

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.



March, 2021

Thy Will Be Done

Dear parishioners and friends of San Francesco Church,

The last several years I have been reciting the **Our Father**, pausing for added consciousness on the words *"Thy will be done."* This must be a need elicited by the Holy Spirit because I have noticed that there were too many times in which I wanted, not the Father's, but my will to be done...

The reason I am writing this newsletter is precisely because so many of you, too, had prayed and begged the Lord to grant President Trump another four years in the Oval Office. Many held out hope up to the night of January 19, waiting for a last-moment miracle. Even as reality set in, I realized that I needed to address the multiple and repeated questions that the great majority of you have raised. I should also address the whole spectrum of feelings from pronounced disappointment and anger to bitterness and panic. Likewise, from one end of the spectrum of feelings to the other, there is still bewilderment because it was assumed that the Father's will could be easily done on this earth, including with the presidential elections in our country.

The starting point of my reflection, aimed at removing this thick perplexity, is God's absolute sovereignty over everything and everyone. In all monotheistic religions, God's sovereignty extends to all events, to all times and beyond. Nothing good can happen without God willing it and nothing bad can happen without Him allowing it to happen.

What is crucial is that, even in our bewilderment, we must make sure that we remain docile to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit so that we live with unwavering hope that all things, i.e. all good things and all bad things, help us.

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Lately, we have been undergoing a most painful reality check. We assumed and took for certain that fake news reports were issued only by the other side. In reality, some

of us were so sure that their will and God's were one and the same that they took, as gospel truth, most outlandish ruses and clung to them to the bitter end. This one must have been the worst of them all: the Vatican had rented Italian military satellites and used them to rig the election!

Our list of bad things that, allegedly, have taken place could be quite long and very painful to accept. Yet, all of them were allowed by God. Now, the only way we can resume carrying out our duties as children of our Heavenly Father is by trying to decipher the messages that He is sending us. Allow me to mention a few.

Our human limitations also include having tunnel vision of reality. Our Father alone has the full view of reality and of all events and how they are all working for the good of those who love Him.

Our fight to end all abortions remains our preeminent fight against the evils attacking human dignity. But we should admit that we had grown complacent and had begun to think that this barbaric destruction of human life could be eradicated through legislation and legal decisions. Respect for life, especially at its beginning and at its end, can only be attained by conquering one heart at a time. From our personal experience we should know how hard it has been for the Holy Spirit to conquer our heart and keep it for the Lord.

We know that generalizations are unfair. Yet, our latent self-righteousness might have convinced us that those on our side must be good and those on the opposite side bad. Such a view might have reached the extreme belief that whatever those on their side propose is wrong; whatever those on our side propose is right. Our Father, instead, reminds us that we are all His children regardless of siding with those on the right or with those on the left. Actually, in a very blunt and forceful way, the Lord Jesus told all of us that, in the Father's eyes, we are all wicked and in need of His infinite mercy! (Cf. Luke 11:13).

Our conversion from wickedness to the Lord of life is attained in the Holy Spirit by comparing our attitude and behavior not to the attitude and behavior of those whom we scorn, but to the Gospel which is neither conservative nor liberal; The Gospel is simply the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes (Cf. Romans 1:16).

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If we gain evidence that we might be better than those on the opposite side, how could we possibly take credit for it and boast about it since without Jesus' help, we can do nothing good on our own? (Cf. John 15:5)

And, considering how many decades we have been fighting for the protection of pre-born children with progress being painfully slow, we cannot forget this sobering fact: *For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.* **Ephesians 6**

Without a single exception, all things, events and people are under God's rule. Hence, in our very imperfect yet most sincere love for Him we shall choose to be truly docile to His will, and whenever our will collides with His, we should run to look at the Crucifix; and while contemplating the infiniteness of that display of love, we shall ask ourselves: Is the Father trying to hurt me through this? The only reasonable answer is NO!

