

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.

June, 2023

Farmers or Shepherds?

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Psalm 23 is one of the dearest Psalms prayed by people, especially whenever they need to remind themselves that: *"The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want"* to soothe their troubled souls.

A closer look at the Bible reveals that confronted by His people's repeated unfaithfulness, God wishes to return to the time He pitched His tent in the desert among the tents of His people. *Go, cry out this message for Jerusalem to hear! I remember the devotion of your youth, how you loved me as a bride, Following me in the desert, in a land unsown. Jeremiah 2:2 and So I will allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart. [...] She shall respond there as in the days of her youth when she came up from the land of Egypt. On that day, says the LORD, She shall call me "My husband," and never again "My baal." Then will I remove from her mouth the names of the Baals, so that they shall no longer be invoked. Hosea 2:16-19*

From the first chapters of Genesis through Exodus and the Prophets it becomes clear that God favors shepherds over farmers, tent-dwellers over settlers, nomads over peasants.

In Genesis 4:2, ff., we read how God *looked with favor on Abel* (herder of flocks) *and his offering, but on Cain* (tiller of the ground) *and on his offering he did not look with favor.*

Chapters 12 through 25 of Genesis cover the high-profile personality and feats of Abraham, who was a nomad, a shepherd, a tent-dweller, and who received from God the solemn promise that in him all nations on earth will be blessed (cf. Galatians 3:8).

Chapters 25 through 50 of Genesis cover the life and feats of another illustrious nomad, shepherd, and tent-dweller: Jacob, aka Israel. Those who are familiar with the book of Genesis know that both were far from perfect and irreprehensible! Yet both were favored by God.

Moses was a shepherd (cf. Exodus 3:1) as was King David (cf. 1 Samuel 16:11) both blessed and favored by God even though both had shed blood...

How can we explain this obvious preference for people without a fixed dwelling place? After all, God had driven out several nations from the "Promised Land" to give it to the Israelites as sworn to Abraham and his descendants. *"I gave you a land which you had not tilled and cities which you had not built, to dwell in; you have eaten of vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant." Joshua 24:13*

Did God change His mind and long to reestablish a nuptial love relationship with Israel in the desert? Why did He want to revert to the time in which the Israelites were nomads wandering through the desert for forty years, totally dependent on God for all they needed for life?

The short answer is because, by His own admission, He is a jealous God (cf. Exodus 20:5 and Exodus 34:14). Once settled in the Promised Land the Israelites had proven unfaithful to Him innumerable times. Defying His orders, they adopted the fertility cults of the Canaanites. The Canaanites believed that the fertility of the soil, which seemed beyond human control, could yield good crops with favorable weather if the Baal (male lord and god of the soil) had sexual intercourse with the Baalath (the goddess of fertility). In the Old Testament Bible, the "sacred" hills, the "sacred" pillars (phallic symbols), and "sacred" prostitutes are mentioned countless times (always as evidence of spousal unfaithfulness to God). Farmers could be active participants in this rite of assuring a generous yield of their land by engaging in sexual intercourse with sacred prostitutes of Baal.

Is it any wonder why God felt jealous that, rather than depending on Him for everything, the Israelites would imitate their Canaanite neighbors and tried to assure prosperity by their direct intervention?

God's clear preference for "shepherds" over "farmers" should shape our personal relationship with Him and become the perfect way of worshipping Him.

Acquiring the inner attitude of a "tent-dweller" would indicate serene acceptance of the caducity, precariousness, transience, and ephemerality of our life on earth. *But humans you, [o God] return to dust, saying, "Return, you mortals!" A thousand years in your eyes are merely a yesterday, before a watch passes in the night, you have brought them to their end; They disappear like sleep at dawn; they are like grass that dies. It sprouts green in the morning; by evening it is dry and withered. Psalm 90:3-6*

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This humble inner disposition would assist us in placing ourselves, several times a day, in the Father's hands; trusting in Him as the most loving and most merciful Dad that He is, thus leading serene lives filled with hope and courage; resisting the temptation of relying on our meager resources or on what the world offers.

