

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.

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.



November, 2022

Ideals Versus Ideologies

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Can you think of a single ideal that has caused pain, suffering, and destruction to numerous people?

If you think for a moment, I am certain you can come up with several ideologies that caused and are causing unspeakable suffering to entire nations, ethnicities, and to whoever stood and stands in their way.

Now, since deviousness is the first weapon of choice of those intent on concealing the truth, I must give you, right away, my definition of “ideal” and “ideology,” so that *spins* and biased interpretations are excluded.

Humanly speaking, I would define “ideal” as the image of achievable perfection within the limits imposed by nature. It exists mostly as desirable since, historically, only a tiny fraction of humans have reached that apex. Yet ideals are necessary for the human spirit to soar and to create innovations, breakthroughs, and valuable solutions to thorny problems. Ideals inspire some to dream big, to try and try again, never give up, and endure heroic sacrifices while reaching for the nearly impossible.

However, for disciples of Christ, the definition of “ideal” is loftier yet. *So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48.* Thus, Jesus’ disciples are expected to strive for divine perfection knowing from the start that their best efforts would amount to nothing unless aided by his divine assistance (cf. *John 15:5*). They must try their best while working not for personal projects but his universal design: *He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began.*

2 Timothy 1:9

The ideal etched in the mind of every true disciple of Christ must be to contribute to the plan of restoring Creation to its intended wholeness in the wake of the devastation caused by sin and bring it to perfection for the glory of God and our eternal happiness. The Christian ideal is firmly rooted in nature, reality, and truth. Hence, our striving for this ideal is essentially an uninterrupted act of worship.

From my definition of “ideal”, you might guess what my definition of “ideology” will be. Ultimately, an ideology is an arrogant act of rebellion against reality as created and sustained by God. Throughout history, it has taken different forms but all of them aim at thwarting God’s plan through the fomentation of divisions, falsehoods, chaos, violence, and unbridled lust for power, forced submission, and replacing it with a new order in which God is banished and man takes his place.

To survive and to thrive, ideologies need to eliminate absolutes like God and objective truth, make reality *fluid* and, in their place, fashion a new set of “absolutes” selected by the ideology’s proponents and imposed by any means on everyone to embrace and to live by, or else. Resistance is not tolerated.

As we thumb through the pages of history, we come across an array of terrifying methods used by ideology activists. Even though, usually, an ideology is proposed first as an ideal solution to a festering problem with “forceful persuasion,” the pressure on the disobedient soon becomes overpowering... To achieve its end, the ideology must gain control of the media so that contrasting information is silenced, results are carefully repackaged through spins, terms are conveniently redefined, goalposts are moved, and the educational system is controlled so that young minds are shaped or reformed in such a way as to become the best proponents of the ideology.

If forceful persuasion fails to bring people to tow the ideology’s line, the screw can be tightened in graphic, frightening fashions such as by use of re-education, labor, and concentration camps, ethnic cleansing, etc., or even through extreme forms of coercion like slavery, and “final solutions” like gas chambers and killing fields. However, in recent times, in civilized, modern nations like ours, the desired results are attained through intimidation, relentless harassment, sweeping condemnation, public shaming, the all-encompassing branding of racism, “cancellation”, and up to the loss of one’s livelihood.

Since ideologies try to replace God and objective truth with zany ideas that are not rooted in reality, any forms of honest exchange of thoughts and scholarly arguing are excluded *de facto* and substituted by one of the methods listed above that proved effective. And since ideologies are

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essentially a rebellion against reality and common sense, the innate arrogance of their proponents forces them to continue in their quixotic and doomed pursuit to tragic ends.

We, believers, should naturally recoil from the yoke of any ideology, because to take root an ideology needs to remove from its victims the dignity that the Creator has placed in them as made in his image and likeness, and destined for a share in his glory. Furthermore, any ideology is polished idolatry as it forces its victims to reject God, trample upon his laws, and sacrifice themselves on the altar of falsehood.

Perhaps all the unfairness of an ideology is on full display in its insistence on ignoring facts, substance, and values which, in justice, should be objectively assigned. Instead, it is adherence to the ideology that determines the accuracy, value, and correctness of an act, work, concept, idea, or deed. And, conversely, any act, work, concept, idea, and deed by one rejecting the ideology must be a priori considered wrong and immoral.

Naturally, ideologies are rejected by people of faith and goodwill the world over. But, in our country, in America, ideologies are unbearably repugnant because they strike at the very core of our ideal of freedom and justice for all.

