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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.



April, 2022

Conflicts Between Two Kingdoms

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,
An insightful believer once said that the devil's greatest success has been his ability to convince gullible people that he does not exist. This false assumption allows him to wreak havoc on people's minds and hearts undisturbed. And here is irrefutable evidence of his stealthy success: an ever-growing number of people, who claim to belong to the Kingdom of God, have been desensitized to sin; consequently, they do not feel the need to repent, i.e., to have a fundamental re-orientation of mind to look at life and the world through the eyes of Jesus, as he so insistently urges (cf. Mark 1:15). Logically, then, they can go for years without feeling the need to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

From Jesus' perspective, their tepid condition is deadlier than if they were completely in Satan's camp. *"I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."* **Revelation 3:15-16**

St. Paul, who personally knew about the devil's tactics, alerts us about the struggles in which we are automatically engaged if we truly belong to the Kingdom established by Jesus: *"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 6:12**

The contrast between the two Kingdoms is expressed in the New Testament in colorful ways that are all self-evident from our daily experience: Kingdom of light vs kingdom of darkness; the Kingdom sanctified by the Spirit vs the kingdom ruled by the flesh; the Kingdom of Heaven vs the kingdom of Beelzebub; trees bearing good fruit and trees bearing rotten fruit; etc. *Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,* **Galatians 5:19-22**

Despite what we might imagine from movies and narratives about demonic possessions, most of Satan's activities are conducted furtively. He might sound quite empathetic with the condition in which we find ourselves and suggest ways for us to ease the pressure we feel inside. Other times he might lead us into a way of reasoning that seems logical and sensible. Then, once we fall into his trap, he has two available options: he can minimize the guilt relative to our sin or depict our sin as being so hideous that we would either despair of God's mercy or feel embarrassed to confess it. Mostly with the scrupulous or the very sensitive, he adopts the method of inner turmoil to create so much restlessness and confusion that spiritual paralysis ensues or rushed, hap hazardous decisions are made.

But his most successful and, therefore, most insidious method is that of keeping the condition of our heart stagnant and still. Thus, he would lead us to avoid being challenged by frequent exposure to God's Word; to stop examining our conscience; to refrain from serious and honest introspection of the recesses of our heart, and to close our spiritual ears to the gentle inspirations of the Holy Spirit. This sneaky method is well illustrated by the famous story of the frog slowly boiled to death...

It should be abundantly clear that, while ruling supreme in his kingdom, Satan loves "to soul poach" into God's Kingdom. He relishes spoiling the fruit of the Spirit in those in Jesus' camp and turning them into *works of the flesh*.

In Galatians 6:2, there is a powerful depiction of how heavenly-beautiful living conditions can be in God's Kingdom: *Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.* Imagine joyously competing to help each other bear the burdens of life! And here is how the picture can be completed: *Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger, and do not leave room for the devil.* **Ephesians 4:25-27**

However, this idyllic picture cannot guarantee that the devil will not "soul-poach" on a grand scale. For example: proud of their open-mindedness, the Christian community of Corinth allowed a man to shack up with his father's wife, infringing a universal taboo. St. Paul scolded them and ordered the ex-communication of the incestuous man: *"you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction*

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of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.” **Corinthians 5: 5.** Outside the Community of faith through ex-communication, the man found himself in Satan’s reign, but only for a time so that, through physical afflictions, he would mend his ways and reach salvation.

By reading the Bible and, especially, by focusing on the ongoing battle between the Lord Jesus and Satan, we should conclude that, while Jesus has ransomed us through His precious blood (cf. 1 Peter 1:19) and we are the Father’s adopted children, we must be always watchful of Satan’s attacks. The weapons of choice are the same ageless ones used by Jesus’ wise and prudent disciples: God’s Word and availing ourselves of the generous offers of His grace through the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Dino Vanin, your Pastor



LITURGIES

PALM SUNDAY, April 9-10th

Distribution of blessed palms at every Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, April 14th

**7:00pm: Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight**

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15th

**1:00pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion & Death
Holy Communion, The Way of the Cross**

HOLY SATURDAY, April 16th

Easter Vigil Mass- 7:30pm



EASTER SUNDAY, April 17th

Masses: 8:00am 10:00am (Italian) 12:00 Noon

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 24th

Masses: 8:00am 10:00am (Italian) 12:00 Noon

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL~BUONA PASQUA!



CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION-April 9th

11:00am Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby,
Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit/South Regional Moderator.
All Confirmandi should be in church no later than 10am.
Congratulations to all our students and their families
on this special day.



