

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.
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.



DECEMBER 2021

Merry Christmas, Buon Natale!

Hidden Beauty, Hidden Dignity

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

The ancient hymn “*Te Deum*” (God We Praise You) has many powerful statements giving us solid reasons for praising God. Arguably, the most powerful is one directed by the suppliant to the Lord Jesus: “*When you became man to set us free you did not spurn the Virgin’s womb.*”

Human beings are the only creatures made in God’s image, even though they are inferior to angels and all other pure spirits.

Around Christmas time, the thought of the Incarnation could provide an excellent opportunity to understand why God made us in His image and chose to assume human flesh with all its obvious imperfections. Accordingly, God is giving us a silent, yet “loud” reason for appreciating His infinite love for us from a new perspective. The Son of God took human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary to redeem us from slavery to sin and open the gates of eternal life for us. But I would like to share with you a “secondary reason” that, if properly embraced, can become a most powerful way to see hidden beauty and hidden dignity.

In all homes where there are very young children, the door of Mom’s fridge is decorated with “artwork,” which is priceless art only in her love-filled eyes. Visitors to the home might have a first reaction of quick dismissal of the infantile doodles. But, if Mom begins to tell the stories behind each one of those “masterpieces,” visitors might look at them through their eyes of love as well.

The gospels point out that Jesus, God in human flesh, taught us how to look at every human being with eyes of love. *Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, “I do will it. Be made clean.” And the leprosy left him immediately. Luke 5:13*

An ancient story narrates that, one day, looking at a leper with the eyes of love, Francis of Assisi overcame his abhorrence of lepers and kissed him. Similarly, St. Luigi Guanella inspired countless people to look at physically and mentally disabled children with eyes of love to restore their dignity. The list is long of those who looked at the deformed, the handicapped with eyes of love: St. Vincent

DePaul, St. Giuseppe Benedetto Cottolengo, and many, many others. St. Teresa of Calcutta, being the more recent one, taught us how to treat them as we would treat Jesus.

But there must be intense and constant cooperation with the Holy Spirit to conquer our innate uneasiness manifesting itself as repugnance, fear, annoyance, discomfort, abhorrence, or a combination of these feelings. Our faith should train us to resist having conventional ways of dealing with “normal” people and a “simulated” one whenever dealing with people who do not fit our standard of normalcy.

By training ourselves to treat all people, including the less than perfect ones, as we would treat Jesus, we avoid two pitfalls. Less-than-perfect people notice our uneasiness right away. It could manifest itself as condescendence and/or as clumsy attempts to help them as if they were totally helpless, so we can ease our discomfort by telling ourselves that we have been nice to them... But we would deprive them of the opportunity to show us how skillful and proficient they have become in overcoming their disabilities and in coping. We should, instead, engage them as we would a normal person, and make necessary adjustments only when strictly necessary.

The other pitfall would be not realizing that they, too, need concrete ways to be shown physical affection. Actually, if we stopped worrying about how to deal with them, we would realize that they need physical warmth more than others.

With their dignity acknowledged and their acquired dexterity evidenced, they will reward us in surprising ways and will enrich our humanness.

Sadly, Jesus’ lesson of treating everyone with the dignity prompted by being created in God’s image is ignored by many due to innate self-centeredness; that is due to human frailty. But the proponents of the “culture of death” are displaying a progressive dehumanization of larger and larger segments of humanity and condemning them to elimination. Children still in the womb form the first segment that can be legally eliminated because they are “inconvenient,” too expensive to raise, of the wrong sex, less-than-perfect, and for any other reason. Besides the terminally ill, the culture of death has also targeted the “useless,” the too-costly-to-treat, the aged, and so on.

Yet, horrific as this culture of death already is, there are ominous signs of an Orwellian future befalling us. We saw them already when whole groups of doctors were

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silenced because the treatments they proposed were disapproved by the powers that be. Likewise, some pharmacies still refuse to fill legitimate but "censured" prescriptions. Clearly, people whose stances and mindsets are condemned by totalitarianism have at the very least, their lives made miserable and barely livable...

