

# BOLLETTINO DI SAN FRANCESCO



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**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:** 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (Italian) and 12 p.m.  
**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:** 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
**DAILY MASS:** 8 a.m. **SATURDAY MASS:** 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
**CONFESSIONS:** Friday Nights 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. or by appt.  
**BAPTISMS:** Sunday at 1 p.m. or by appointment.  
**MARRIAGES:** Check with Father six months before the wedding date for the office work and necessary instructions.



## FEBRUARY, 2021

### O Lord, Free Us From Jealousy

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Covid-19 has pushed us to the limits of our endurance and given us many reasons for feeling uncertain, edgy, exhausted and heavy-hearted.

On the 14th day of this month, many celebrate the feast of Saint Valentine, the patron saint of courtly love. Let those who have special obligations of showing their love for any significant other execute their duty as best they can in the power of the Holy Spirit. But for all of us, let it be another reminder of our Christian duty to nurture and intensify our love for our neighbor. The description of love in the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians will help us better deal with the discomforts and challenges caused by Covid-19. This is done by avoiding any attitude that would detract from our call to genuine loving. All by itself Covid-19 has been giving us more than what we can handle. Thus, for our mental sanity and for our spiritual wellbeing we must avoid any inner disposition that would aggravate the condition of our mind and heart.

*Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous; love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. 1 Cor. 13: 4-8.*

From this description of Christian love, we can deduce that the attitudes that would make our life unduly miserable over and above the miseries brought upon us by Covid-19 are: impatience, rudeness, jealousy, pomposity, arrogance, self-interest, resentment and any rejoicing over misfortunes befalling people whom we dislike or with whom we find it difficult to interact.

But jealousy must be one of the most consuming traits of these negative inner dispositions. I wouldn't want to be a jealous person and, at the same time, have to fend off the psychological assaults of the pandemic.

As I have told you many times since we began to deal with this insidious virus, if we do not place ourselves and our loved ones trustingly into the hands of our heavenly Father and lead our life serenely and free from most worries, we would wind up at the brink of despair or close to insanity. Those consumed by jealousy cannot surrender themselves trustingly into the hands of the Father because their minds are troubled by the perception of a relentless wave of injustices imposed on them. How could they possibly trust in God since He granted to others what He should have given them for being clearly more deserving?

People who are the victims of jealousy are severely blind. They are blind to God's boundless love and infinite justice. They are blind to the stark reality as no human being can claim to deserve anything from God. They are blind to the gifts that God has given them and, consequently, unappreciative of them. They are blind to their flaws while they stress their merits and skills. Their inner turmoil generated by the instances of perceived unfairness closing in on them from all sides saps them also of any legitimate reasons for rejoicing and for enjoying life. Consequently, they will not even dream of congratulating others on their achievements. The thought of wanting to sincerely share in the joy of others never crosses their minds. They are imprisoned in the dark dungeon of envy from which it is nearly impossible to escape to be free to use and multiply those talents that the Lord had indeed given them. Hence, in jealous people, the chances for true, visceral joy are continuously reduced.

I am sure that we get the picture. It is evident that jealousy is an attitude to be avoided by any decent person. But it is absolutely unbecoming of a Christian because, by divine decree, the apex and summit of our worship is the Eucharist. We are people ordered to give thanks to God with our entire being for the sacrifice of the cross: *do this in memory of me. (Luke 22:19)*

As long as one is consumed by jealousy it would be very hard for him/her to honor the Eucharist wholeheartedly. And worse yet: their longing for the endless Eucharist of Heaven, i.e., participation in the royal wedding feast of the Lamb, cannot give them enough motivation to get over the inevitable humps of life on earth.

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If we notice that jealousy has crept into our mind and heart, we should hurry to pause and identify all the blessings and talents and gifts that the Lord has given us; thank Him from the bottom of our hearts; use them all most generously in the power of the Holy Spirit; congratulate others for their gifts and join all others within God's global family to rejoice together and to look forward with eagerness to the most joyous event that will be the royal wedding feast of the Lamb.