MASS INTENTIONS:

April 1-Friday

Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti
Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family

April 2-Saturday

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
Mary Hickey by William Hickey

6pm John MacDonald by Faith Allen

April 3-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am John Hurley by Tom & Rose Daniel
8am Salvatore Loria by Tom & Rose Daniel
8am Bill Schaufler by Tom & Rose Daniel
10am Arcangela Puzzuoli by Boschian family
10am Pompeo & Carmela Russo by grandchildren
10am Ottavio Zicarelli by Sabetti family
10am Enrico DiPonio by Antonio DiPonio & family
12pm Rosa Luparello by Maria DiLorenzo

April 4-Monday

Special Intentions

April 5-Tuesday

Maria & Vincenzo Buccinna by family

April 6-Wednesday

Carlo Pasquali by Nonna

April 7-Thursday

Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family
Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family
Albert & Lucille Cataldi by family

April 8-Friday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
Mike Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones
Armando Gennari by wife Savina
Simona Santi by Savina Gennari
Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa
Albert Cataldi by family

April 9-Saturday

Domenic Maiani by wife Nora
11am-CONFIRMATION-Bishop Gerard Battersby
6pm Lauren Palazzolo by Addis family
6pm Maria Gerardi by niece

April 10-Palm Sunday

8am Pearl & John Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino
8am Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family
8am Albert & Lucille Cataldi by family
10am Daniele Sabetti by wife Giovanna & children
10am Rosaria Pisani by family
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family
10am Antonino Badalamenti by family
10am Assunta (Sue) Cantarella by daughter Marina/fam
10am Maria Colasanti by family
10am Michele DiCicco by Lisa Polsinelli
10am Giuseppe Casarubea by Lisa Polsinelli
12pm Gregory Butros by Clyde & Nancy Butros
12pm Mary Milana by Paolo & Angie Milana
12pm Leonarda Coppola-Milana by Paolo & Angie
12pm Special Intention for Fr. Dino by Aileen Ciavatta
12pm Marco & Tina Caponi by niece
12pm Raimondo Ciavatta by daughter

April 11-Monday

Special Intention for Mary Ackerman
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

April 12-Tuesday

Amelia Civello by A. Miriani

April 13-Wednesday

Rose Mazzuchelli-2nd Anniversary by family
Primo Righi by wife Lorraine

April 14-HOLY THURSDAY-7pm Holy Mass

A. Perugi

April 15-GOOD FRIDAY-1:00pm Liturgies

A. Perugi & J. Pettyes

April 16-HOLY SATURDAY-7:30pm Vigil Mass

J. Foglyano & A. Perugi

April 17-Easter Sunday

8am Albert & Grace Izzi by family
8am John Agostini by wife Olivia & family
8am Gerald Agostini by mother Olivia & family
8am Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family
8am Mary Kolis by family
8am Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace
10am Carmela Maiorano by family
10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family
10am Antonio Moraccini by wife Anna Maria
10am Antonina Biondo by Nicolina Biondo
12pm Rose Mazzuchelli by family
12pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe
12pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by daughter Maria
12pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria
12pm Virgilio & MariaCandida Ferrera by Maria
12pm Frank Arnone by Maria DiLorenzo
12pm Rosa Giannola by siser-in-law Maria DiLorenzo

April 18-Monday

Paolo & Columba Maiani by Nora Maiani

April 19-Tuesday

Fortunato Valerio by family

April 20-Wednesday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

April 21-Thursday

John Agostini-Anniversary by wife Olivia & family

April 22-Friday

Antonio & Assunta Crocenzi by Lorraine Righi

April 23-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm John MacDonald by Faith Allen

6pm Agostino Spadafora by Rosa Spadafora

April 24-Sunday (Divine Mercy)

8am Carolina Visone by daughter Lia
8am Charles & Theresa MacDonald by family
8am Danny Connolly by Rose & Tom Daniel
8am Rose Ann Andary by Rose & Tom Daniel
8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family
8am Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family
10am Giovanni Sugameli by brothers Andy & Joe
10am Antonina Biondo by Sugameli family
10am Salvatore Biondo by Nicolina Biondo
10am Rosalia Caterinichia by Nicolina Biondo
10am Rosaria Pizzo by Nicolina Biondo
10am Anna DeCarolus by Casali family
10am Umberto & Maddalena Liano by Clelia & family
10am Carmela Liano by Clelia & family
12pm George Maggiorino by Jim & Ruth Di Donato

