

BOLLETTINO DI SAN FRANCESCO



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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (Italian) and 12 p.m.

HOLYDAY 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.



A Christian Reflection on Road Rage

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

This year on the morning of May 21, Joanna Cloonan was driving her six-year-old son Aiden Leos to school in the carpool lane of Freeway 55 in Orange County, California, when another car driven by Wynne Lee, 23, cut in front of her and then pulled behind her. Miss Lee's boyfriend Marcus Eriz, 24, grabbed a gun and, from the passenger's side, fatally shot the little boy who sat in a booster seat in the back of his mother's car. Marcus' excuse for such an insane act was that he was reacting to an obscene gesture allegedly made by Ms. Cloonan. This unspeakable tragedy horrified countless people in our nation and beyond.

If we are fully aware of the seemingly unstoppable cheapening of human life from when it is knit so wonderfully by God in a mother's womb (cf. Psalm 139: 13-14) to when, in the eyes of many, it has lost its usefulness due to old age or a dreadful illness, we must be terribly anguished by what happens day and night in many of our cities, but not surprised. Nowadays, a precious life can be lost to avoid an inconvenience, for a handful of dollars, because of what one wears, thinks, says, or holds dear, for a perceived insult or no reason at all!

How should we as disciples of Jesus Christ deal with this common occurrence? As with any other sin, without hesitation and at point-blank range, we should identify arrogance as the root of this incident. Arrogance blinds us and dulls our ability to reason coolly. By allowing ourselves to be driven by pretension, we forfeit our ability to rationally evaluate the situation at hand and, thus, we let emotions and rowdy impulses get the best of us with the most regrettable, often tragic, results.

Our mental condition is further weakened by what we went through collectively and individually with Covid-19. We must be humble enough to keep in mind that our patience has decreased considerably. Let's face it, given trying conditions, we would find ourselves not far from acting or reacting the way unruly passengers frequently do on airplanes and elsewhere.

Our innate hubris is always feeding us a fallacy that we have inherited through original sin: I am important; I know my rights; my time is very valuable - certainly more valuable than these people's time; I am right even in this case; I cannot let this slide; I will teach them a lesson; and so on....

But here is the truth about which we should think, act, and react: time is not ours. It is given to us by Almighty God to use according to His Divine Law to bear fruits of love in solidarity, mutual cooperation, generous forgiveness, and joyous self-giving to others.

The proper use of the time God gives us is intimately connected to His Divine Plan of Salvation. We must etch in the back of our mind the unalterable fact that there is absolutely nothing that can happen outside of that Plan or occurring without Him allowing it to take place. All the drivers and passengers who share the road with us when we happen to be traveling on a particular day and at a precise time, are always in number, time, and place exactly as in His divine script. The way people use or abuse their freedom, however, is what makes the difference with an outcome that can go from happy endings to unspeakable tragedies.

Here are some suggestions on how, always with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can make sure that all our travels have endings as happy as possible.

Absolutely nothing happens by chance: God knows all about our destination, time available, road problems, and unforeseeable incidents. Hence, if someone cuts us off; if someone provokes us; if someone drives recklessly; if someone slows us down or impedes us in any other way, we should remind ourselves that we do not stop being the Father's heavenly children when this happens. But, rather, that our heavenly Father is offering us an opportunity to exercise self-control rather than reacting poorly, to keep our hubris in check, to ignore it altogether or to interpret reflexive gestures from disorderly wayfarers benignly and, most importantly, to place our safety in His almighty hands by invoking divine intervention.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, we are reminded to pray always. This is the reason for sure that, as a child, my grandmother and my mother would set out on any trip only after reciting the prayer to the guardian angels

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for all those in the car. Subsequently, in the minor seminary, I learned the “*Sub tuum praesidium*” prayer of which the English version is:

*We fly to thy patronage,
O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

It is the most ancient Marian prayer known. It was taught by Egyptian monks in the third century!

As children of God and of the Blessed Mother, all our trips should begin with a prayer. For the duration of the trip our thoughts should always be not too far from the heavenly realm and, most assuredly, we must pray in earnest for whomever is endangering the safety of other travelers.