The Lord knows that the Coronavirus has deprived us of a lot of joy in living on this earth. Why should we let jealousy further reduce our chances for rejoicing? This is what Jesus tells us: *"So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."* **John 16:22.**

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**Pastor of San Francesco Church**



### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

#### **February 1-Monday**

Maria & Alfonso Crespi by Harry & Roselyn Crespi  
Michael Mertz by Misuraca family

#### **February 2-Tuesday**

Angelina Soave by daughter Anita Soave

#### **February 3-Wednesday**

Special Intent—Mark & Kristina Hermiz by Ilean Hajgato

#### **February 4-Thursday**

Special Intent-Angelina Nevaeh Yaro by Ilean Hajgato  
Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family

#### **February 5-Friday**

Maria Zito  
Anthony Valerio by wife Victoria  
Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti

#### **February 6-Saturday**

For Mary Mother of God Prayer Group & Holy Souls  
Frank Soave by sister Anita Soave & family  
Domenico Novelli by John Mantovani

Dorothea Barera by William Hickey

**6pm** Angela Audia by Joan

**6pm** Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

**6pm** Patricia Cain by Judy Manczuk

#### **February 7-Sunday**

8am Charles MacDonald by family  
8am Nancy Kaspari by family  
8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon  
8am Marcel & Rita Normandeau by Ron & Michelle Marino  
10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family  
10am Lucia Strazzulla by family  
10am Assunta Casali by family  
10am Mena Militello by sister  
10am Mario Maiuri by Cecelia Marshall  
12pm Michele Santangelo by family  
12pm Joseph Cianciolo by friends

#### **February 8-Monday**

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine  
Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa  
Jay Ludington by Ludington-Dawson family

#### **February 9-Tuesday**

Special Intentions for Michael, John, Stephen & Grace Gutmann by Leonard Gutmann

#### **February 10-Wednesday**

Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

#### **February 11-Thursday**

Kathryn Zelazoski by Butch & Martha Renaud

#### **February 12-Friday**

Armando Gennari by wife Savina

Deceased members of Santi family by Marino & Silvana

Deceased members of Giulianelli family by Marino/Silvana

Deceased members of Angeli family by Savina Gennari

#### **February 13-Saturday**

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Special Intention for John Hickey by William Hickey

**6pm** Special Intentions

#### **February 14-Sunday**

8am Antonio Slongo by family

8am Nancy Kaspari by family

8am Joseph Vermander by family

10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

10am Filomena Fabbri by daughter & family

12pm Rose Mazzuchelli by family

12pm Vincent Frabotta by Pierina Frabotta & family

12pm Mary Frabotta-Kolis by Pierina Frabotta & family

12pm Frank Calabrese by wife & family

12pm Frank & Elvira Bizzocchi by son & daughter

12pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe

12pm Dec mem of Stumpf & Socia fams by C & N Butros

#### **February 15-Monday**

Eddie Ellul by Butch & Martha Renaud

#### **February 16- Tuesday**

Bruno Brunicardi-3 year anniversary by wife & son

#### **February 17-Wednesday**

Giuliana Pavan by John Mantovani

#### **February 18-Thursday**

Special Intentions

#### **February 19- Friday**

Fortunato Valerio by family

Special Intention for Joe & Diane Paupert-50th wedding anniversary

#### **February 20-Saturday**

Joan Buccinna by Geraldine Calderone

Charles Scott by Maria Scott

**6pm** Salvatore Ventimiglia by wife Piera & family

**6pm** Paul Tocco by Paupert family

#### **February 21-Sunday**

8am Pearl & John Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino

10am Adelchi Del Pup by Sodomir & D'Andrea families

10am Angela Vettrano by Antonio DiPonio & family

10am Michelina DiPonio by husband Antonio & family

10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son

10am Gerald Agostini by mother Olivia & family

12pm Frank Arnone by Maria Di Lorenzo

12pm Elena DeLeonardis by family

12pm Salvatore DiLorenzo-20 yr by wife Maria & children

12pm Joseph Cianciolo by friends

#### **February 22-Monday**

Special Intentions

#### **February 23-Tuesday**

Special Intentions



**February 24-Wednesday**

Special Intentions

**February 25-Thursday**

John Paluzzi by Ellen Paluzzi

**February 26-Friday**

Paulette Bertolini by family  
Michael Traskal

**February 27-Saturday**

Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family  
**6pm** Special Intentions

**February 28-Sunday**

8am Antonietta Biundo by family  
10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family  
10am Peppino Pisani by family  
10am Giuseppe Marra by family  
12pm Benedetta Sofia by Maria DiLorenzo



**LECTORS:**

**Feb 07**-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantoni, A. Perugi  
**Feb 14**-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, N. Butros  
**Feb 21**-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, S. Santilla  
**Feb 28**-J. Nowc, L. V. Amaro, A. Perugi  
**Saturday, 6pm Feb 6**-J. Foglyano, **Feb 13**-D. Brosky,  
**Feb 20**-J. Foglyano, **Feb 27**-D. Brosky



**SUNDAY ENVELOPES**

We do not mail offering envelopes due to the expense of the mailing. Remember to take a handful of envelopes with you when attending church, this helps keep our church stay strong through participation. Donations for the mailing of the monthly bulletin are always appreciated! We are truly grateful to all who have made our progress possible.



