

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! I hope that you will find these considerations from today's Gospel helpful for spiritual growth, especially in the virtue of faith. They are the words of Fr. Gabriel of Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

"A poor paralytic is presented to Our Lord; he probably had himself brought there to ask for bodily health, but in the presence of the purity and holiness which emanates from the Person of Jesus, he realizes that he is a sinner and remains confused and humiliated before Our Lord. Jesus has already read his heart, and seeing his faith and humility, He does not even wait for him to speak, but suddenly says to him with infinite kindness: 'Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee' (*Gosp: Mt 9, 1-8*). The first and greatest miracle has taken place; the man is no longer a slave of Satan; he is a child of God. Jesus, who came to save souls, rightly healed the soul before the body.

"This miracle, however, does not please the scribes who, not believing in the divinity of Jesus, begin immediately in the secret of their hearts to accuse Him of blasphemy.... However, He wishes to use every means to soften them, so He gives them the strongest proof of His divinity. 'But that you may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins - then He said to the man sick of the palsy - "Arise, take up thy bed and go into thy house...." The miracle was striking and instantaneous. The word of Jesus effected immediately what it expressed. The words of God alone could have such power. But the scribes will not admit that they are defeated: when the heart is proud and obstinate, not even factual evidence is capable of moving it.

"Let us never say our faith is weak because we do not see or touch with our hand the truth which is proposed for our belief; let us rather admit that it is weak because our heart is not sufficiently docile to grace, nor entirely free from pride. If we want to have strong faith, let us be as humble and simple as children; if we wish to share in the gift of sanctification which was given to the paralytic, let us offer ourselves to Our Lord with contrite, humble hearts, thoroughly convinced that we need His help and forgiveness" (*Divine Intimacy*, pp. 943-944). May the good 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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12—18, 2014

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, October 12, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild  
 10:00 am (Low Mass) *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, October 13, St. Edward the Confessor, King

7 am Bill & Debra Bergfeld

### TUESDAY, October 14, St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

7 am Celebrant's intention

### WEDNESDAY, October 15, St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin

7 am Celebrant's intention

### THURSDAY, October 16, St. Hedwig, Widow

7 am Celebrant's intention

### FRIDAY, October 17, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

7 am Celebrant's intention

### SATURDAY, October 18, St. Luke, Evangelist

8 am Cathleen Mollard

### SUNDAY, October 19, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Fr. Daniel Nolan, FSSP  
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

(For exceptions, see above, and the "Announcements" section.)

#### Regular Mass Schedule

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 one 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 - 5:50 pm, Dolorosary at 5:30 pm, Benediction at 5:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 5 pm Holy Hour, Dolorosary at 5:30 pm, Benediction at 5:50 pm.

First Saturdays: Simple exposition for fifteen minutes after mass.

#### Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

To be determined

#### Altar Guild

As announced

**Coffee Social:** After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

#### Catechism for Adults

First and third Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm

#### Catechism for Children

Wednesday (September-May) 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 - 7:30 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.

**Second Collection:** There will be a second collection for World Mission Day, next Sunday, October 19. There are envelopes for this collection located in the vestibule. May God bless you for your generosity!

**Ceremony for the Confraternity of St. Peter:** Next Sunday, October 19, there will be a ceremony following the 10 am mass for members of the Confraternity of St. Peter. Members will be asked to recite the prayer of the Confraternity while kneeling at the communion rail, and will receive a blessing. Anyone having enrolled in the Confraternity since last October 20, please notify Fr. McCambridge, <sanctusfranciscus@gmail.com>.

**Pro-Life Speaker:** Next Sunday, October 19 at 7 pm, veteran pro-lifer Denny Hartford will speak at St. Patrick's School gym, 6126 Morrill Ave. The talk "Why is Abortion Still 'Issue Number One in America?'" is open to the public, free of charge. Enter from Ballard Street, on the north side of the gym.

**The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil** continues. St. Francis associates are asked to keep the vigil on **Wednesdays** from **10 am-2 pm**, on the public sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood facility, at the Northwest corner of 48th St. and Old Cheney. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the vestibule. Please plan on offering some of your time and prayer to end the great sorrow of abortion. God bless you!

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** will next be held Friday, November 7. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to give some time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

**St. Michael's Defense Guild** is now established at St. Francis Church, responding in a positive way to defend our families against the onslaught of impurity on the internet, and to fight back with the power of grace. See the notice in the vestibule for details. St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!

**Free Book on Modesty:** Copies of the book *Dressing With Dignity* are available for free in the vestibule. This book is highly recommended for anyone interested in learning about the subject of modest dress.

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Fr. Joseph Terra, FSSP, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Marvin Phelan, Carol Blasl, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Ernie Sabatka.

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, October 5:	<b>\$2145.00</b>
Collection counters October 12:	<b>Troy Butcher and John Quinto</b>
Collection counters October 19:	<b>Philip McNeely and Tom Fritts</b>

## 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.