No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent. For God commands the angels to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:10-11

Fr. Dino Vanin, Pastor of San Francesco Church



From our CCD Coordinator

We are scheduled to start our 2021-2022 CCD Program **Tuesday, September 28 at 5:00pm**. Tuition is \$65 for the first child, \$30 for each additional child, with a Family Maximum Tuition of \$135.00. Tuition is due upon registration, (\$10 late fee will be imposed for any tuition not paid before October 31). Please keep in mind our fee is nominal, we charge as little as possible for this program. All classes are scheduled from **5:00-6:15 p.m.** We request and pray for your parental support. We only have a short amount of class time with your children, and we need you as parents to support us by helping with homework, making sure reading and workbook assignments are completed, and assisting with the memorization of your child's prayers.

PARENTS: Please make sure you complete a 2021-2022 registration form even if your child participated in last year's program. You as a parent can help your child be successful in completing our course and know what is expected. We sincerely encourage parental participation in this year's program and look forward to a great year with all of our CCD Family. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 586-242-1981, if I am not available simply leave a message and I will return your call. We welcome back all of our children. Thank you for your continued support, **Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator.**

MASS INTENTIONS:



September 1-Wednesday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Deanna Mayle

September 2-Thursday

Gino Paluzzi by family

September 3-Friday

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti

September 4-Saturday

For Mary Mother of God Prayer Group & Holy Souls

Special Intention Glenn Barger

Mary Hickey by William Hickey

6pm Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family

September 5-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon

10am Gino Del Pup by Cugini dal' Italia

10am Anna Villa by family

10am Francesco & Rosa Sarti by Pia & family

10am Lucia Strazzulla by family

12pm Enzo DeLeonardis by family

12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta & Mary Kolis by family

12pm Michele Santangelo by family

September 6-Monday

Gino Paluzzi by family

September 7-Tuesday

Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

Mary Mantovani by brother John

September 8-Wednesday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

Elio Bosca (birthday) by wife Lelia & family

Special Intentions-DiMichele family by DiMichele fam

James Daoust, Sr. by DiMichele family

September 9-Thursday

In honor of St. Rocco by Mary Mutti

Edward Leone by sister Dorothy

September 10-Friday

Catherine DeAngelo by Maria DiLorenzo

September 11-Saturday

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

6pm Salvatore Spadafora by wife Rosa

September 12-Sunday

8am Virginia Scarcelli by Glenn & Helen Callans

10am Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by family

10am Antonino Badalamenti by family

10am William & Dina Pietrandrea by grandchildren

10am Giuseppe & Ida Del Serrone by grandchildren

10am Giuseppe & Mario Maiuri by Teresa

10am John Blindu by Jim & Mary Ellen Graver

10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

10am Piera Danna by Nicolina Biondo

12pm Rose Mazzuchelli by family

12pm Frank & Elvira Bizzocchi by son & daughter

September 13-Monday

Special Intentions

September 14-Tuesday

Marco Soave

Diane Bosca-1 year anniversary by family

Special Intentions-DiMichele family by DiMichele fam

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family

September 15-Wednesday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosalia Kehrig

Special Intentions-DiMichele family by DiMichele fam

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

September 16-Thursday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

September 17-Friday

Marilyn Trainor by friends

September 18-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Guido Visone by daughter Lia

September 19-Sunday

8am Grace Izzi by family

8am Fortunato Valerio by family

8am Rita Normandeau by Ron & Michelle Marino

10am Osvaldo Berra by family

10am Armando Gennari by wife Savina

10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family

10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son

10am Maria Antonia Di Ponio by son Antonio & family

10am Angelo Flumian by wife Annie

10am Salvatore Biondo by Nicolina Biondo

10am Giusto Benvenuto by Nicolina Biondo

10am Caterina Benvenuto by Nicolina Biondo

10am Germano & Loris Costa by family

12pm Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family

12pm Maria Lombardi by The Assunta Society

September 20-Monday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

September 21-Tuesday

Filippo Leone by Maria & Angela DiLorenzo

September 22-Wednesday

Special Intentions

September 23-Thursday

Maria Fanelli by Maria Katona

Special Intentions-DiMichele family by DiMichele fam

September 24-Friday

Irene Rykala by Ludington-Dawson family

September 25-Saturday

Lucy Raciti by Geraldine Calderone

6pm Serafino Fanelli by Maria Katona

September 26-Sunday

8am Isa P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family

8am Albert Cataldi by family

10am Giovanni & Rosa Sciarrino by family

10am Mario Signorelli by wife & family

10am Armando Boschian by family

10am Luisa Fallone by family

10am Stefano Busignani by Pia & family

10am Mario Fortuna by sister-in-law Teresa

12pm Special Intention-Luke Juricic

12pm Mary Kolis by family

12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family

September 27-Monday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Deanna Mayle

Albert Cataldi by family

September 28-Tuesday

Marilyn Trainor by friends

Special Intention for Guido & Theresa Bulgarelli

September 29-Wednesday

Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Jones

Special Intentions for the Juricic family

Antonietta Biundo by family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

September 30-Thursday

Special Intentions

Dear Parishioners, in order to increase your love for the Eucharist, *that is the source and summit of Christian life*, Fr. Dino is urging you to read on the Home Page of our Website his article **"Together for Breaking the Bread"** or, at least, to go on the USCCB website to read "The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist." You can also Google "St. Tarcisius" and you will find many versions of his inspiring life and death.

