McClellan, Donnie Ruckdeschel, Bobbi Hull, Jim Formato, Paul Neugebauer, Catherine Fossella, Julia Vecchio, Gloria Presutti, Beulah Politi, Tom Marino, Maverick Coolidge, Barbara Wolyzyn, Mary Michele Lease, Eliana Rose Mary Valenti, David Vandermast, George Quintyne, Carol Brown, Ariana Cruz, Rina Bozzone, Jaddon Johnson, Eileen Burke, Ken Masten, John Marullo, Joann Fayo-Perry, Kathleen Bachman, Mike Fitzgerald, Samuel Cerone, Jr, Frances Marino, Jean Mendoza, Michelle Ryan, Jamel Issa, Patricia Rifenburgh, April Carlyon, Margaret Juliano, Erin Garvey, George Sarvis, Guiseppe Gagliardo, Teresa Centeno, Cindy Cerone, Rebecca Pacella, Janie Favoino, Bea Gruini, Carol Bourdage, Sharon Mendoza-Lindenauer, Barbara Colurciello, Joyce Diaz, Peyton Flaig, Maurena Luzzi, Mary Leoce, Arlene Sheridan, John Raszcewski, Giovanna Garrison, Jessica Pearson, Marie Cronin, Austin Galvin, Adele Esposito, Joe Coyle, Ramon Piniero, John Horos, Erica Bush, John Bush, Jeff Beck, Karen Hanley, Richard Messina, Thomas Krauss, John Horos, Matthew Campora, Bernadette Chick, Kim Geisinger, Sharon Formato, Henry Sawoska, Timothy Hale, Edward Lastowski Sr., Mary Irons, John Tumminia, Edward Brian, Kiernan Widmark, Marie Napoliello Louis, Sue & Tony Beck, Chris Bush, Bethany Bush, Kayla Bush, Barbara Peluso, Doug Pedrick, Ray Shepard, Mary Gerbes

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**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** – Days of Fast and Abstinence (no meat, limit to one meal for Catholics between ages of 18 and 59)

**All Fridays in Lent** – Days of Abstinence (no meat)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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7:30 pm -- St. Francis (Spanish)

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*Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.”*

**Abraham Lincoln**

*“God loves me. I’m not here just to fill a place, just to be a number. He has chosen me for a purpose. I know it.”*

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