

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! Because of the annually varying date of Easter, the number of Sundays after Pentecost varies as well, since that season must end with the beginning of Advent. As a result, there can be Sundays like today, late in the season, which take most of their mass texts from the Sundays which were omitted early in the year from the season of Epiphany, due to an early Lent and Easter. Today the texts are from the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany. In meditating upon the Gospel Parables of the Mustard Seed and of the Leaven, some thoughts from Fr. Fernand Prat, S.J., will be helpful. (Words in quotation marks are his.)

The smallness of the mustard seed was proverbial -- to indicate "practically nothing at all", the Palestinians would say "as large as a mustard seed." Christ chose the mustard tree, which grows to about six feet high, rather than the mighty oak or the cedar on a mountaintop, because he wished to emphasize not the "future grandeur of the Church", but the "humble beginning of his work"... By the time of his death, Christ's followers numbered about a hundred and twenty, yet before the death of the last Apostle, Christianity will have spread to the frontiers of the civilized world, so that "the parable of the Mustard Seed shows us the gradual expansion and unexpected progress of the Gospel."

"The parable of the leaven calls our attention to the interior work of grace in regenerated souls" (Prat.) Elsewhere in Scripture, leaven is shown as an agent of corruption, but here what is "emphasized is its energetic and rapid action.... Christianity with its moral code and its ideal reacted forcefully on the terribly degraded pagan religions; and the spring of heroism which wells up from it over the world, far from spending itself, flows ever more abundantly...."

What started at baptism with sanctifying grace, the seed of eternal life, ought to grow like the mustard seed, and permeate my soul like leaven in dough, so that I am entirely transformed by the love of God: His love of me causing me to love Him ever more in return. May the Good God bless you, and grant you His peace!

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

RESUMED SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

NOVEMBER 15—21, 2015

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, November 15, Resumed Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

MONDAY, November 16, St. Gertrude the Great, Virgin

7 am Michael David Halsey+
 8am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, November 17, St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop & Confessor

7 am Michael David Halsey+
 12:10 pm Celebrant's intention

WEDNESDAY, November 18, Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul

7 am Paul Francis Linn+
 8 am Celebrant's intention

THURSDAY, November 19, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow

7 am Paul Francis Linn+
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, November 20, St. Felix of Valois, Confessor

7 am Liz Feuerborn
 5:15 pm Celebrant's intention

SATURDAY, November 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am Patricia Quinto+

SUNDAY November 22, Twenty-fourth and Last Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Terri Hornback+
 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>Highb 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)

Monday 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

Extra Masses: Please take note of extra masses in the schedule this week, as noted in the Liturgical Calendar.

Presentation "Supreme Court Review: Implications for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty": Today, November 15, 2:30 pm, St. Patrick School Gym, 6126 Morrill Ave., Lincoln. Presented by two attorneys of the Thomas More Society-Omaha. Open to the public at no charge.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, December 4. 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.

Ushers Needed: Volunteers are requested from among the men to serve as ushers, especially for the 10:00 am mass. Please call Fr. McCambridge to volunteer; thank you!

Advent Day of Recollection: There will be an Advent day of recollection given on Saturday, December 5. More details to follow.

Youth Group Coffee Sales Drive: To raise funds for its mission trip planned for June, 2016 to work with the Missionaries of Charity in Chicago, the Youth Group is doing a Mystic Monk coffee fundraiser. Coffee orders will be taken after both masses on the Sundays of November 22, November 29, and December 6, downstairs in the social hall. Jingle Bell Java and the Christmas blends are available. Orders will be placed so that they are received in time for Christmas. Coffee is available in five-pound (5-lb.) or twelve-ounce (12-oz.) bags, and as ground or whole bean. If you would like to place an order but aren't able to stay to do so please contact Annette and Jeff Kohn at (402) 805-4155.

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 November 8:	\$3871.00
Collection counters November 15:	Philip McNeely and Sr. Stephen Laron, OSB
Collection counters November 22:	Dan Fix and John Pepino

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.