

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.



JULY 2021

REFLECTIONS ON COVID-19

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

The urge to leave behind us anything related to Covid-19 is so very palpable. The hot summer weather is nature's way of saying: good riddance! But, as believers, we must also place the devastation, the intense pain, the crippling losses, and the disruptions caused by the pandemic in the context of God's plan of salvation.

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

We should pause to reflect on the good that God hid underneath the ugly and coarse crust of this wicked virus.

Pardon me if I begin by listing something from the lighter side of things. If the Lord had endowed us with a pronounced sense of humor, we came across more opportunities to lighten the burden on our shoulders as well as on other people's shoulders. Here are some reasons: we found the packages we had ordered online at our doorway without having to sign anything or having to interact with the delivery person. It soon became almost automatic for us to blame our tardiness, absent-mindedness, procrastination, and laziness on the coronavirus. And, in fair play, we attributed many delays, glitches, failures of others to the same invisible villain. Perhaps, we spent less money on mouthwash, and we could explain away our muddled train of thought by pointing to the mask we were wearing. We might have become more proficient at using ZOOM and enjoyed the convenience of working from home.

However, I quickly realize how pointing out the lighter side of things sounds completely insensitive to the raw pain that the pandemic has left in the hearts of those who lost people very close to them.

Perhaps the lesson which Covid-19 has taught to the largest number of us is that the last 18 months and the feeling of sadness affected people more deeply and for a longer stretch of time. It was due to all the obstacles that kept us from live and direct interaction with those on whom we had counted to be there for us.

Those who received considerable in-person support could adjust their venues, schedule, and activities more readily to the restrictions and burdens imposed by the pandemic. But, as believers, they should keep in mind

that all lives unfold around the clock under the watchful and most caring eyes of our Heavenly Father; thus, they should consider themselves thoroughly blessed and always called to draw, in any possible way, closer to those who were lacking sufficient inner strength or succumbed to despondency.

Thus, I am ready to affirm with confidence that if we remained rooted in Christ Jesus, we did not feel any sense of superiority over those who faltered and lost hope. But, rather, we saw the full extent of our personal frailty, and we shivered at the thought of how close we came to the brink. Accordingly, we gave all the credit to grace from above and to those whom the Lord had sent to remain close to us through daunting challenges.

Something curious also occurred: the more evident God's closeness to us became, the more quickly we began, first, to doubt the utterances of pundits and experts and then, we looked at their hollow pomposity with contempt.

After adjustments to life with the pandemic became a daily routine, our trust in God provided the launching pad for creativity in finding new ways to relate to each other, to nurture vital ties of friendship and to be productive members of the community.

In moments of sheer blessedness and enlightenment we found ample time to ponder over the causes of our irritability. But rather than being scared by our weaknesses, we realized how they enabled us to accept the weaknesses of others without the urge to pass judgment. Feelings that in pre-pandemic circumstances would have been easily hurt now fill us with empathy and humility.

There was also time to reshuffle our pursuits of happiness and re-prioritize them according to lasting values beyond what our shortsightedness had previously decided. The work of divine grace worked amazingly well in us during those 18 months of the pandemic and sharpened our eyesight to read rather accurately the level of isolation, restlessness, confusion, and darkness of those about whom we care. If we ever came close to the brink of dejection, we would have learned how unwise it would be to let ourselves be swept away by unnerving events rather than summon all our remaining energies to react with firmness of intent and willpower. A similar blessing from the Lord would have

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given us the wisdom to realize how only in inserting our personal plans into His divine plan we would find lasting joy.

There are, of course, other instances in which we experienced God's closeness and we savored His grace in the course of the last 18 months, however, I need to point out a very humble, yet extremely significant aspect of the Incarnation. Since the Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us, our bodies have become the dwelling of the Holy Trinity; such is the value that God gives to our flesh. Before the pandemic struck, a pat on the back, a handshake, a hug could have been a formality that left us almost "unmoved." Now they are still rare but priceless; and move us deeply even to the point of telling silently that we will be there for each other. Hence, human touches are, again, divine blessings!