April 25-Monday

Lucille Cataldi by family

April 26-Tuesday

Giuseppe & Savina Righi by Lorraine Righi

April 27-Wednesday

Antonio & Assunta Crocenzi by Nora Maiani

April 28-Thursday

Special Intention for Mary Ackerman

April 29-Friday

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

April 30-Saturday

John Hickey by William Hickey
6pm A & E Gallerani & sons by Lelia Bosca



LECTORS:

April 03-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantonio, A. Perugi

April 10-PALM SUNDAY

8am P. Graebert & J. Nowc
10am T. Silverio & M. Sugameli
12pm N. Butros & S. Santilla

April 17-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, S. Santilla

April 24-P. Graebert, V. Amaro, A. Perugi

Saturday, 6:00pm

Apr. 02-J. Foglyano, **Apr. 9**-D. Brosky & A. Perugi

Apr. 23-D. Brosky

Apr. 30-J. Foglyano



DATES TO REMEMBER:



Adoration

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

April 9th – CONFIRMATION 11:00am

**April 10th – ORPHANS CLUB PANCAKE
BREAKFAST-AFTER ALL HOLY MASSES**

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk, and orange juice will be served. Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00
Everyone is welcome!



April 17th – EASTER SUNDAY

Wishing you the newness of life brought about by the Resurrection of Christ Jesus.



Events:

May 1st First Holy Communion **12:00pm Holy Mass**

Please remember you must register every year for catechism classes even if your child has attended the previous year.

Reminder: Bible study continues with Fr. Daniele Criscione

April 21st-Jacob & Leha, Rachel, Bilhah, & Zilpah.

May 19th-Judas & Tamar. Come join our journey through the Bible, everyone is welcome!

EASTER ENVELOPES

Deepest thanks to you for your kindness and generosity at this time. May we also take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in our parish work and for all the generous donations that are sent in the mail or put in the Sunday collections throughout the year.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Due Regni in Conflitto Serrato

Carissimi parroccchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Chi parla più del demonio e del male che semina per il mondo? Tanti anni fa sentii dire da una persona accorta che il successo maggiore raggiunto dal diavolo è che ha convinto tanti che non esiste e, pertanto, può lavorare indisturbato a distruggere anime e cuori. Questo è purtroppo vero soprattutto se si pensa come anche cattolici molto impegnati si siano desensibilizzati al peccato e non sentano più il bisogno di provare la gioia del perdono per le loro colpe che solo Dio può dare. Stanno tranquillamente lontani dal Sacramento della Penitenza per anni e anni!

Come vi accennai in precedenti articoli, solo in rari casi il demonio entra in modo violento e drammatico in persone e prende pieno possesso di loro. Chiamiamo tali sfortunati "indemoniati." In maggior parte dei casi, il demonio ci lusinga con promesse e con ragionamenti insidiosi che sembrano equilibrati; ma, una volta cascati nel suo tranello, il demonio o ci fa minimizzare il peccato o ce lo presenta così enorme da diventare troppo imbarazzati per confessarlo. Il suo metodo preferito, però, è quello di mantenerci nella tiepidezza, senza slanci di fervore e senza rimpianto sincero per le nostre colpe. Fa di tutto per affievolire il nostro amore per Gesù. L'essere né calda né fredda è la condizione peggiore per l'anima nostra (vedi Apocalisse 3:15-16)

Da sempre, la S. Chiesa offre ai fedeli le armi più adatte a sconfiggere il demonio. Sono le stesse armi usate da Gesù, quelle di nutrirci assiduamente delle sue parole di vita nella Sacra Scrittura, essere docili alle ispirazioni dello Spirito Santo e acquistare l'attitudine di Gesù Cristo (vedi Filippesi 2:5) di ritenere gli altri migliori di noi stessi e di anteporre il loro interesse al nostro.

Usiamo queste armi per restare saldi nel Regno di Cristo, Regno di verità, vita, santità, grazia, giustizia, amore e pace.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME



SPECIAL THANKS

TO ALL OF OUR LECTORS, SERVERS, USHERS, THE VOLUNTEERS WHO TAKE CARE OF THE FLOWERS & DECORATIONS, & CLEANING ASSISTANTS WHO SELFLESSLY DEDICATE THEIR TIME TO SERVE OUR CHURCH, YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED AND ALWAYS REMEMBERED.

Browse our website: sanfrancescochurch.org for Fr. Dino's homilies, the monthly bulletin and updated info.



Prayer Group-Every Monday @ 1:00pm

Refreshments & conversation afterwards in the church hall. Everyone is welcome, join us!