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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.

June, 2022

Is God Blatantly Unfair?

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

First-time readers of the Bible come quickly to the realization that God's interventions in human affairs leave a lot to be desired and raise plenty of eyebrows. Three cases will suffice to leave us puzzled about God's *modus operandi*: **Jacob** (Genesis 25:19-50:7); **King David** (1 Samuel 16:4- 31:13; all of 2 Samuel and 1 Kings 1:1- 2:11) and **Simon Peter** (all four gospels and the Acts of the Apostles).

The Book of the prophet Malachi (1:3-5) and Romans 9:12-13 reminds us plainly how God chose Jacob over Esau although, taking after his mother Rebecca, Jacob was conniving and shamelessly crafty.

The Lord favored King David although, for a while, he was the leader of a band of outlaws making a living by bullishly extorting farmers in exchange for protection. He had a lot of blood on his hands; imposed his will on a married woman (Bathsheba); tried to cover up his adultery and planned the death of her husband, Uriah; instead of relying on God's protection, he allowed success to go to his head and took the census of Israel to see how many soldiers he could count on...

Jesus chose Simon Peter to be the Rock (Petra, Cephas) on which he would have built his Church even though he was unrealistically overconfident with a penchant for sticking his foot in his mouth and, we all remember, how he denied knowing Jesus three times.

These three cases, among countless others, prove God's absolute and unchallengeable sovereignty and unalterable will. They also indicate the right way for us to tap into God's infinite mercy by extolling his divine majesty in humility and sincerity of heart.

St. Paul offers us a masterful description of God's sovereign will, which could appear to us as unfair.

"And not only that, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one husband, our father Isaac-- ¹¹ before they had yet been born or had done anything, good or bad, in order that God's elective plan might continue, ¹² not by works but by his call-- she was told, "The older shall serve the younger." ¹³ As it is written: "I loved Jacob but hated Esau." ¹⁴ What then are we to say? Is there injustice on the part of God? Of course not! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses: "I will show mercy to

whom I will, I will take pity on whom I will." ¹⁶ So it depends not upon a person's will or exertion, but upon God, who shows mercy. ¹⁷ For the scripture says to Pharaoh, "This is why I have raised you up, to show my power through you that my name may be proclaimed throughout the earth."

¹⁸ Consequently, he has mercy upon whom he wills, and he hardens whom he wills. ¹⁹ You will say to me then, "Why (then) does he still find fault? For who can oppose his will?"

*²⁰ But who indeed are you, a human being, to talk back to God? Will what is made say to its maker, "Why have you created me so?" ²¹ Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for a noble purpose and another for an ignoble one? ²² What if God, wishing to show his wrath and make known his power, has endured with much patience the vessels of wrath made for destruction? ²³ This was to make known the riches of his glory to the vessels of mercy, which he has prepared previously for glory, ²⁴ namely, us whom he has called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles." **Romans 9:10-24***

At the end of this shocking exposition, the Holy Spirit leads us to realize that our puzzlement has to be attributed to our innate sense of self-righteousness. Jacob, David, Peter, and, with the exception of the Immaculate Conception, all other human beings have broken God's Law: *"All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God."* **Romans 3:23**

Those who refuse to own up to their sins are robbing God of His majesty because they refuse to admit that they have disobeyed His Law. The self-righteous usurp God's glory also by elevating themselves above other sinners as if they did not need His mercy. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector praying in the Temple (Luke 18:9-14), shows that God alone has the right to extoll and humble any of His creatures.

The Holy Spirit teaches us to imitate Jacob, King David, Simon Peter, Paul, and countless others in embracing the dark side of our human nature, own up to all our sins, and refrain from placing ourselves above anyone else.

Failing to do so, we might deceive ourselves into thinking that, if we have not committed very serious sins, we need not experience God's mercy firsthand and be grateful for the blood of God's only Son to wash away our sins. In reality, given the infinitude of God's majesty, even the smallest sin is a terrible affront to His sovereignty. Furthermore, we have the standing order to love each other the way Jesus loved us from the cross

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(John 13:34). So, a good practice that would keep us humble and, therefore, completely receptive to God's mercy and grace would be to ask ourselves every night before retiring: "What good have I done today in the power of the Holy Spirit? How well have I capitalized on the grace that the Holy Spirit has showered upon me through the day which is about to end?"

The infinite value of the blood of Christ Jesus and our smallest venial sin are enough to disqualify us from ever questioning God's ways and lead us to live out with confidence and trust the tax collector's humble prayer: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Luke 18:13.

