

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

Today is traditionally known in English as “Low Sunday,” to accentuate the idea that the previous Sunday, Easter Sunday, along with its octave, have been the peak of the Liturgical year. It is known in Latin as “*Dominica in albis*,” or “Sunday in white,” because it was historically the last day on which those baptized at the Easter vigil would dress in their white, baptismal garments. Now it is known also as “Divine Mercy Sunday”.

There is a plenary indulgence (under the usual conditions) for those who participate in Divine Mercy devotions in any church, or even who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, recite an Our Father and Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord, e.g., “Merciful Jesus, I trust in Thee!” (There are lesser requirements for those unable to go to a church.) The “usual conditions” mentioned are: Holy Communion on the day of the indulgenced work, Confession within a short time before or after, detachment from any sin, and prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions.

Christ exhorts in today’s Gospel, “be not faithless but believing;” let us put firm faith in God’s mercy, and have recourse to the special means available this day of attaining it. May the good God bless you and your families, and grant you His peace!

In the Joy of Our Lord, the Risen Christ,

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

LOW SUNDAY

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

APRIL 23—29, 2017

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 23, Low Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:30 am Lisa Demick
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, April 24, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr

7 am Clergy of the FSSP

TUESDAY, April 25, St. Mark, Evangelist

8 am Celebrant's intention

WEDNESDAY, April 26, Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus, Popes & Martyrs

7 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, April 27, St. Peter Canisius, Confessor & Doctor

8 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, April 28, St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor

7 am Elise Clarke
9 am (w/ visitors from Sacred Heart) Celebrant's intention

SATURDAY, April 29, St. Peter of Verona, Martyr

8:00 am Elise Clarke

SUNDAY, April 30, Second Sunday after Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

8:30 am Annetta Whitney+
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday & Wednesday	7 am
Tuesday & Thursday	8 am
Friday	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. 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.

Coffee Social: After the 10:30 mass on Sunday

St. Martha's Guild (Care of Altar, vestments and linens, flowers, and hospitality)

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 pm

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

One Saturday evening per month, plus a monthly service activity, each as announced.

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!

Change in Mass Schedule: This Friday, April 28, masses will be celebrated at 7 am and 9 am; because of a wedding rehearsal, there will be no Friday evening mass or devotions. For the 9 am mass, visiting students from Sacred Heart School will join us.

Mass Requests: For the time being, anyone desiring to request a mass, please contact Fr. McCambridge.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, May 5, 2017. 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. Martha's Guild is hosting the first potluck luncheon this Sunday, April 23, 2017, following the Divine Mercy Devotions, at about Noon.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join us after the 10:30 am Low Mass, (about 11:30am) for one half-hour's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, to include hymns and praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Benediction.

Sign up for Church Cleaning: With Fr. McCambridge having consulted with the members of the St. Martha Guild, a new plan for church cleaning has been devised, accounting for the fact that the variety of cleaning tasks calls for completion of them on various intervals — weekly, monthly, or several times per year. The board in the downstairs hallway, between the kitchen and the dining room, has been designated the place for housekeeping information. Please visit that board, and sign up for cleaning duties. Please direct questions to the president of St. Martha's Guild, Miss Rebecca Montag: <rebecca@montagmfg.com> or (712) 480-0743. May God reward you!

Easter Flower Donations: Thank you to those who donated toward the purchase of the beautiful Easter flowers! For those still wishing to donate, please find envelopes for this purpose in the vestibule. God bless you!

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Elise Clarke, Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Patrick Hornback (brother of Mrs. Liz Feuerborn), Mr. Whitfield (father of Mrs. Nicolette Spicer), Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Fr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Larry Vilda, Jerry Vilda (son of Larry+ and Joann Vilda).

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday April 16:	\$6641.20
Holy Land Collection:	\$ 455.00
Collection counters April 23:	Dan Fix and John Quinto
Collection counters April 30:	John Pepino and Troy Butcher

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.