All of you volunteers who devote time in the church to help straighten and clean it throughout the week, know that your help is immensely appreciated.

To parishioners & friends who generously donate throughout the year, know that we couldn't keep the church running without you! Your support keeps us together.

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP**

Due to covid we are not meeting at this time, we will inform everyone when prayer group resumes.



**Recycling News**

Support for this fund-raiser will help us in the future with Church projects and expenses. Please bring all of your newspapers, mail, catalogs, office & school papers (No telephone books) to our bins located in the church parking lot.

Browse our website: [sanfrancescochurch.org](http://sanfrancescochurch.org) to view pictures of our beautiful statues or read the bulletin or weekly homily, view information on clubs and updates on church news.



**Dates to Remember:**



**Happy Valentine's Day!**  
**February 14th**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**is February 17th**



**There will be two Masses: 8:00am & 7:00pm.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday @ 7:00pm during Lent starting on February 19th

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

**Friday, March 19th**  
**Mass @ 8:00am**

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**



**Palm Sunday is March 28th**

**EASTER SUNDAY is April 4th**

**REMINDERS:**

**Membership Cards:** Please let us know of any changes in address if you have moved or changed a PHONE NUMBER. We need to keep current information on file.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is offered here at San Francisco church every Friday, after 8am Holy Mass til noon. Please sign in for Holy hour with Our Lord. He is waiting for you. In order to keep this intimate & beautiful Holy Hour with Our Lord, please commit to the length of time you can dedicate every week. Please provide your name, phone number and Holy Hour on the sign up sheet so that if there is a funeral you can be reached to let you know that adoration will be cancelled. If you need any other information, please call (586) 876-9496.

**Mass Intentions** need to be called in to the rectory office by the 15th of the previous month in order for the name of your loved one to be placed in the church paper. If mass intentions are not in by this time the only way your intention can be mentioned is by going into the sacristy and requesting the name to be mentioned on that day.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Liberaci dall'invidia, O Signore**

Carissimi parrocciani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Quasi ogni giorno ci chiediamo: "Ma quando finirà questo calvario del coronavirus?" "Ci ha rovinato tutte le feste e le vacanze o perlomeno i necessari momenti di distensione e ha strappato al nostro affetto persone a noi molto care."

Vero, verissimo; senza parlare del prezzo, ancora più alto, che stiamo pagando nella mente e nel cuore. Ci sentiamo stufi, irritati, confusi e molto nervosi. Il coronavirus ci sta stremando; ma è appunto per questo che dobbiamo fare in modo da non rendere la nostra situazione ancora peggiore.

La definizione dell'amore cristiano (1 Corinti 13:4-7) ci dà suggerimenti validi per mantenere ancora in noi forze sufficienti per non essere sopraffatti da questo crudele virus.

Tra i vizi opposti alla carità, l'invidia è forse quello che ci debilita più di altri. Pertanto, chi è vittima dell'invidia, riduce assai le energie necessarie per riuscire a far fronte al virus e mantenere equilibrio emotivo e sanità di mente.

Le persone invidiose non riescono ad abbandonarsi fiduciosamente alle braccia del Signore perché pensano che Egli non sia stato giusto con loro. Fanno confronti con quelli che essi invidiano e si chiedono come mai Iddio diede alle persone da loro invidiate, quello che avrebbe dovuto dare loro perché più meritevoli.

L'invidia rende le sue vittime molto cieche. Sono cieche alla giustizia illimitata di Dio e al suo amore infinito. Non riescono a vedere la dura realtà che nessuno può rivendicare meriti e diritti davanti a Dio. Non vedono che tutto quello che il Signore ci dona, è un suo favore immeritato. Sono cieche anche ai doni che il Signore ha dato loro e, pertanto, sono incapaci di esserne grate. Sono cieche alle loro deficienze e mancanze mentre accentuano le loro virtù e capacità.

Questa cecità crea nel loro animo un subbuglio interiore così intenso che sono sempre sull'orlo dello sfinimento e della spossatezza. Sono rinchiusi in una prigione oscura che impedisce loro di far fruttare i talenti ricevuti dal Signore e riduce moltissimo le occasioni di gioia vera.

La gelosia non si addice per niente a persone di fede perché le rende incapaci di fare Eucaristia, di rendere grazie a Dio con tutto il cuore nella comunità dei fedeli e desiderare intensamente il giorno nel quale saranno chiamate alla Cena senza fine dell'Agnello (Gesù Cristo) in paradiso.

Il Signore sa che il coronavirus ci ha portato via tanti motivi per gioire. Supplichamolo che ci liberi dall'invidia cosicché possiamo avere più occasioni per gioire per i favori che concede a noi e anche al nostro prossimo.

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