Christmas gives us pause to appreciate the astounding fact that God did not spurn the Virgin's womb and bestowed much dignity on all human beings. We should feel moved by God's humility and pledge that we will treat everyone with the utmost respect and consideration while, at the same time, doing all we can to stem the destruction brought about by the culture of death; all of this mindful that, if we refuse to be constantly and fully engaged in this effort, we might be the next marked for elimination.

In humble service of the Lord Jesus, our God in human flesh,
Fr. Dino Vanin, Pastor-San Francesco Church

MASS INTENTIONS:

December 1-Wednesday ❄️

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Deanna Mayle

December 2-Thursday

Josephine Leone by Maria & Angela DiLorenzo
Antonio & Assunta Crocenzi by daughter Lorraine

December 3-Friday

Spiritual well being for Bianca Mutti
Special Intention for Donald & Mary Byrge

December 4-Saturday ❄️

6pm Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family
6pm Sarah DeVuono by niece Maria Provencher & family

December 5-Sunday

8am Angelina Slongo by family
8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
10am Vilma Farquhar by family
10am Vito & Domenica Manzella by Rosa Manzella
10am Vincenzo & Concetta Armetta by Rosa Manzella
10am Deceased members of Sarti & Fenti families
10am Karen Busignani by Pia & family
10am Battista Agazzi by Florindo & Giovanna
12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family
12pm Mary Kolis by family
12pm Michele Santangelo by family
12pm Rosa Alu by daughter Carmela
12pm Dec mem of Najib Bahura family by C & N Butros
12pm Joseph H. Cianciolo by Barb Motala
12pm Joseph & Roger Bernabo by family
12pm Celestina Mediati by family

December 6-Monday ❄️

Michael Mertz by daughter Kelly Misuraca

December 7-Tuesday

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

December 8-Wednesday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa
Special Intention for the Juricic children
Vincenzo Sperduti by Maria Katona
Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of DiMichele family by DiMichele fam
Carmela Maiorano by family
7pm Holy Mass for Immaculate Conception

December 9-Thursday

Marion Bontorin by Cordenons Club
Special Intention James Cianciolo & family by B. Motala

December 10-Friday ❄️

Gertrude Paupert by Paupert family
Special Intentions of DiMichele family by DiMichele fam
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

December 11-Saturday

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Virginia Torre by John Mantovani
Carmella Marullo by John Mantovani
6pm Lauren Palazzolo by Clyde & Nancy Butros

December 12-Sunday ❄️

8am Leonard Zatelli by wife Marlene
8am Pearl & John Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino
10am Luisa & Alessio Fallone by family
10am Antonino Badalamenti by family
10am Carlo Chiodini by Eufemia Berra
10am Giovanni & Rosa Sciarrino by family
10am Antonio Moraccini by wife & family
10am Rocco Ruggirello by Teria DeLorenzo
12pm Societa SS. Crocifisso di Montelepre-Club Mass
12pm Giuseppe & Lucia Pinelli by Sam & Alice Pinelli
12pm Antonia & Lorenzo Cracolici by granddaughter Maria
12pm Rose Mazzuchelli by family
12pm Andrea & Rosa D'Angelo by daughter Maria
12pm Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Olog Cenacles
12pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Cenacle fams by Barb Motala
12pm Spec Intent Sebastiano & Felicita Previti by M/M Previti

December 13-Monday

Special Intention Robert & Leigh Smigielski by Margaret

December 14-Tuesday

Josephine Leone by Maria & Angela DiLorenzo

December 15-Wednesday ❄️

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosalia Kehrig
Gloria & Grace Savati by Philomena Bernabo

December 16-Thursday

Giuseppe & Savina Righi by daughter-in-law Lorraine
Special Intention Andrew Obelnicki by Margaret Smigielski

