

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 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 25—JANUARY 31, 2015

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, January 25, Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Anastasia Arango
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, January 26, St. Polycarp Bishop & Martyr

7 am Asher Fritts

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

7 am Lillian Bohaty+

WEDNESDAY, January 28, St. Peter Nolasco

7 am Elisabeth Pfeifer

THURSDAY, January 29, St. Frances de Sales, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

7 am Celebrant's Intention

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

7 am Lydia Quinto

SATURDAY, January 31, St. John Bosco, Confessor

8 am Catherine Arango

SUNDAY, February 1, Septuagesima Sunday

8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Martinez
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>High 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 - 6:50 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 5:50 pm.

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

First Saturdays: Simple exposition for fifteen minutes after mass.

Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

Not currently meeting

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.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Adam and Ewa Wegner on the birth of their third child, a boy; *Deo gratias!*

Missing Communion Cloths: Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the set of communion cloths not presently on the communion rail, please let Fr. McCambridge know.

Christmas Decorations in the church will be taken down Friday, January 30, following Mass. Any help from those willing to assist will be greatly appreciated!

Walk for Life: The annual Nebraska Walk for Life will begin at 10am on Saturday, **January 31, 2015**, on the north side of the State Capitol in Lincoln. The keynote speaker will be Mario St. Francis, spokesman and director of media and public relations for World Youth Day. He will speak inside the UNL Student Union following the walk.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration: will next be held on Friday, February 6, 2015. 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!

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fr. McCambridge will serve as chaplain for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to be made from April 7-17, 2015. Brochures are available in the vestibule, and information is also included in the most recent newsletter of the North American District of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

Please Pray for the Sick: Fr. Denis Coiffet, FSSP, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), James Bennier (father of Mark), Marvin Phelan, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday January 18 :

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Collection counters January 25:

Jeff Kohn and John Pepino

Collection counters February 1:

Frank Feuerborn 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.