

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.

AUGUST 2021

Learning to Count our Days Aright

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Psalm 90 is a prayer of a man who is guided by the Holy Spirit to remain "comfortable in his own skin," to use a colorful expression, even if by this world's standards he shouldn't be due to the finitude of his earthly life, his spotty past, and the inevitability of additional limits forced upon him by the passing of time.

*A thousand years in your eyes are merely a yesterday. Before a watch passes in the night, 5 you have brought them to their end. They disappear like sleep at dawn; they are like grass that dies. 6 It sprouts green in the morning; by evening it is dry and withered. 7 Truly we are consumed by your anger, filled with terror by your wrath. 8 You have kept our faults before you, our hidden sins exposed to your sight. 9 Our life ebbs away under your wrath; our years end like a sigh. 10 Seventy is the sum of our years, or eighty, if we are strong; Most of them are sorrow and toil; they pass quickly, we are all but gone. 11 Who comprehends your terrible anger? Your wrath matches the fear it inspires. 12 Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. 13 Relent, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! 14 Fill us at daybreak with your love that all our days we may sing for joy. 15 Make us glad as many days as you humbled us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. 16 Show your deeds to your servants, your glory to their children. 17 May the favor of the Lord our God be ours. Prosper the work of our hands! Prosper the work of our hands! **Psalm 90:4-17***

From this prayer inspired by the Holy Spirit we can learn a huge amount of precious wisdom to keep us on the right path to Heaven and endow us with the priceless gift of serenity.

Here is a random sequence of what can happen to our spiritual wellbeing if we forget that, measured by God's eternal decree, our lifespan is shorter than a watch of the night. We can get hung up on a marginal aspect of our worship, deemed very important by us, but that will not pass the test of time because it is not from the core of our Catholic Faith. Or we could be absorbed by a personal project that, although praiseworthy, keeps us from attending to other needs of Christ present in the sufferings of our neighbor. Hence, innate hubris might

lead us to be consumed by it; close our mind to possible alternatives; feel very frustrated by repeated setbacks and by the seemingly indifference of many in the community; lose sleep over it and live with inner turmoil.

Were we to refuse to place ourselves in a humble listening mode, that secondary aspect will turn into a burning passion fueled by the recognition that we keep receiving. Inevitably, we would stubbornly ignore goodness and skills in those who disagree with us and, even, be on the lookout for any misstep of theirs. It would become easy to hold grudges and to dig in our heels rather than engage in open-minded discussions. Eventually, our prayer life would be troubled and not come from a heart that is free because always docile to God's will.

As Psalm 90 continues, it reminds us that nothing can escape God's scrutiny and, thus, it would be wise of us to become aware of the beam that could be lodged in our eye rather than of mere splinters in other people's eyes. (Cf. Matthew 7:3-5). This warning is a powerful call to always be rooted in humility. Our hubris would keep us obsessed with a cause foreign to the new commandment of loving each other as Jesus loved us from the cross (Cf. John 13:34).

Genuine humility would remind us that any of our sins deserves the full force of God's wrath. So, here is a thought that seldom crosses our mind: we can zoom so much on the flaws of others, especially if they look at things from a different perspective, that we become nonchalant about our sins!

Genuine humility would also prompt us *to count our days aright*. That means that we accept that the passing of time takes a big toll on our energies, strengths and even on our mind!

As we age, the hubris that kept us from open-mindedness and docility might keep us from accepting that we might have to worship God without being able to genuflect or to kneel. However, if we refuse to worship within these additional limits and, thus, we make a pathetic display of exterior piety, we might impress other worshippers, but we would not impress God who, alone, can read our true intention.

The second half of Psalm 90 shows the soundness of the petitioner who is calm in his station as frail sinner in constant need of being at the receiving end of God's pity for all his sins, big and small alike, as all deserving of God's wrath.

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This biblical prayer, therefore, invites us to see the connection between our restlessness and our stubborn insistence on having things our way rather than God's way. Serenity and peace of mind are gifts so precious and so unique that they can come only from the Lord. Only by Him can our days be filled with joy!

In a prolonged pause, while well-rooted in the reality of God's absoluteness vis-à-vis our pitiful finitude, in the light of the Holy Spirit, we should come up with a rough count of the days we wasted away stubbornly pursuing what might not pass the test of time.

In the power of the same Holy Spirit we should, then, begin to hold on to what remains: *So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13.

Only the days that are filled with love count before the Lord because God is love and we, His children, are meant to spend all eternity loving.

