

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! As the Synod on the Family continues, reports are heard, some of which encourage us that orthodoxy governs, others which might cause us to fear an undermining of doctrine. For our part, we must continue to pray that God's holy will be done by the Synod Fathers.

One specific matter of concern is that of Holy Communion for Catholics who are divorced and "remarried", without having obtained a decree of nullity from the Church for any previous attempt at marriage. We must not be discouraged by any report, but realize that The Church's teaching in this matter is absolutely clear, and unchangeable, coming from the words of Our Lord Himself.

To prove this, we can cite first Our Lord's words in the Gospel, concerning divorce: "What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder... Whoever puts away his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if the wife puts away her husband, and marries another, she commits adultery" (Mark 10:9,11-12). Because this doctrine is from Christ Himself, it is unchangeable, even by the highest human authority, the Pope. Second, we cite the divinely-inspired words of St. Paul concerning the Holy Eucharist: "whoever eats this bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily, will be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord" (1 Cor. 11:27). To join the two scripture verses logically: One who divorces and remarries, commits adultery, and is thus in a state of objective, grave sin, is unworthy to receive the Eucharist. One who receives the Eucharist unworthily is guilty of the body and blood of Christ. Therefore, one who is divorced and remarried commits a grave sin in reception of the Holy Eucharist.

What "pastoral solution" can be offered to such Catholics? The one which already exists. If a divorced Catholic who has "remarried" is repentant over this sin, and desires to receive the Eucharist, and if he cannot leave the circumstances of his false marriage without grave result to himself or to another, he is able to solemnly promise, along with his false spouse, to live as "brother and sister". With the bishop's approval, such a Catholic may be readmitted to the Eucharist, with the requirement that he present himself to do so only at a church where the falsehood of his marriage would be unknown, so as to avoid scandal to the faithful.

The Church thus already has the solution in place for those divorced and "remarried" who are truly penitent and good-willed: they must avoid further incident of the sin of adultery occasioned by their false "marriages". Any standard less high will simply be a betrayal of those falsely married, and of Christ, whose doctrine we are bound to follow. Let us pray that this truth be recognized by all, especially those with authority in the Church, and that it be proclaimed with love for all. 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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11—17, 2015

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, October 11, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

MONDAY, October 12, Feria

7 am Ecoff Children

TUESDAY, October 13, St. Edward the Confessor, King

7 am Bill & Debbie Bergfeld

WEDNESDAY, October 14, St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

7 am Pierce Mulholland

THURSDAY, October 15, St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin

7 am Rev. Mr. Thomas Martin

FRIDAY, October 16, St. Hedwig, Widow

7 am Fr. Michael Malain, FSSP
 5:15 pm Celebrant's intention

SATURDAY, October 17, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8 am Special Intention

SUNDAY October 18, Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Adrian Paul Fix
 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—4:50 pm, Dolorosary at 4:30 pm, Benediction at 5:00 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 (October-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

Not yet organized for this year.

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 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!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, November 6. 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.

St. Tarcisius Group for Children: The first meeting of the Tarcisians, a group to teach mental prayer to children from 3-12 years old, will be this Saturday, October 17, at the Livingstons' home, from 3 pm to about 5 pm, including potluck supper. Please contact Mrs. Megan Livingston to notify her of how many will attend: <meganliving@yahoo.com>. Help your children become saints!

Newman Institute Lecture: On Wednesday, October 14th, Dr. RR Reno, editor of *First Things*, will present "Love, the Foundation of the Intellectual Life," a free lecture in the Newman Institute Lecture Series. Bishop Conley will introduce Dr. Reno, and offer comments at the conclusion of his lecture. The evening will conclude with Compline, led by Bishop Conley. Bishop Conley invites all to attend this lecture, at the Newman Center in Lincoln, 7pm, Wednesday, October 14th.

Free Choral Concert: The UNL Newman Center hosts a concert by the University Singers at 7:30 on Thursday, October 15th featuring many of the seminal, 20th-Century works for mixed choir including Samuel Barber's immortal Agnus Dei. The University Singers are a concert choral ensemble directed by Dr. Peter Eklund, Professor and Director of Choral Activities. The concert is free and open to the public.

Mass of Healing and Reparation: Bishop Conley will celebrate a Mass of healing and reparation for all those impacted by abortion on Friday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral, 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Anyone who has been affected by abortion in any way is encouraged to attend the Mass as well as anyone who would like to offer their prayerful support for those affected by abortion. Extended Eucharistic Adoration will take place after Mass until 8:00 p.m. and priests will be available for the Sacrament of Confession.

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 October 4:	\$3427.73
Collection counters October 11:	John Quinto and John Pepino
Collection counters October 18:	Philip McNeely and Jeff Kohn

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.