

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, FSSP

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 13—19, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, November 13, Resumed Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

MONDAY, November 14, St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

7 am Chuck Wessel
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, November 15, St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

7 am Chuck Wessel
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

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

7 am Paul Prezzia
 8 am Celebrant's intention

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

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

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

7:00 am Ben Strong
 5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

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

8:00 am For those to be Ordained today

SUNDAY, November 20, Twenty-fourth and Last Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am James & Brittney Martinez
 10:30 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> 10:30 am

Confessions are heard one half-hour before each Mass, except the 8 am masses on Monday and Wednesday, and the First Friday 5:15 pm 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 10:30 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

November Sat. evening meeting to be announced.

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 10:30 mass for our Coffee Social.

Catechism Classes for Children will begin Monday, November 21, at 7:00 pm; details are forthcoming.

Christmas Cards from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter are available in sample packets in the vestibule. Each packet contains four cards, and each card tells the recipient of his remembrance in a novena of Masses to be offered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. Information on ordering additional cards is included in the packet. Enrollment forms should be returned to the District Headquarters in the envelope included, by Friday, December 9th.

2017 FSSP Liturgical Calendars and Ordos: There is a sample in the vestibule of the 2017 liturgical calendar from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. To purchase calendars or ordos, please use the order envelopes provided in the vestibule. **Please deposit orders, with payment, in the mailbox outside the church office by December 4.**

Advent Day of Recollection: There will be an Advent day of recollection given on Saturday, December 3. The day will begin with Mass and will include conferences, Benediction, and opportunity for confession. All adults and teens of St. Francis are encouraged to come! A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. There will be a \$5 fee to pay for meals. Please register using the list in the vestibule; envelopes are provided for the fee.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, December 2, 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!

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Debra Bergfeld, 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 November 6:	\$1585.04
Collection for All Saints:	\$ 414.05
Collection counters November 13:	Dan Fix and John Pepino
Collection counters November 20:	Troy Butcher 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.