Hence, this is how St. Peter urges us to conduct ourselves as "tent-dwellers" on the way to our final heavenly destination: *Beloved, I urge you as aliens and sojourners to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against the soul. 1 Peter 2:11*

We cannot overlook that the Father sent His Son Jesus among us as our Shepherd, who pitched his tent among us (cf. John 1:14). He has a clear mission from the Father: *And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. John 6:39.*

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME

MASS INTENTIONS:



June 1-Thursday

Antonio & Assunta Crocenzi by daughter Lorraine

June 2-Friday

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom

Armando Gennari by wife Savina

June 3-Saturday

Special Intentions-Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

6pm Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by Sandra Biundo

June 4-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon

8am Piera Franklin by daughter Mary

8am Donna Barrett by Karen Bryer

8am Michael Iannuzzi by Laura & family

8am Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace

8am Joseph Calcaterra by wife Louise

8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

8am Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

10am Michele DiCicco by Silvio & Antonietta DiCicco

10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family

10am Vincenzo Bravo by Lisa Polsinelli

10am Amalia Mendicino by Ada & Mario Lisi

12pm Marco & Tina Caponi by Niece

12pm Raimondo Ciavatta by wife & daughters

12pm Special Intention for Fr. Dino

12pm Anita & Marco Soave by Karen & Ed Scott

June 5-Monday

Special Intentions

June 6-Tuesday

For Mental Health Care

June 7-Wednesday

John & Maria Puzzonina

June 8-Thursday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

June 9-Friday

Gennari family by Savina

June 10-Saturday

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

6pm Josef Paupert by Paupert family

6pm Guido Visone by family

June 11-Sunday (St. Anthony Celebrated)

8am Charles & Theresa MacDonald by family

8am Piera Franklin by Assunta Society

8am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard

8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

8am Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

10am Rocco Ruggirello by family

10am Albino Martinelli by family

10am Adele Boschian by family

10am In honor of St. Anthony by Antonio DiPonio

12pm Joseph & Teresa Lucini by Rina & Betty Caringi

12pm Ignazio Giuffrida by Maria DiLorenzo

12pm Special Intention for Fr. Dino

12pm Marco & Tina Caponi by niece

12pm Raimondo Ciavatta by wife & daughters

June 12-Monday

Carlo Pasquali by nonna

June 13-Tuesday

In honor of St. Anthony by Anna Bertolini

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

June 14-Wednesday

Leslie Warden by Laura & family

June 15-Thursday

Antonio & Maria Cognetto by family

June 16-Friday

Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

The Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

June 17-Saturday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

6pm Salvatore Spadafora by Spadafora families

6pm Giuseppe Pinelli by Sam & Alice

6pm Frances Puzzuoli by family & friends

6pm Gertrude Paupert by Paupert family

June 18-Sunday (Father's Day)

8am Charles MacDonald by son Mike

8am Antonio Slongo by Mike MacDonald

8am Hugh Angus MacDonald by Mike MacDonald

8am Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family

8am John Hickey by son William

8am John Marino by Ron & Michelle

8am Sherry Emmons by family

8am Thaddeus Kozlowski by Brenda Rivard

10am Giuseppe Riggi by family

10am Mario Signorelli by wife & family

10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

10am Franca Esposito by husband & family

10am Beni Parisi by Vita Parisi

10am Giuseppe Gonino by Ida Zicarelli & family

10am Ottavio & Antonio Zicarelli by Ida & family

10am Albert Cataldi by family

10am Antonino & Salvatore Badalamenti by family

10am Giusto Benvenuto by Nicolina Biondo

10am Filippa Sapienza by Nicolina Biondo

10am Salvatore Biondo by Nicolina Biondo

10am Daniele Sabetti-30yr. anniversary by wife & family

10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe

12pm Salvatore Spadafora by daughter Maria Provencher

12pm Special Intention for Fr. Dino

12pm Marco & Tina Caponi by niece

12pm Raimondo Ciavatta by wife & daughters

12pm Giuseppe Liano 2-year anniversary by family

12pm Cathy Ripari by Claire Guglielmo

June 19-Monday

Special Intentions

June 20-Tuesday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

June 21-Wednesday

Anthony Valerio by wife Victoria

June 22-Thursday

John & Maria Puzzonja by family

Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

June 23-Friday

Primo Righi by wife Lorraine

June 24-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Victor Kunarski by wife Lia