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME
Pastor of San Francesco Church



August 1-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
10am Adele Boschian by family
10am Gino Del Pup by Cugini dal' Italia
10am Vincenzo & Graziella Costanzi by Mancini family
10am Gustavo Ciccarelli by Mancini family
12pm Mario Signorelli by wife & family
12pm Michele Santangelo by family
12pm Bruno Brunicardi-(Birthday) by wife & son
12pm San Rocco Mass with Procession-Calabria Club

August 2-Monday

Special Intention for Marlene Zatelli

August 3-Tuesday

Special Intention Angelina Nevaeh Yaro by Ilean

August 4-Wednesday

Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family
Mario Borrelli by friends

August 5-Thursday

Marilyn Trainor by friends

August 6-Friday

Giuseppe Pinelli by Sam & Alice Pinelli
Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti
Cesira Gasperoni by Savina & Silvana
James Daoust, Sr. by Anna DiMichele

August 7-Saturday

For Mary Mother of God Prayer Group & Holy Souls
Respect for Life by William Hickey
Special Intention for Chet Hayes, Jr. by father Chet, Sr.
Lucia Strazzulla by family

6pm Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

6pm Anna Grazia & Michele Calabrese by Mary Calabrese

6pm Marianna & Luigi DePalma by daughter Mary Calabrese

August 8-Sunday

8am Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
8am Robert Ruggioli by Mark Bernasconi
10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa
10am Leo Moriconi by wife & son

August 8-Sunday (Continued)

10am Giovanni & Rosa Sciarrino by family

10am Lucia Stazzulla by family

10am Antonino Badalamenti by family

10am Marino Pandori by son Luigi

10am Maria Paganelli by nephew Luigi Pandori

12pm Onorio Iacobelli by Iacobelli & Ciaravino families

12pm Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family

12pm Vincent Frabotta & Mary Frabotta Kolis by Pierina/fam

August 9-Monday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Jamie McCarty

Anthony Leone by sister Dorothy

Special Intention for Azelie Juricic

August 10-Tuesday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Deanna Mayle

August 11-Wednesday

Filippo Leone by Maria & Angela DiLorenzo

August 12-Thursday

Gerry & Joan Kozak by sisters

Gentile D'Andrea by family

August 13-Friday

Armando Gennari by wife Savina

August 14-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Cheryl Marie Roehrer by Anna & Vince Costa

August 15-Sunday (Assumption)

8am Lisa Stewart by family

8am Pearl & John Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino

8am Charles & Theresa MacDonald by son Mike

8am Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

10am **Assunta Society-Mass with Procession**

10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son

10am Francesco & Elvira Di Cicco by family

10am Lisa Fabbri by Casali family

10am Mena Militello by sister Teresa

10am Antonia Maiuri by daughter Teresa

10am Germano & Loris Costa by family

12pm Maria Lombardi by The Assunta Society

12pm Special Intention for Juricic family

12pm Rose Mazzuchelli by family

August 16-Monday

In honor of St. Rocco by Mary Mutti

Denell Blythe, Jr. by Mary Mutti

August 17-Tuesday

Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

Augusta & Antonio Recchia by Ludington-Dawson family

August 18-Wednesday

Special Intention Kia & Kameron Dailey by Marlene Zatelli

August 19-Thursday

Fortunato Valerio by family

August 20-Friday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

Special Intention for Lon Juricic

August 21-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Special Intentions

August 22-Sunday

8am Gary Vasley by Sharon Ruggioli

8am Betty Pruzinsky by Anna DiMichele

10am Anna Martinelli by family

10am Peter Fallone by family

10am Giuseppe Ruggirello by Spano family



FOR SAN FRANCESCO:

San Rocco Celebration-Sunday, August 1st
12:00pm Mass followed by procession.

Assumption: Sunday, August 15th
After 10:00am Mass, we will carry in procession around the Church, the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All Societies and Clubs are invited to participate with their banners, please try to take part. The "Assunta Society" is organizing this celebration.

Maria SS. di Custonaci, Sunday, August 29th
1:30pm Procession and Mass.



CATECHISM NEWS

We are currently accepting registrations for the **2021-2022 Religious Education Classes grades 1-8.** Classes meet on **Tuesday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:15pm starting on September 28, 2021.** Our program teaches "traditional doctrine" in conjunction with the "Catechism of the Catholic Church." You do not need to be a registered parishioner to join. Simply complete a registration form and submit the form with payment to the church office. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church. All children must register including those who participated in last year's classes.



Financial News



We have submitted our parish budget report to the Staff of the Department of Finance and Administration for 2021-2022, and also the parish financial report will be submitted to the Archdiocese of Detroit in mid-August.



Our dedicated **Mary Mother of God Prayer Group** continues to meet every Monday @ 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Don't Forget Your Weekly Offering Envelope



If you are on vacation or just cannot make it to church for any of the weekend Holy Masses, you can mail your donations directly to the rectory office. Thank you for helping support our church through your participation.

Church Membership Cards



If you would like to become a member of our parish please ask Fr. Dino for the membership card after any one of our services or call the rectory office. We look forward to having you on our list!

