

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 27—OCTOBER 3, 2015

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 27, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Father McCambridge's Intentions
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

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

7 am John Nolan+

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

7 am John Nolan+

WEDNESDAY, September 30, St. Jerome, Confessor & Doctor

7 am John Nolan+

THURSDAY, October 1, Feria

7 am Rev. Mr. Thomas Martin

FRIDAY, October 2, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7 am Bernard & Rita Kaiser+

SATURDAY, October 3, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8 am John & Josephine Kaiser+

SUNDAY October 4, St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 am Allington Family
 10:00 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>High Mass</i> 10:00 am

Confessions are heard one half-hour before each Mass (unless otherwise noted), 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 6:50 pm.

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

First Saturday: Simple Exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

Catechism for Children (September-May)

Wednesday 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 (September-May)

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

40 Days For Life Fall 2015 has begun and continues through November 3, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. 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!

Ember Saturday Cleaning Thank you to all who came to help with the Ember Saturday cleaning. May God bless you for your generosity!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held this Friday, October 2. 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.

Children's Sacred Music Instruction: Instruction in Sacred Music, that is, Gregorian Chant, beginning polyphony, and basic music reading skills, will be offered for children ages 7-14 (with unchanged voices), beginning Oct. 7. Classes will be held here at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Wednesdays from 4-5 PM throughout the school year. Tuition is \$75/child or \$150/family per semester, both Fall and Spring. Please contact Nicholas Lemme, Chant Director at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, if interested: nlemme@olgseminary.org or 402-797-7700 x141.

Possible Time Change for Sunday High Mass? Fr. McCambridge is considering whether a change from 10 am to 10:30 am might be desirable for the high mass on Sundays, to allow a bit of "breathing space" between the masses for both priests and faithful. This change would allow for confessions truly to begin a half-hour before the later mass, and silence for thanksgiving after the 8:30 mass, before the rosary is prayed. Your thoughts are welcome. Questionnaires for this purpose are available in the vestibule. God bless you!

St. Francis Church Picnic: Our picnic will be held Sunday, October 4, 12:00 noon, at Pioneers' Park. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided (no alcohol is permitted in Lincoln City parks.) **Please sign-up on the list in the vestibule** (we need to plan for enough food!) Please plan to come! (Even those taking part in the Life Chain that day should have time, as the Life Chain is from 2:30-3:30 pm.)

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday September 20:	\$2133.00
Collection Bishop's Lay Committee for Vocations:	\$1321.00
Collection counters September 27:	Jeff Kohn and Troy Butcher
Collection counters October 4:	Dan Fix and Rex Mulholland

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.