

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

“Faith is the virtue by which we firmly believe all the truths God has revealed, on the word of God revealing them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.” (Baltimore Catechism #122.) Today’s we hear the Gospel account of Christ’s cure of a faithful leper, and of the servant of the faithful Centurion. Let us hear the words from the meditation for today’s mass from *Divine Intimacy*:

“Observe the humble faith of the leper: ‘Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.’ He is so certain that Jesus can heal him that he feels nothing else is necessary for his cure other than the Lord’s will. Christian faith does not wander about in subtle reasonings; its logic is simple: God can do all that He will; therefore, His will alone is necessary. Yet the leper does not insist; one who lives by faith knows that God always wills whatever is best for him, even if it brings him suffering. Therefore, instead of insisting, he prefers to abandon himself to God’s good pleasure.

“Next comes the centurion. The strong, proud Roman soldier is not ashamed to personally beg Jesus, a Galilean, to help his paralyzed servant. Our Lord is touched by this humble, charitable act, and says at once, ‘I shall go and heal him!’ But the centurion continues, ‘I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed.’ At this point, humility becomes still more profound, and faith reaches its maximum: it is not necessary for the Lord to go; His power is so great that a word spoken from afar suffices to perform any miracle. Jesus Himself ‘marveled and said: “Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel!” Is this not a complaint against those who live so close to Him, who perhaps live in His own house, receiving constant favors from Him, while their faith remains weak, and therefore, inefficacious?’” (Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., *Divine Intimacy*, pp. 163-164.)

If we hope for great blessings and graces from God, we must seek to be strong in faith, a strength we can gain through prayer, particularly, of course, an Act of Faith: “O my God, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; I believe that Thy Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive, nor be deceived.”

Let us seek to imitate the leper and the centurion in their faith, and may God bless you and your families!

In the Love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P.



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

“Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent” (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, January 26, Third Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 am Kenneth Einig+
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, January 27, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

7 am Lillian Bohaty+

TUESDAY, January 28, St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor

7 am Kristine Mulholland

WEDNESDAY, January 29, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

7 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, January 30, St. Martina, Virgin & Martyr

7 am Libby Mollard

FRIDAY, January 31, St. John Bosco, Confessor

7 am Matt & Maura Baklinski

SATURDAY, February 1, St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

8 am Lynn Martinez

SUNDAY, February 2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am In honor of Our Lady of Good Success
10 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (for exceptions, see above)

Monday through Friday	7 am
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am
	<i>Highb Mass</i> 10:00 am

Confessions are heard one half hour before each mass in the Regular Mass Schedule, and on Fridays for the first half-hour of evening devotions. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

The Rosary is prayed a half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 6:30 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: 8 am - 6:50 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 6 pm Holy Hour, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturdays: Simple exposition for fifteen minutes following mass.

Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

Monday 7 pm

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the High Mass on Sunday

Catechism for Adults

First and third Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm

Catechism for Children

Wednesday (academic year) 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:45 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social.

The Ordination of Subdeacons will be done at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary this Saturday, 10 am. Please remember to pray for those to be ordained, and may God bless you for it!

Adult Catechism will next be held Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 7 pm.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held Friday, February 7, 2014. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule; please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

Confraternity of Christian Mothers: The Ritual of Solemn Reception for new members of the Confraternity will be performed on Saturday, February 8, 2014 following the 8:00am Mass, prior to the regular meeting. All married or widowed women from St. Francis, wishing to become members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, can be enrolled in the Confraternity at this time.

2014 St. Francis Xavier Mission Trip of the FSSP: July 31-August 14, 2014, Piura Peru. Open to young men and women ages 16-21. Website: www.sfxmission.com. Email: sfxmission@gmail.com. Phone: (402) 882-0029. Approximate fundraising goal per person: \$2200. Registration deadline: January 31, 2014. Application available on the website. Chaplains: Fr. Rhone Lillard, FSSP and Rev. Mr. Daniel Heenan, FSSP.

Media Training Workshop for Defending and Explaining the Catholic Faith: Catholic Voices, USA is offering an intensive, two-day media training workshop at the Blessed John XXIII Center from 2/28-3/1. Twenty-five articulate, lay Catholics will be coached on media skills and messages on many important issues being debated in the public square. Applications are due by February 3. For more information and to apply, please visit www.CVUSA.org.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are provided in the vestibule for the purpose of requesting masses. Please use these envelopes for all mass requests, rather than phone, written note, or email. Please deposit completed envelopes, including the stipends, in the mailbox outside the Church Office. To request particular dates, the request must please be submitted not later than the second-from-the-last Sunday of the preceding month. Thank you for your courtesy in observing these procedures!

Please Pray for the Sick: Cindy Ecoff, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Ernie Sabatka, Ray Syslo.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, January 19:	\$ 2588.00
Collection counters January 26:	Sr. Stephen Larson, O.S.B. and Troy Butcher
Collection counters February 2:	Doug Pfeifer and John Quinto

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.