Recycling News



Deliver papers 24 hours/7days a week in our church parking lot. Thank you for your support.

Reminders: Be sure to look us up on our Website: sanfrancescchurch.org and "like" us on facebook! The facebook tab is on our website homepage at the top of the page.

August 22-Sunday (continued)

10am Giacomo Leone by family
12pm Frank & Elvira Bizzocchi by son & daughter

August 23-Monday

William Leonard, Jr. by Anna DiMichele

August 24-Tuesday

Special Intention James & Ashley Dailey by Marlene Zatelli

August 25-Wednesday

Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Jones
Mike Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosalia Kehrig

August 26-Thursday

Marilyn Trainor by friends

August 27-Friday

Special Intentions

August 28-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Gerry & Joan Kozak by sisters

6pm Maria Lombardi by The Assunta Society

August 29-Sunday

8am Special Intentions
10am Marion Bontorin by Cordenons Club
10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family
12pm Special Intentions

1:30pm **MARIA SS. di Custonaci W/Procession**

August 30-Monday

Geraldine Gura by Marlene Zatelli

August 31-Tuesday

Special Intentions



Lectors for August:

Aug. 01-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, N. Butros

Aug. 08-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, S. Santilla

Aug. 15-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, A. Perugi

Aug. 22-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantonio, N. Butros

Aug. 29-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, S. Santilla

Saturday, 6pm Aug. 7-D. Brosky, **Aug. 14-**J. Foglyano

Aug. 21-D. Brosky, **Aug. 28-**J. Foglyano



Remember to send or call the rectory office for Holy Mass intention requests by the 15th of the previous month so that your loved ones name can be placed in our bulletin paper.

SAN ROCCO-SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st

12:00pm MASS FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION

It is believed that St. Roch was born in Montpellier France in 1350, son of the Governor.

At the age of twenty he went to Rome and while there devoted himself to the care of plague victims, performing many miraculous cures.

Eventually, Roch himself fell victim to the plague, but later on recovered. When he returned to France, he was thrown in jail as a spy. He died in prison in 1380, at the age of thirty, and only then was it discovered that this prisoner had been a former Governor's son. After his death, many miracles were reported through Roch's intercession.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Insegnaci a valutare i nostri giorni

Carissimi parrochiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Il salmo 90 ci offre saggezza mentre ci mantiene sulla strada giusta quando gli anni cominciano a pesare: “ 4 Sì, mille anni ai tuoi occhi sono come il giorno di ieri ch’ è passato, come un turno di veglia nella notte... 10 Gli anni della nostra vita sono in sé settanta, ottanta per i più robusti; ma per la maggior parte di essi non v’ è che fatica e affanno. Sì, essi passano e noi voliamo via... 12 Insegnaci a valutare i nostri giorni, e così potremo offrire un cuore sapiente... 16 Sia manifesto ai tuoi servi ciò che tu hai fatto e si estenda la tua magnificenza al di sopra dei loro figli. 17 Sia su di noi la bontà del Signore nostro Dio. Rafforza per noi l’ opera delle nostre mani.”

Dimostriamo saggezza concentrando i nostri sforzi a procurarci ciò che resterà per sempre e a produrre ciò che non verrà mai meno. Il nostro orgoglio personale potrebbe spingerci a insistere su progetti e piani che ci procurano soddisfazioni e riconoscimenti ma che, forse, non sono in accordo con quello che vuole il Signore da noi.

La chiave della saggezza sembra essere la stessa che porta alla serenità e alla gioia duratura: l’umiltà. L’umiltà ci fa desistere da piani personali mentre ci rende docili a quelli che il Signore ha disposto per noi. L’umiltà, inoltre, ci fa accettare di buon grado gli acciacchi e nuovi limiti imposti dall’età che avanza inesorabile.

Infine, l’umiltà ci dispone a considerare gli altri come più importanti di noi stessi e a porre il loro benessere innanzi al nostro. L’umiltà ci porta a fare quello che dura per sempre. “Ora rimangono queste tre cose: la fede, la speranza e la carità; ma la più grande di esse è la carità. (1 Corinzi 13:13) L’umiltà ci porta ad amare; cioè ci porta a fare, fin d’ora, quello che faremo per tutta l’eternità.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME



Parishioners & Friends:

We are so pleased to see so many of you participating in our liturgies especially on weekends and holy days of obligation. We are grateful for the generous support of your time, talent and treasure. We appreciate very much the good will of those who, over the years, remain faithful to their commitment in the various ministerial duties. We feel uplifted and encouraged by your genuine feeling and being such an integral part of our Community of San Francesco. We welcome gladly all new faces who walk through our doors just to visit or to consider our church as their new spiritual home. Our joined efforts make our Community of San Francesco stronger and more effective in her duty of unleashing the Gospel and of being truly a welcoming place of peace and closeness to God in the midst of the trials of daily living.