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME
Pastor of San Francesco Church

MASS INTENTIONS:



March 1-Monday

Special Intention-Mark & Kristina Hermiz by Ilean Hajgato
Joe Buccinna by family

March 2-Tuesday

Special Intention-Angelina Nevaeh Yaro by I. Hajgato
Vito & Domenica Manzella by Rosa Manzella
Vincenzo & Concetta Armetta by Rosa Manzella

March 3-Wednesday

Onorio Vitti by Ludington-Dawson families
Special Intention for Shamoon family by Ilean

March 4-Thursday

Isa P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson families
Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family

March 5-Friday

Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti
Carmela Pisacreta by Maria & Giovanni Pisacreta

March 6-Saturday

For Mary Mother of God Prayer Group & Holy Souls
Special Intention for Mark Barger by family
Special Intention for Chet Hayes, Jr. by father Chet, Sr.
Mary Fleming by mom

6pm Lisa Cicilian by Judy Manczuk

6pm Michael Mertz by daughter Kelly Misuraca

March 7-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Laura Slongo by family
8am Onorio P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family
10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family
10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family
10am Lucia Strazzulla by family
10am Antonio & Rosa Tundo by family
10am Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family
12pm Dec mem of Butros & Youna fams by C & N Butros
12pm Michele Santangelo by family
12pm Joseph Cianciolo by friends
12pm Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family
12pm Anthony Asni by Pierina Frabotta & family
12pm Vincent & Peter Frabotta by Pierina & family
12pm Mary Frabotta-Kolis by Pierina Frabotta & family

March 8-Monday

Nicola Soave by Anita Soave & family
Rose Ann Andary by Tom Daniel

March 9-Tuesday

Cavalli family by Harry & Roselyn Crespi

March 10-Wednesday

Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family

March 11-Thursday

Gerald Agostini by mother Olivia & family

March 12-Friday

Maria Bertolini by family

March 13-Saturday

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life

Aldo Colandrea by William Hickey

6pm Charles & Theresa MacDonald by son

6pm Carolina Visone by daughter Lia

March 14-Sunday

8am Carl Kaspari by family
10am Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family
10am Vilma Farquhar by family
10am Jennie Clara Coppola by Tony & Bonnie LaTorre
12pm Rose Mazzuchelli by family
12pm Rosalia Vitale by family
12pm Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family
12pm Nicole & Leon LeMiux by Nick Fuciarelli

March 15-Monday

Antonio Soave by daughter Anita Soave
John Paluzzi by family

March 16-Tuesday

Special Intentions

March 17-Wednesday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosalia Kehrig

March 18-Thursday

Special Intentions

March 19-Friday (St. Joseph Day)

Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family
Fortunato Valerio by family
Lucia Pinelli by Sam & Alice Pinelli
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

March 20-Saturday

Charles Scott by Maria Scott
6pm Salvatore Spadafora by wife Rosa
6pm Robert Rancilio by wife

March 21-Sunday

8am Marcel Normandeau by Ron & Michelle Marino
8am Antonio Slongo by family
8am Grace Izzi by family
10am Mario Maiuri by Teresa & Alberto DeLuca
10am Giuseppe Maiuri by daughter
10am Armando Gennari by wife Savina
10am Lisa Casali by family
10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son
10am Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family
10am Michele & Giuseppe Cianfarani by L & L Pietrantoni
12pm Frank & Elvira Bizzocchi by son & daughter
12pm Ralph Nowicki, Sr. by family
12pm Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family

March 22-Monday

Special Intentions

March 23-Tuesday

Anthony Bertolini by family
Geri Gura by Marlene Zatelli



March 24-Wednesday

Special Intentions

March 25-Thursday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

March 26-Friday

Deceased members of Santi family by Marino & Silvana
Deceased members of Giulianelli fam by Marino & Silvana

March 27-Saturday

6pm Domenico & Angelo Catanzaro by family

Wedding: 2pm Angela D'Ascenzo & Trevor Porter

March 28-Sunday (Palm Sunday)

8am Noah Evans by Mary Mutti

8am Living & deceased members of Zito family

8am Richard & Florence Johnson by Sharon Ruggioli

10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family

10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

10am Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family

10am Enrico DiPonio by son Antonio & family

12pm Ricardo Fracassi by wife & son

12pm Jabouri & Frances Hannosh by Clyde/Nancy Butros

12pm Gregory Butros by Clyde & Nancy Butros

12pm Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family

12pm Tullio & Antonetta Fuciarelli by Nick Fuciarelli

March 29-Monday

Antonietta Biundo by family

March 30-Tuesday

Special Intentions

March 31-Wednesday

Special Intentions

LECTORS

Mar 07-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantoni, N. Butros

Mar 14-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, S. Santilla

Mar 21-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, A. Perugi

Mar 28-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, N. Butros

Saturday, 6pm- Mar. 6-J. Foglyano, **Mar. 13**-D. Brosky,

Mar. 20-J. Foglyano, **Mar. 27**-D. Brosky

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES



We appreciate your donations throughout the year and thank you for keeping the church operational with your contributions. Offering envelopes are in the church for you to take, or mail your donations by sending them directly to the rectory office.

