

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! In today's Gospel, we are presented with the contrast between pride and humility in the spiritual life. Humility is the foundation of this spiritual life; as St. James tells us, "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (Jas 4:6). We hear Christ's own testimony of this in the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican.

We hear that "two men went up into the temple to pray." But prayer is a lifting of the mind and heart to God. What does the Pharisee say to God? "O God, I give thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican. I fast twice in a week: I give tithes of all that I possess" (Luke 18:11-12). He cannot have Charity, a love of God above all, precisely because he is filled with pride, the love of himself. This opposition between the love of God and love of self marks the line of battle in the spiritual warfare.

He has no Charity for his neighbor, even for God's sake, because to see his neighbor's lowliness simply causes him to exalt himself. But he who exalts himself shall be humbled. What a contrast we see with the Publican, who "standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes towards heaven; but struck his breast, saying: O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Christ assures us: "I say to you, this man went down into his house justified rather than the other" (Luke 18:14). He that humbles himself shall be exalted.

Who among God's creatures is more highly exalted than His Blessed Virgin Mother? But when she heard her cousin Elizabeth greet her with these words so dear to us, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb" (Luke 1:42), how did Mary respond? To what does she attribute God's favor for her?

"Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; and holy is his name. And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him." (Luke 1:46-50).

If we wish to be saints, we must have charity. If we hope to have charity, we must imitate Our Blessed Mother in humility. It is one of only two virtues in which Christ explicitly bids us to imitate Him: "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart, and you shall find rest for your souls." (Matt 11:29). Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine! May the good God bless you and your families, now and always!

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 24—30, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, July 24, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Manuel Velez+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, July 25, St. James the Greater, Apostle

7 am Manuel Velez+
8 am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY July 26, St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Scott Livingston
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, July 27, Feria

7 am Arles Anderews Adams+
8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, July 28, Ss. Nazarius & Celsus, Martyrs, St. Victor I, Pope & Martyr, St. Innocent I, Pope & Confessor

7 am Thanksgiving for favors received
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, July 29, St. Martha, Virgin

7:00 am Fr. Evaristus Eshiwu, FSSP
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY July 30, Saturday of Our Lady (Comm. Ss. Abdon & Sennen, Martyrs)

8 am Casper Gentrup+

SUNDAY July 31, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Adolph & Eunice Behrens+
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday & Wednesday	7 am, 8 am
Tuesday & Thursday	7 am, 12:10 pm
Friday	7 am, 5:15 pm
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). 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: Holy Hour at 6 pm, 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 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, Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social.

Sacred Music Camp: There will be a Sacred Music Camp for children 7-14 (with unchanged voices), conducted from August 8-12, 9 am – 2 pm, at the UNL Newman Center. The instructors will be Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas and Elizabeth Lemme. Please see the notice in the vestibule for more information; register by contacting Mr. Lemme at <nlemme@olgseminary.org>.

Second Collection Next Sunday: There will be a second collection taken next Sunday, July 31, for the Contemplative Sisters in Lincoln. Please be generous in your support of the Sisters!

Mass Intentions: There are openings for Mass intentions available. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention, please fill out one of the envelopes in the vestibule that are available for this purpose. These envelopes should please be deposited in the black mailbox outside of the church office.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration: will next be held Friday, August 5, 2016. 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!

Photos for our Website: Anyone having good, digital photos of parish life and events at St. Francis, please consider sharing them for posting to our website. Please send your photos to the email address <webmaster@stfrancislincoln.org>. Thank you; God bless you!

The FSSP Priestly Vocations Assistance Campaign is an annual campaign which encourages supporters of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter to contribute to the formation of priests at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, and assures them that their donations will be used 100% for that purpose. Reply envelopes are provided underneath the poster on display. Please be generous in providing for the formation of the priests who will serve your families in years to come!

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Jennifer Wachter, Jerry Vilda, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday July 17: **\$2322.00**

Collection counters July 24: Dan Fix and Troy Butcher

Collection counters July 31: Philip McNeely and Frank Feuerborn

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.