Fr. Dino Vanin, Pastor of San Francesco Church



MASS INTENTIONS:

July 1-Thursday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Jamie McCarty
Special Intention Steve Hajgato by Ilean

July 2-Friday

Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti
Special Intention Magdalene Yaro by Ilean Hajgato
Special Intention James Cianciolo by family

July 3-Saturday

For Mary Mother of God Prayer Group & Holy Souls
Special Intention Chet Hayes, Jr. by father Chet, Sr.
Giovanni & Rosa Sciarrino by family
6pm Gerry & Joan Kozak by sisters

July 4-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
10am Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family
12pm Michele Santangelo by family

July 5-Monday

Marilyn Trainor by friends

July 6-Tuesday

Special Intent Angelina Nevaeh Yaro by Ilean Hajgato

July 7-Wednesday

Lucia Strazzulla by family
Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

July 8-Thursday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

July 9-Friday

Fortunato Valerio by family

July 10-Saturday

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Special Intent Stephen Gutmann by Leonard Gutmann
6pm Cheryl Marie Roehrer by Anna & Vince Costa

July 11-Sunday

8am Del & Rosemary Peardon by Tom & Rose Daniel
8am Philip & Regina Vermander by family
10am Gino Del Pup by Cugini dal` Italia
10am Antonino Badalamenti by family
10am Giovanni Audia by Maria & family
10am Art Merlano by family
10am Espedito Pisani by family
10am Anna Villa by family
10am Joanna Jelsone by husband Robert

July 11-Sunday (Continued)

12pm Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family
12pm Mary Frabotta-Kolis by Pierina Frabotta & family
12pm Vincent & Giovanni Frabotta by P. Frabotta & family
12pm Rose & Jack Alu by daughter Carmela
12pm Ramon Shekoury by Clyde & Nancy Butros
12pm Societa SS. Crocifisso Di Montelepre Club Mass/
with Procession

July 12-Monday

Filippo Leone by Maria & Angela DiLorenzo
Special Intention Kristyn Camilleri by family

July 13-Tuesday

Diane Bosca-1year anniversary by family

July 14-Wednesday

Anthony Valerio by wife Victoria

July 15-Thursday

Randy Zatelli by mother Marlene

July 16-Friday

Special Intention Steve Hajgato by Ilean Hajgato

July 17-Saturday

Elio Bosca-12 year anniversary by wife Lelia
6pm Jerry & Joan Kozak by sisters
6pm Corinne Tocco by Paupert family

July 18-Sunday

8am Marcel Normandeu by Ron & Michelle Marino
8am Angelina Slongo by family
8am Joanne Nowc by family
10am Armando Gennari by wife Savina
10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family
10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son
10am Francesco & Elvira Di Cicco by family
10am Cesira Gasperoni by Savina & Silvana
10am Filippa Sapienza by Nicolina Biondo
10am Grazia Sapienza by Nicolina Biondo
10am Francesca Biondo by Nicolina Biondo
12pm Paolo DeLeonardis by family
12pm Frank & Elvira Bizzocchi by son & daughter
12pm Rose Mazzuchelli by family

July 19-Monday

Vittoria Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family
Fortunato Valerio by family

July 20-Tuesday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

July 21-Wednesday

Maria Codispoti by Geraldine Calderone

July 22-Thursday

Special Intent Christian & Jackie Whik by Ilean Hajgato

July 23-Friday

Special Intention Kristina & Mark Hermiz by Ilean

July 24-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Giuseppe Ruggirello by Spano family

July 25-Sunday

8am William James Leonard, Jr. by DiMichele family
10am Antonio & Pia Silvestri by Virginia & family
10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family
10am Leo Moriconi by wife & son
10am Mr. & Mrs. Alessio Fallone by family
10am Marino Pandori by son Luigi
10am Maria Paganelli by nephew Luigi Pandori
10am Antonietta Stringa by family
12pm Special Intention Teresa Mattei by Prayer Group
12pm Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosalia Kehrig

July 26-Monday

Joe Vettraino by wife Blanche

July 27-Tuesday

Marilyn Trainor by friends

July 28-Wednesday

Mario & Giulia Borrelli by friends

July 29-Thursday

Antonietta Biundo by family

Special Intention Magdalene Yaro by Ilean Hajgato

Special Intention Nate Camilleri by family

July 30-Friday

Special Intention Steve Hajgato by Ilean

July 31-Saturday

6pm Special Intentions

6pm Maria Lombardi by The Assunta Society



Lectors for July:

July 04-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi

July 11-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, N. Butros

July 18-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, S. Santilla

July 25-P. Graebert, L. Pierantoni, A. Perugi

Saturday, 6:00pm

July 3-J. Foglyano, **July 10**-D. Brosky

July 17-J. Foglyano, **July 24**-D. Brosky

July 31-J. Foglyano



MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP

The Mary Mother of God Prayer Group continues to offer prayers, praise and thanksgiving and is in deep gratitude to our spiritual Mother for allowing us to pray under Her mantel. We would like to invite you to come and join us in prayer and fellowship on Monday's at 1:00pm in the church. We appreciate and acknowledge Fr. Dino for his support and encouragement.