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME

MASS INTENTIONS:



November 1-Tuesday (All Saints Day)

Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family
Mario Signorelli by wife & family
All our dearly departed by Maria Katona
Guido & Carolina Visone by family
Victor Kunarski by wife Lia
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

November 2-Wednesday (All Souls Day)

Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family
Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Pisa-Jones
Mike Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones
Alex Katona by Maria Katona
Lucille Cataldi by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family
Thomas Michael by DiMichele family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

November 3-Thursday

Kristina Hoffee by Christensen family
Maria & Albino Bertolini by family
Anthony & Paulette Bertolini by family

November 4-Friday

Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family
Armando Gennari by wife Savina
Natale & Carolina Gasperoni by Savina Gennari
Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti
Lucille Adcox by Brenda Rivard

November 5-Saturday

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
6pm Sarah DeVuono by Spadafora family

November 6-Sunday

8am Carl & Nancy Kaspari by family
8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Marcel & Rita Normandeau by Ron/Michelle Marino
8am Pearl & John Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino
10am Daniele Sabetti by wife & family
10am Federazione Siciliana del Michigan-Memorial
10am Sorana Society Club-Memorial Mass
10am Frank & Adele Martinelli by family
10am Giuseppina Badalamenti by family
10am Francesco & Maria Pizzo by family
10am Raffaele Annoni by wife & daughter
10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa
10am Anna Iannucci by sister & nieces
10am Salvatore Biondo by Nicolina Biondo
10am Arcangelo Biondo by Nicolina Biondo
10am Caterina Ferrara by Nicolina Biondo
12pm San Francesco Orphans Club-Memorial Mass
12pm Anita Bulgarella by Paolo & Angie Milana
12pm Joe Madonna by wife
12pm Lazzaro Castellani by wife & sons
12pm Diva Bonaldi by family

November 8-Tuesday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
Norman Sperduti by Maria Katona

November 9-Wednesday

Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family

November 10-Thursday

Dale Compton by Christensen family

November 12-Saturday

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

6pm Ida Marino by daughters

6pm Theresa & Charles MacDonald

6pm Raffaele & Maria Fanelli by Maria Katona

November 13-Sunday

8am Special Intentions
10am Assunta Society Club-Memorial Mass
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family
10am Vincenzo & Concetta Armetta by Rosa Manzella
10am Vito & Domenica Manzella by Rosa Manzella
10am Salvatore DiLorenzo by wife Maria
10am Deceased members of Stringa family by family
10am Pompeo & Carmela Russo by grandchildren
12pm Alfredo & Arcangela Puzzuoli by Maria Sabatini

November 14-Monday

Rinaldo Bonucchi by family

November 15-Tuesday

Teresa Ranucci by Assunta Society

November 16-Wednesday

Marlene Zatelli by family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
James Daoust, Sr. by DiMichele family
Andre Platevoet, Jr. by DiMichele family

November 17-Thursday

Antonia & Adelina Fanelli by Maria Katona

November 19-Saturday

Fortunato Valerio by family

November 20-Sunday

8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family
8am Lisa Stewart by family

November 20-Sunday (cont.)

8am Special Intentions-DiMichele family by family
8am Dennis Haase by Tom & Rose Daniel
10am Angelo & Pierina DeCarolis by family
10am Anastasio & Maria Riggi by family
10am Salvatore Ventimiglia by family
10am Carmela Cascioli by Joanna Sabetti & family
10am Frank Calabrese by Mary & family
10am Albert & Lucille Cataldi by family
10am Deceased members of Mancini family by family
12pm Girolamo & Mary Magaddino by Paolo/Angie Milana
12pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini
12pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Joe & Maria

November 21-Monday

Mike Clark by DiMichele family
Steve Fatseas by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

November 22-Tuesday

Raffaele Fanelli by Maria Katona
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard

November 24-Thursday (Thanksgiving Day)

November 25-Friday

Thomas Michael by DiMichele family
Eric Peters by DiMichele family

November 26-Saturday

6pm Rosa & Salvatore Spadafora by grandchildren

November 27-Sunday

8am Laura Slongo by family
8am Pearl Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino
10am Peter Fallone by family
10am Ada Russo by husband Fernando
10am Anna & Giraldo Marzolo by Judi Blindu
10am Germano & Loris Costa by family
10am Donato Russo by niece Joanna Sabetti & family
12pm Thomas Zima by Maria Dilozenzo & family
12pm Anita Soave by Janet M. & Carrie B.

November 29-Tuesday

Antonietta & Gaetano Biundo by family
Lauren Palazzolo by DiMichele family
Maria Luisa Ellero by DiMichele family



NOVEMBER is the month dedicated to the faithful departed. In the vestibule of the church you will find **All Souls Day Remembrance** envelopes. You can insert the list of the names of the faithful departed from your family and, if you wish, also a monetary offering. All envelopes with list of names of deceased people will be kept on our altar for the month of November.