Fr. Dino Vanin, your Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:



June 1-Wednesday

Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family

June 2-Thursday

Aldo Terenzi by wife Tina

June 3-Friday

Armando Gennari by wife Savina
Giuseppe & Luigina Santi by Savina Gennari
Giuseppe Gennari by Savina Gennari
Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti

June 4-Saturday

Spec Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
Joe Vettraino by wife Blanche

6pm Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family

6pm Salvatore Spadafora by family

June 5-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Bill Commisso by Sharon Ruggioli
8am Special Intentions by P. Vermander
10am Michael Iannuzzi by Laura & family
10am Special Intentions for the Burrell family
10am Anna Villa by family
10am Max Campbell by Blindu family
10am Maria Sarti by Pia Busignani
12pm Marco & Tina Caponi by Niece
12pm Milagros Sunga by family

June 6-Monday

Milagros Sunga by family

June 7-Tuesday

Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family
Milagros Sunga by family

June 8-Wednesday

Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa
Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
Milagros Sunga by family

June 9-Thursday

Milagros Sunga by family

June 10-Friday

Milagros Sunga by family

June 11-Saturday

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
6pm Milagros Sunga by family
6pm Guido Visone by family
6pm Lauren Palazzolo by Tom Addis

June 12-Sunday-(St. Anthony Celebrated)

8am Charles & Theresa MacDonald by family

8am In honor of St. Anthony by Mrs. Riggi

10am Rocco Ruggirello by family

10am Albino Martinelli by family

10am John Carlo Busignani by wife Pia & family

10am In honor of St. Anthony by Antonio DiPonio

12pm Milagros Sunga by family

12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family

12pm Mary Kolis by family

12pm Natale & Vincenza Cusenza by Paolo/Angie Milana

12pm Deceased members of Kattula family by C/N Butros

12pm Michele & Benedetta Sorrentino by daughter

June 13-Monday

In honor of St. Anthony by Maria Bertolini

Milagros Sunga by family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Maria Luisa Ellero by DiMichele family

Lauren Palazzolo by DiMichele family

June 14-Tuesday

Leslie Warden by Laura & family

June 15-Wednesday

People of Ukraine

Protection of the Unborn

June 16-Thursday

Special Intentions

June 17-Friday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family

June 18-Saturday

Antoinette Lane by William Hickey

6pm Spec Intentions for Brosky/Soulliere fams by Maria B

6pm John MacDonald by Faith Allen

June 19-Sunday (Father's Day)

8am Charles & Theresa MacDonald by son Mike

8am James Nowc, Sr. by family

10am Giuseppe Riggi by family

10am Giovanni Audia by Maria & family

10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

10am Giuseppe & Maria Gonino by Ida Zicarelli family

10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family

10am Antonio & Emilia Zicarelli by family

10am Antonino & Salvatore Badalamenti by family

10am Fausto DeCarolis by cousin

10am Mario Signorelli by wife & family

10am Salvatore Biondo by Nicolina Biondo

10am In honor of San Vito by Domenico Ruggirello

12pm Frank & Elvira Bizzocchi by son & daughter

12pm Giuseppe Pinelli by Sam & Alice Pinelli

12pm Raimondo Ciavatta by wife

12pm Giuseppe Liano-1 year anniversary by family

June 20-Monday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

Special Intentions for the Donors of Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Giulia Borrelli by family

June 21-Tuesday

Tony Valerio by wife Victoria

June 22-Wednesday

Special Intentions

June 23-Thursday

Special Intentions

June 24-Friday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family
Eric Peters by DiMichele family

June 25-Saturday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
James R. Daoust, Sr. by DiMichele family
Mike Clark by DiMichele family
6pm Victor Kunarski by wife Lia

June 26-Sunday

8am Special Intentions
10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family
10am Marino Pandori by son Luigi
10am Germano & Loris Costa by family
12pm Societa` SS. Crocifisso di Montelepre Club Mass
12pm Guglielmo Commisso by Claire Guglielmo
12pm Joseph Paul Zimmermann by family
12pm Lionel Barger, Jr. by Arlette
10am Antonina Biondo by Sugameli family
12pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini
12pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini
12pm Domenico & Domenica Ianucci by Maria Sabatini
12pm Special Intention for Fr. Dino by Aileen Ciavatta
12pm Raimondo Ciavatta by daughter

June 27-Monday

Special Intentions

June 28-Tuesday

Special Intentions

June 29-Wednesday

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

June 30-Thursday

Jay Ludington by Ludington-Dawson family



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

June 12-P. Graebert, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros

June 19-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, S. Santilla

June 26-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi

Saturday, 6pm

June 4-D. Brosky, **June 11**-J. Foglyano

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

CATECHISM NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all the Catechism Teachers and Assistants who volunteer their time to our CCD program. I sincerely thank each one of you and appreciate the time you give to such an important program. Thank you to the parents and students for all of your hard work and commitment and also I would like to remind parents even though it is summer and there are many wonderful fun activities it is very important for you as a family to attend Mass. Please come together on the weekend for Mass, worship, pray together, help your children practice their faith. You will be setting traditions and examples that will follow your children for a lifetime!