December 17-Friday

Kathleen Garbo by Dino D'Andrea
In honor of St. Lucy by Anna Bertolini

December 18-Saturday ❄️

Primo Righi by wife Lorraine
6pm Giovanni Audia by wife Maria & family

December 19-Sunday ❄️

8am Josephine Badalamenti by family
8am Fortunato Valerio by family
8am Albert & Lucille Cataldi by family
8am Otto & Rosemarie DeMaria by family
10am John & Bambina Berra by family
10am Emma Martinelli Langan by family
10am Giuseppe Riggi by wife & children
10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe
10am John Blindu by Claire Guglielmo
10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family
10am Giuseppe Liano by family
12pm Virginia Sawyer by Deanna Mayle
12pm Frank & Elvira Bizzocchi by son & daughter
12pm Maria Lombardi by the Assunta Society
12pm Deceased members of Meeka Maloo by C & N Butros
12pm Marco & Tina Caponi by Aileen Ciavatta
12pm Raimondo Ciavatta by Aileen



Our Lectors for December:



Dec. 05-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros
Dec. 12-P. Graebert, V. Amaro, S. Santilla
Dec. 19-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi
Dec.24-6pm Vigil Mass-J. Foglyano
Midnight Mass-J. Nowc
Dec. 25-P.Graebert, V. Amaro, S. Santilla
Dec. 26-J. Nowc, T. Silverio, N. Butros
Saturday, 6pm Dec. 4-D. Brosky, **Dec. 11-**J. Foglyano
Dec. 18-D. Brosky

December 20-Monday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

December 21-Tuesday

Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Deanna Mayle

December 22-Wednesday

Special Intention Fr. Dino by Deanna Mayle

December 23-Thursday

Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family
Giustino Marullo by John Mantovani
Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Jones
Michael Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones

December 24-Friday (Christmas Eve)

8am Living & deceased members of Zito family
8am Charles & Theresa MacDonald by son Mike
6pm Francesco & Maria DiCicco by family
6pm John & Pearl Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino
6pm Marcel & Rita Normandeau by Ron & Michelle Marino
6pm Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
6pm Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family
6pm Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
6pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Joe & Maria
6pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini
6pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini
6pm Virgilio & Maria Candida Ferrera by Maria Sabatini
MIDNIGHT MASS FOR ALL-Refreshments afterwards

December 25-Saturday (Christmas Day) ❄️

8am Giuseppe Mazella by Gaetana & family
8am Anthony Valerio by wife Victoria
8am Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family
8am Mary Kolis by family
8am Louisa Barera by William Hickey
10am Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by family
10am Albino Martinelli-35th anniversary by family
10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family
10am Mario Signorelli by wife & family
12pm Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace
12pm Gregory Butros by Clyde & Nancy Butros

December 26-Sunday

8am Louise Dimon by Blanche Vettrano
8am Christopher Zito by Rosa Traskal
8am James & Joanne Nowc by family
10am Francesco & Elvira Di Cicco by family
10am Germano & Loris Costa by family
10am Giuseppe & Maria Lucido by Paolo & Angie Milana
12pm Special Intentions for the Juricic family
12pm Angela & Tommaso Dilorenzo by Maria DiLorenzo
12pm Frank Arnone by Maria DiLorenzo
12pm Rosa & Jack Alu by daughter Carmela

December 27-Monday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

December 28-Tuesday ❄️

Deceased members of J. Bosca family by Lelia Bosca
Deceased members of A. Gallerani family by Lelia Bosca

December 29-Wednesday

Antonietta Biundo by family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

December 30-Thursday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Deanna Mayle

December 31-Friday (New Year's Eve)

Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family



CCD PROJECT



San Francisco Catechism Students are currently collecting for mothers in need who "Choose Life". Due to Covid they will only be accepting gift cards and/or monetary donations. Gift cards can be purchased from any establishment where children's clothing, formula, diapers, etc. are sold. Simply place your monetary donation or gift card in an envelope clearly marked "Mothers in Need" and give to Father Dino (please do not place in the collection basket). We thank you in advance for your generosity. I would like to send a sincere thank you to all who so generously donated to our 2021 Food Drive. We would like to send out a special thank you to the San Rocco Society and San Francesco Altar Society, you never forget us. We have many kind and generous people who support our programs at San Francesco Parish. Many individuals who truly remember their Corporal Works of Mercy, individuals who never let us down, may Jesus send you all many Blessings. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with health and happiness.

Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator

San Francesco News:



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 8th

THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

Masses @ 8am & 7pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24th, Friday-Christmas Eve:

6:00pm Vigil Mass-Fr. Bruno Piccolo, PIME

Midnight Mass: Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME

doors open at 11pm. After midnight Mass everyone is invited into the hall for refreshments and to exchange Christmas greetings.

December 25th, Saturday-Christmas Day

-Regular Sunday Mass Times: 8am, 10am (Italian)

-Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME & 12pm.

December 26th-Sunday

The Holy Family of Nazareth

December 31st-New Year's Eve

Holy Mass @ 8am ONLY

January 1st-Saturday-New Years Day

This is not a Holy day of obligation

Regular Mass Times: 8am & 6pm

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*May Jesus Christ bring love and
peace to you at Christmas and
bless you the year through.*

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Il Santo Natale ci ricorda l'umiltà di Dio che, nel suo amore infinito, scelse di assumere la nostra natura umana nel seno della Vergine Maria SS. Dio non scelse di essere in mezzo a noi come angelo, ma come uomo. In questo modo Gesù, la Seconda Persona della SS. Trinità dà a ogni persona umana una dignità superiore a quella degli angeli.

I santi, soprattutto San Francesco d'Assisi, San Vincenzo de Paoli, San Giuseppe Benedetto Cottolengo, San Luigi Guanella, e la più vicina a noi, Santa Teresa di Calcutta, dimostrarono la loro riconoscenza a Dio venendo incontro alle persone più deboli, più fragili e più bisognose di cure e attenzioni, come disabili, andicappati e "i rifiuti" della società; e prestarono loro le più premurose attenzioni come se fossero Gesù stesso.

Il loro esempio non è facile da imitare. A differenza dei Santi, trattando con persone che sono disabili o andicappati possiamo trovare ribrezzo, disagio, o paura, oppure un miscuglio di vari sentimenti che, comunque, ci imbarazzano.

La nostra fede ci chiama a essere sempre pronti a trattare con queste persone con occhi d'amore, convinti di trattare con Gesù stesso. Iniziamo, pertanto, a conversare e trattare con loro come se fossero persone senza handicap, rispettando con sincerità di cuore la loro dignità. Dobbiamo dar loro la possibilità di dimostrare come siano riusciti a compensare per i loro handicap. In questo modo riconosciamo i loro progressi e i loro sforzi.

Quello che non deve mai mancare sia la nostra disponibilità a effusioni di calore umano come abbracci, carezze e parole dolci. Essi hanno bisogno di queste effusioni di calore umano più di chi si ritiene "normale." In loro troveremo, ogni volta, Gesù. **P. Dino Vanin, PIME**

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Christmas is a time for sharing and giving. We thank God for giving us His Son, Jesus. In this bulletin you will find an envelope. We ask you to help us in our Pastoral and Missionary work. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Thank you to the members of our Parish Council

who tirelessly give their time to help with our church. We truly appreciate their devotion and efforts to benefit the parish. **May God Bless You All.**



With sincere appreciation and gratitude, to all the **Ushers, Lectors, Servers,** and to **the people who help clean,** for your time & dedication to our Church and in serving our parishioners.

Tax Receipts

If you would like a tax receipt for your donations you have made throughout the year, you must sign up in the church hall with complete name, address and phone number.

Thank You.

Saturday December 18 @ San Francesco Church

Forum on curbing the devastation caused by pornography Recommended for teens & parents.

12:30pm **Forum on pornography**-practical suggestions for parents & couples.

2:00pm **Adoration** and availability of Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00pm **Eucharistic Benediction**