LOST & FOUND BOX

We have items in our lost & found box that have not been picked up for quite some time now. If you think you may have lost something in the church please check the box located in the vestibule. We will only be holding found items for 7 days. If they are not picked up within one week they will be donated to charity. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMEMBER you can also browse our website:

sanfrancescchurch.org and click the **f** tab at the top for church news. Updates for policies on covid can be found here.

Important Dates:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday @ 7:00pm during Lent.

Please note that confessions will be heard from 6:00pm to 6:45pm on Fridays during Lent.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

ST. JOSEPH-FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH

8am Holy Mass only



PALM SUNDAY-MARCH 28TH

Distribution of palms after each Holy Mass as quantity lasts.

REMINDERS:

ADORATION

Holy Hours are every Friday from 8:30am to noon.



EASTER SUNDAY-APRIL 4TH

Come celebrate with us!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICES-APRIL 11th

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP



Due to covid, information will be announced at a later date as to when prayer group will resume.

RECYCLE PAPERS in the bins located in the church parking lot. We appreciate your support!

MASS INTENTIONS Please make sure your intentions are given to the rectory office by the **15th of the previous month** of your requested date if possible so that your loved ones name can be printed in our monthly bulletin paper. **Remember to please keep Sunday Offering Envelopes separate from your Mass intention monies because they are handled by two different teams of volunteers.** Mass intention envelopes are located in the church vestibule for your convenience. Thank you for your continued support.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sia fatta la tua volontà

Carissimi parrocciani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Tanti di noi si stanno ancora chiedendo come mai il Signore non ha ascoltato le nostre preghiere e ha permesso che fosse eletto presidente degli Stati Uniti uno che si dichiara cattolico ma che continua a fare scelte completamente contrarie alla dottrina e morale cattolica. Quella più scandalosa è la sua posizione in favore dell'aborto fino al momento del parto.

Tanti di noi si sentono delusi, sconcertati, adirati, confusi; alcuni addirittura vicini alla disperazione.

Il mio tentativo di vagliare il vero dal falso per giungere a portare un po' di sollievo alle nostre anime e a fidarci di nuovo del Signore parte dalla sovranità assoluta di Dio. Niente di buono può capitare senza che Dio lo voglia e niente di male può capitare senza che Dio lo permetta.

Noi abbiamo una lunga lista di cose che pensiamo siano andate per il verso sbagliato e che ci siano sotto grossi imbrogli. Però, tenendo presente la sovranità di Dio che ha permesso tutto questo, dobbiamo decifrare i suoi messaggi affinché tutto quello che capiti di buono e di cattivo si trasformi in bene per coloro che amano il Signore. (vedi Romani 8:28)

Ecco alcuni di questi messaggi:

Essendo esseri umani fragili e limitati nelle nostre facoltà, la nostra visuale della realtà è molto ristretta. Solo Dio ha la visuale completa di tutti gli eventi e solo Egli sa

come si attualizza il suo piano di salvezza.

Per quanto riguarda la nostra lotta contro la piaga vergognosa dell'aborto, forse ci siamo illusi che si potesse eliminare con leggi adeguate; mentre, in realtà, la vita si deve difendere conquistando un cuore alla volta...

Sappiamo che il generalizzare è sleale, eppure siamo forse inclinati a pensare che quelli dalla nostra parte siano buoni e quelli dalla parte opposta cattivi; che i nostri facciano cose buone e gli altri cose cattive; che la verità sia dalla nostra parte e la falsità dall'altra. In realtà, siamo tutti figli e figlie di Dio, redenti dal Sangue di Cristo sulla croce e tutti bisognosi della sua misericordia. Nel fare il bene non dobbiamo confrontarci con quelli che la pensano diversamente da noi ma col Vangelo che non è né di destra, né di sinistra ma Fonte della Vita.

Se pensiamo di essere migliori degli altri, che merito possiamo trarne, visto che senza di Gesù non possiamo far nulla di buono? (vedi Giovanni 15:5)

Per ritrovare la serenità del cuore, promettiamo di essere docili alla voce del Signore, disposti a fare la sua volontà anche quando ci pesa molto e contrasta con la nostra.

Qualora fossimo sconvolti da un evento molto doloroso, dovremmo contemplare l'amore infinito di Gesù in croce e farci questa domanda: "Questa prova che mi affligge è permessa da Dio Padre per il mio bene o per il mio male?" Sappiamo tutti quale sia la risposta giusta.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME