

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

SEPTEMBER 22-28, 2013

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 22, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Allington family
10 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, September 23, St. Linus, Pope & Martyr

7 am Joseph Bennier

TUESDAY, September 24, Our Lady of Ransom

7 am Bill Ecoff

WEDNESDAY, September 25, Feria

7 am Ben Feuerborn

THURSDAY, September 26, Ss. Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf, and Companions, Martyrs

7 am Celebrant's intention

FRIDAY, September 27, Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

7 am George Gardner+ and Alice Uribe Gardner+

SATURDAY, September 28, St. Wenceslaus, Duke & Martyr

8 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

SUNDAY, September 29, Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel

8:30 am In honor of St. Michael
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 5:30 pm (for the Summer)

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee and rolls: After the High Mass on Sunday

Catechism for Adults

First and third Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm

Catechism for Children

Wednesday (academic year) 7 - 7:45 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the third 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 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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, October 4 (also the feast of our Patron, St. Francis); 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!

Catechism for Adults has begun, to be offered on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month, at 7 pm. (Volunteers are sought for help before and after, setting up and replacing chairs.) The next meeting, October 1, will continue a study of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Catechism for Children will resume this Wednesday at 7 pm. There will be three levels, meant for children through eighth grade, who will be at least seven years old by May 5, 2014. Any parent with a child meeting this minimum age and not yet having received First Holy Communion, please speak with Fr. McCambridge.

The St. John Bosco Youth Group will have its opening meeting for the school year this Tuesday evening, 7 pm. Meet at the Butchers' house for volleyball, snacks, and good friendship! For potential new members: the Youth Group is open to all St. Francis associates, at least fourteen years old, and still in high school.

Legion of Mary Auxiliary Function: The *Mater Dei* Praesidium of the Legion of Mary will hold a function for its Auxiliaries on the First Saturday in October, October 5. After mass and devotions will be a social with light refreshments, followed by a half-hour conference. The conference will begin at about 10:15 am. Members are encouraged to attend, and non-members are welcome and invited to do so.

For Auxiliaries of the Legion of Mary: Any Auxiliary currently enrolled in a praesidium other than that here at St. Francis, and long having been out of active contact with that praesidium, please be sure to enroll with the *Mater Dei* praesidium, here at St. Francis Church.

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Therahlee Guevara, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Ernie Sabatka.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, September 15: **\$1849.50**

Bishop's Lay Committee for Vocations: **\$541.00**

Collection counters September 22: **Jeff Kohn Sr. Stephen Larson, O.S.B.**

Collection counters September 29: **Philip McNeely and Troy Butcher**

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.