Lectors for November:



Nov 06-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, N. Butros

Nov 13-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, S. Santilla

Nov 20-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantonio, A. Perugi

Nov 27-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, N. Butros

Saturday, 6pm Nov 5-J. Foglyano, **Nov 12**-D. Brosky,

Nov 19-J. Foglyano, **Nov 26**-D. Brosky

Monday, December 5th there will be a **Healing Mass** @ 6:30pm with Fr. Augustine Mundackatt, VC

Mark Your Calendars:



NOVEMBER 1st - ALL SAINTS DAY

This is a day of obligation, there will be two masses:
8:00am & 7:00pm

NOVEMBER 2ND - Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

NOVEMBER 11th is VETERANS DAY

We thank and acknowledge all the Veterans for their service and sacrifices for our Country.

NOVEMBER 20th - CHRIST THE KING



NOVEMBER 24th - THANKSGIVING DAY

It is all about togetherness, love, sharing and giving thanks for our blessings. Strengthen the ties that bind you and your family, friends, and loved ones and give thanks for all you have been blessed with!

NOVEMBER 27th - ADVENT BEGINS

CCD CLASSES

Dear San Francesco Community,

The students from our CCD Program are launching San Francesco's annual "**Holiday Food Drive**" for the needy families in our area. We have used this food drive as a mode to teach students Corporal Works of Mercy. We are asking you donate **only** gift cards and/or monetary donations of any denomination. Please place your donations in an envelope marked "Food Drive" and give to Father Dino. With your generous donations we will make sure those in need are well cared for during the holiday season and beyond. Your participation in this project has always been a huge success, please help us by donating so we can continue assisting those in need. We thank you in advance for your donation and support. If you have any questions the undersigned can be reached at 586-242-1981. Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator



HEARTFELT THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in the combined **Feast of San Francesco/ Columbus Day celebration**. Thank you to all the clubs who came out with your banners to show your support and allegiance. **Many thanks** to all who tended to the flower gardens on our compound and power washed the building in preparation. Our parish is very blessed to have the support of such wonderful people who go the extra mile to keep our parish flourishing and help us uphold the Italian traditions. Thank you so much!

JINGLE FOR JESUS-Saturday, December 3, 9am.

Join St. Peter Youth Ministry in supporting Covenant House and Big Families of Michigan. Meet at San Francesco Church and walk to St. Peter for lunch and blanket making, ending with Mass at 4 p.m. If you would like to donate fleece we are in need of 2 yard lengths of Fleece (it takes two of these to make a blanket). For info/donations contact Tori Polhill @ 586-468-4578.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Ideali sì, Ideologie no

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Per tutti, ma soprattutto per i credenti ci deve essere una differenza enorme tra ideali e ideologie. Definisco *ideale* come *immagine della perfezione ottenibile nei limiti imposti dalla natura*. Pertanto, un ideale esiste, generalmente parlando, come desiderabile anche se ottenibile solo da una piccolissima percentuale di persone. Ideali sono, però, necessari per permettere allo spirito umano di librarsi il più in alto possibile. Grazie a ideali raggiunti, progresso è possibile e si sono trovate e continuano a trovarsi soluzioni a grossi problemi per il beneficio dell'umanità intera.

Per un credente, l'aspirare a ideali è la risposta che il Signore, il quale ci ha creati a sua immagine e somiglianza, si aspetta da noi: *"siate perfetti come il Padre vostro è perfetto."* (cf. Matteo 5:48).

Quindi, il nostro aspirare alla perfezione con l'aiuto incessante della grazia diventa un atto continuo di adorazione del nostro Creatore, per la sua gloria e la nostra felicità.

Ideologie sono invece l'opposto. Sono ribellioni a Dio come Creatore. L'ideologia nasce dalla superbia dell'uomo che si sostituisce a Dio per imporre ad ogni costo un nuovo ordine e una visione della vita avulsa dalla realtà e in conflitto con la verità. Per questo, per potersi imporre, una ideologia deve togliere dalle persone la loro dignità e libertà usando tutti i mezzi a disposizione: dal controllo dei media, alla censura, all'indottrinazione delle nuove generazioni, alla persuasione forzata, alle minacce, al lavaggio del cervello, fino alla schiavitù, al genocidio, all'eliminazione di coloro che pongono resistenza...

Ai nostri giorni notiamo con incredulità la presenza di nuove ideologie che non sono, a prima vista, crudeli come il nazismo e il comunismo, ma così folli (per esempio la fluidità dei sessi: chi è maschio, chi è femmina, chi è tra i due, eccetera; oppure l'eliminazione delle forze dell'ordine) che forse le sottovalutiamo a nostro rischio. I metodi di imposizione sono più "eleganti" e meno sanguinosi: svergognamento, taccia di razzismo, boicottaggi economici, molestie protratte per lungo tempo fino ad accuse false, perdita di impiego e distruzione di proprietà privata e pubblica.

Parte del nostro ideale come credenti sia il nostro contributo diretto per il trionfo della verità e il nostro sforzo personale per riportare tutta la creazione all'ordine voluto da Dio per la sua gloria e per la nostra realizzazione personale come figli del Padre celeste.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME



Feast of San Francesco Day celebration on October 2nd.