Ann Burrell, CCD coordinator



First Holy Communion May 1, 2022
Congratulations to Alivia Barracco and her family on this special day.



San Francesco News:

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

June is the month of the Sacred Heart, which reminds us of the love Jesus has for us.



SUNDAY, JUNE 12th-ST. ANTHONY CELEBRATION

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony is the Saint whom so many faithful traditionally invoke in order to find important objects that have been lost. Countless miracles have been attributed to his powerful intercession. We shall honor this great and popular Saint with our traditional distribution of blessed bread after every Holy Mass on the weekend of June 11th & 12th. The bread is provided by Mr. Antonio DiPonio whom we thank sincerely for his generosity.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th

FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST.

Procession with Blessed Sacrament after the 12pm Mass. All Clubs and Associations are invited and encouraged to participate with their banners.



Happy Father's Day!

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th
Enjoy your day!

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets every Monday @ 1:00pm. Join us! All are welcome!

The San Francesco Parish Council would like to thank Nalina Farina and all friends who participated in the **Spaghetti Dinner May 3rd**. Your kindness and hard work was sincerely appreciated. This dinner was truly a great success! Thank you Nalina and all who helped and attended for your support and dedication to our church.

RECYCLING

Bring your papers and ask your neighbors to bring their papers to the bins too! Remember this is a fundraiser and what a positive impact we are making on the environment as well!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Come la mettiamo?

Carissimi parrochiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Appena ci inoltriamo nella Bibbia, ci accorgiamo che Dio non sembra essere giusto secondo il nostro modo umano di concepire la giustizia. Bastino i seguenti tre casi: Giacobbe, Re Davide e San Pietro. Dio preferì Giacobbe a suo fratello maggiore Esau, nonostante egli fosse furbo e imbroglione.

Per un periodo, prima di essere re, Davide fu capo di una banda di fuorilegge che estorcevano dai contadini un po' di tutto, in cambio di protezione. Le sue mani grondavano di sangue per i numerosi nemici uccisi. Sedusse Batsabea e coprì il suo adulterio facendo uccidere suo marito Uria in battaglia. E giunse perfino a fare il censimento del popolo d'Israele per vedere su quanti soldati potesse contare invece di porre la sua fiducia in Dio.

Simon Pietro si credeva meglio degli altri; parlava con leggerezza su cose molto serie e finì per rinnegare Gesù ben tre volte...

Secondo i nostri calcoli umani Dio avrebbe potuto scegliere meglio... In piena conoscenza di queste scelte "azzardate" di Dio, San Paolo scrisse parecchio (cf. Romani 9:10-24) sul fatto che nessuno può permettersi di criticare le scelte di Dio poiché la sua maestà e sovranità sono indiscutibili da noi, poveri essere umani, miseri peccatori.

Il nostro senso di giustizia salta appena ci rendiamo conto che anche un peccatuccio è già un affronto grandissimo all'infinita maestà di Dio.

Pensandoci su ci ricordiamo che gli unici che scelsero di tagliarsi fuori dalla misericordia di Dio furono i farisei che si ritenevano meglio degli altri e, pertanto, non sentivano il bisogno di essere sollevati dall'infinita misericordia divina.

In chiaro contrasto con i farisei, Giacobbe, Re Davide, Simon Pietro, Paolo e tutti i santi riconobbero i loro sbagli e chiesero perdono a Dio e mai misero in discussione la sua sovranità. *Tutto ciò che ha voluto il Signore l' ha fatto: nei cieli e sulla terra, sui mari e in tutti gli abissi.*

Salmo 135:6

Ogniqualevolta fossimo tentati a mettere in discussione le decisioni di Dio, l'unico modo saggio sia quello di ripetere con cuore umile e docile la preghiera del pubblicano al Tempio: *"O Dio, sii benigno con me, peccatore"*. **Luca 18:13.**

P. Dino Vanin, PIME

CSA 2022 Many thanks to those who have already made their contribution. I urge all of our parishioners and friends to open their hearts and minds to the many needs of our ARCHDIOCESE and give their donations. The sooner we reach our quota the better! **Thank you all for your participation.**

Remember to keep checking our website: sanfrancescochurch.org for latest bulletins and weekly homilies. You can also see pictures and keep current on the latest news by clicking the fb tab on the website homepage. You can also see the Missions Corner on the bottom of the homepage as well.