San Francisco News:



CSA REPORT 2021

On behalf of the Parish Council and the Archdiocese of Detroit, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who gave to CSA 2021. You are responding once again most generously although the new system has shown considerable flaws. We need to continue our giving until we reach our quota. In my human limitations, I can only see the physical outcome of your generosity, but our Lord sees also the sacrifices that you had to make in order to support our beloved parish of San Francisco and the many programs that are designed to make our Archdiocese vibrant, fully engaged and love-filled. May the Good Lord reward you fittingly for your kindness.

**MONTHLY BULLETIN PAPER
COFFEE & DONUTS**



Donations for the mailing of the church monthly bulletin are much appreciated as it is costly for printing and postage. Any donations for coffee and sweets for the weekend Holy masses is much appreciated as well. These donations help cover the expenses! Thank you for your continued support

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sanfrancescochurch.org**

PROUD OF OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

On Sunday, June 6, a very large number of worshippers were brought back to the traditional ways our Catholic Faith was lived out before the pandemic disrupted so many aspects of our life and robbed us of simple sources of Christian joy. On the feast of His most precious Body and Blood, the Lord gave us a perfect summer day for the Corpus Christi procession. Behind the cross leading the way around our church compound, the flags of the United States, Italy and the Vatican unfurled in the hot breeze. They were accompanied by the colorful banners of all our clubs, while the First Holy Communion children engaged in the moving tradition of scattering rose petals on the path of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Faithful of all ages followed close behind, singing and praying with grateful hearts brimming over with joy. Once back inside the church, Fr. Dino invoked divine blessings on all the faithful as soon as they could contain their spontaneous, visible and rather noisy joy for a few minutes. All those who attended this festive event must have wondered how soon they could have a similar experience of fellowship and pride in their Italian heritage. Fr. Dino and the Parish Council wish to express their profound gratitude to all the clubs and community that participated in record numbers in this event.



Corpus Christi procession

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Riflessioni sul Covid

Carissimi parrochiani e amici di San Francesco Church,
Sembra davvero che il Covid-19 stia scomparendo!
Come credenti però abbiamo l'obbligo di inserire questa
durissima prova nel contesto del piano misterioso di Dio.

*Sappiamo poi che per coloro che amano Dio tutto
confluisce in bene, per coloro che secondo il piano di Dio si
trovano ad essere chiamati.* (Lettera ai Romani 8:28)

Forse la lezione più largamente diffusa in questi
diciotto mesi di pandemia fu che le sensazioni di tristezza
e d'isolamento rimanevano nel cuore più a lungo perché
le restrizioni imposte ci toglievano molti di quei contatti
personali e diretti che sono indispensabili per il nostro
totale benessere a livello sia fisico, che psichico e spirituale.
Quelli tra noi che, per grazia divina, poterono mantenere,
almeno in parte, contatti diretti e personali si poterono
adattare meglio ai cambiamenti imposti dal virus.

Questa certezza ci avrà portato vicino ai più fragili tra
noi che erano sull'orlo della depressione.

Mi auguro che, come credenti, non ci siamo dimenticati
che, anche nei disagi e nella sofferenza impostaci dal
virus, la nostra vita si svolgeva di momento in momento
sotto lo sguardo amoroso del nostro Padre Celeste

Questo sarà avvenuto con un senso di profonda umiltà
creato dalla consapevolezza della nostra fragilità che fu
certamente sostenuta dalla grazia del Signore. Superato il

brivido di orrore, sorto pensando a quanto vicini fossimo
noi stessi al baratro della depressione, il sostegno che
abbiamo dato loro con gioia ci ha impedito di giudicarli se
non con dolcezza e magnanimità.

Una volta che ci fummo abituati a quello che dovevamo
fare in pubblico seguendo le regole imposte, la nostra
ansietà sarà diminuita e ci saremo ingegnati, con insolita
creatività, a rendere la vita più sostenibile e produttiva sia
per noi stessi come per molti altri.

Infine, il ricordo di quanto facilmente la pandemia ci
avesse reso irritabili, con i nervi a fior di pelle, ci avrà fatto
riflettere su quelle realtà che sono davvero importanti
nella vita. Sarete d'accordo con me che uno dei valori più
alti, che abbiamo riscoperto, è quello del contatto fisico
che ci fa sentire, di nuovo, parti integrali della comunità.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME



CATECHISM CLASSES

Registrations are now being accepted for our **2021-
2022** catechism classes. You can print out a form from
our website or pick one up in the church vestibule. You
must register your child each year in order for us to
keep records current. We look forward to a great start in
September 2021!