6pm Rosa Spadafora by Spadafora family

6pm For Peace in families

June 25-Sunday

8am Reverend Tarcisio Slongo by family

10am Alessio Fallone by family

10am Giovanni Russo by Nicolina Biondo

10am Maria Lopiccolo by Nicolina Biondo

10am Luisa Mischina by Nicolina Biondo

12pm Societa' SS. Crocifisso di Montelepre Club Mass

12pm Joseph Paul Zimmermann by family

10am Antonina Biondo by Sugameli family

12pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini

12pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini

12pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe

12pm Special Intention for Fr. Dino

12pm Raimondo Ciavatta by wife & daughters

12pm Marco & Tina Caponi by niece

12pm Gregory Butros by Clyde & Nancy Butros

12pm John Stumpf by Clyde & Nancy Butros

June 26-Monday

Lionel Barger, Jr. by Arlette

June 27-Tuesday

Oscar Stefani by Savina Gennari

June 28-Wednesday

Special Intention for Lisa DiMaggio by mom

June 29-Thursday

Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family

Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

June 30-Friday

Jay Ludington by Ludington-Dawson family

Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family



June 04-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, A. Perugi

June 11-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, N. Butros

June 18-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantonio, L. Sawyer

June 25-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, A. Perugi

Saturday, 6pm

June 3-J. Foglyano, **June 10**-D. Brosky

June 17-J. Foglyano, **June 24**-D. Brosky

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP

Join this group that meets every Monday @ 1pm for prayers followed by fellowship and refreshments..

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 I would like to remind parents that 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 April 30, 2023

Congratulations to our CCD children and their families 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 11

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.



SUNDAY, JUNE 11th-TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF ST. ANTHONY BREAD

St. Anthony is the Saint whom so many faithful traditionally invoke 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 10 & 11. The bread is provided by Mr. Antonio Di Ponio whom we thank sincerely for his generosity.



SUNDAY, JUNE 18th

Enjoy your day!

The San Francesco Parish Council would like to thank Nalina Farina and all friends who participated in the **Spaghetti Dinner on May 21st**. Your kindness and hard work are 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.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Pastori o Agricoltori?

Carissimi Parrocchiani e Amici di San Francesco Church,

Uno sguardo un po' accurato della Bibbia ci costringe a fare alcune domande serie: Come mai Dio sceglie e favorisce i pastori rispetto agli agricoltori anche se aveva solennemente giurato ad Abramo che avrebbe dato a lui e ai suoi discendenti la "Terra Promessa? Già il libro della Genesi rende palese questa preferenza: *Abele divenne pastore di greggi e Caino coltivatore del suolo. Or, dopo un certo tempo, Caino offrì dei frutti del suolo in sacrificio al Signore, e anche Abele offrì dei primogeniti del suo gregge e del loro grasso. Il Signore gradì Abele e la sua offerta, ma non gradì Caino e l'offerta di lui. Genesi 4:2-5*

La risposta alla seguente domanda ci dovrebbe aiutare a capire il desiderio profondo di Dio di quale debba essere il modo corretto di rivolgerci a Lui come all'unico vero Dio: Vedendo le continue infedeltà del suo popolo, perché Dio desidera tornare a vivere nel deserto, piantando la sua tenda in mezzo alle tende del suo popolo, come fu durante i quarant'anni passati del deserto del Sinai? *Per questo io la sedurrò, la ricondurrò al deserto e parlerò al suo cuore. Allora le restituirò i suoi vigneti e farò della valle di Acor la porta della speranza. Là ella (Israele) canterà come ai giorni della sua giovinezza, come il giorno in cui salì dalla terra d' Egitto. In quel giorno, oracolo del Signore, ella mi chiamerà «Mio marito» e non mi chiamerà più «Mio Baal». Toglierò i nomi dei Baal dalla sua bocca e non si ricorderanno più del loro nome. Osea 2:16-19*

Disobbedendo al preciso comando di Dio, tanti ebrei adottarono i culti della fertilità dei Cananei che abitavano la Terra Promessa. I Cananei credevano che il suolo fosse reso fertile dall'unione di Baal, dio della fertilità, con Baalath, la dea della fertilità. I coltivatori Cananei credevano inoltre che potessero aumentare la fecondità della loro terra unendosi con le prostitute del tempio di Baal sulle cosiddette *alture sacre*.

Diventa dunque subito chiaro come Dio fosse doppiamente offeso perché gli agricoltori ebrei avevano infranto il loro patto di fedeltà con Lui e avevano deciso di avere un controllo diretto sulla loro terra invece di dipendere da Lui in tutti gli aspetti della loro esistenza.

Il messaggio per noi non è quello di diventare tutti pastori bensì di mantenere un rapporto di totale dipendenza da Dio e di fiducia illimitata sul suo amore, cosicché non viviamo ansiosi ed angosciati ma sereni, abbandonandoci completamente nelle sue sicure mani di Padre. **P. Dino Vanin, PIME**

CSA 2023 Many thanks to those who have already made their contribution. I urge all our parishioners and friends to open their hearts 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.