COME JOIN OUR MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER

GROUP! WE MEET EVERY MONDAY @ 1:00PM. We have coffee and plenty of conversation in the church hall afterwards. All are welcome!



Lectors for September:

Sept. 05-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, A. Perugi

Sept. 12-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, N. Butros

Sept. 19-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantoni, S. Santilla

Sept. 26-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi

Saturday, 6pm-Sept 4-D. Brosky, **Sept 11**-J. Foglyano,

Sept. 18-D. Brosky, **Sept. 25**-J. Foglyano



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

LABOR DAY IS SEPTEMBER 6TH

Wishing all of you a safe, memorable day and best wishes to all the children for a great school year!



CATECHISM

Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator



We look forward to another successful school year!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



FEAST OF SAN FRANCESCO **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

A solemn celebration in honor of our Patron Saint in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of our parish will be held at **12pm** with a Mass, procession, and refreshments.

At **2:00pm** we will be hosting a concerto:

SAN FRANCESCO CHURCH in cooperation with BELLINI OPERA FOUNDATION presents REGINA DELLE ROSE

Songs of Faith & Devotion In Honor of
Our Lady of the Rosary performed by
Eva Evola, Dino Valle, & Matthew Fillion.

October 7th, 2021 A benefit dinner to aid the charitable work of the PIME Missionaries will be held at The San Marino Club in Troy. For information & tickets: pimeusa.org/serata or email: events @ pimeusa.org.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Niente rabbia per la strada

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Si sente spesso parlare di persone che guidano l'automobile in modo spericolato e così inconsiderato da mettere in pericolo l'incolumità propria e di tanti altri. È quasi impossibile che non sia mai capitato anche a noi di trovarci in situazioni del genere che ci hanno tentato di reagire in modo tutt'altro che cristiano.

L'origine, sia di chi guida male sia di chi reagisce, è sempre la stessa da che mondo è mondo, cioè dal peccato originale. È la superbia con cui siamo nati e cresciuti che ci sussurra così: "tu sei più importante degli altri; fa valere i tuoi diritti; non hai tempo da buttar via; non lasciar perdere; insegnagli una bella lezione" e così via...

La realtà è ben diversa: tutto sia nel bene, sia nel male si svolge dentro il Piano di Salvezza di Dio o, perlomeno, è da Egli permesso. In ogni momento tutti quelli che usano le strade con noi sono anch'essi nel piano del Padre. A differenza di noi, Egli sa esattamente, dove vogliono andare, quanto tempo hanno a disposizione, le condizioni delle strade e tutto il resto.

Pertanto, se uno ci tagliasse la strada; se uno ci provocasse; se uno guidasse male; se uno ci facesse rallentare o ci impedisse in altri modi, invece di reagire in maniera scorretta, dovremmo vedere in questo un'opportunità per esercitare autocontrollo e

pazienza, per gestire il nostro orgoglio, per ignorare o perlomeno per interpretare senza malizia gesti offensivi e, soprattutto, per metterci sempre nelle mani del Padre celeste.

Mia nonna e la mia mamma ci facevano recitare sempre *l'Angelo di Dio, che sei il mio custode...* prima di andare in macchina. In seguito, in seminario, ho imparato la più antica preghiera mariana che ci sia:

*Sub tuum praesidium confugimus,
Sancta Dei Genetrix. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias
in necessitatibus nostris, sed a periculis cunctis libera
nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.*

Sotto la tua protezione cerchiamo rifugio, santa Madre di Dio: non disprezzare le suppliche di noi che siamo nella prova, ma liberaci da ogni pericolo, o Vergine gloriosa e benedetta.

Preghiamo prima di partire. Durante il viaggio pensiamo spesso al cielo e qualora qualcuno ci provocasse, reagiamo solo in modo cristiano pregando per chi guida male affinché non succedano tragedie che sono perfettamente evitabili con un pizzico di pazienza, umiltà e buon senso.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME

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