

# 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. 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.

## AUGUST 2023

### Have I Failed as a Parent?

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

In my homily during Vespers on the day of my First Holy Mass, on June 11, 1972, I promised that I would try my best to bring God's comfort to the anguished and afflicted assigned to my pastoral care. This article attempts to acknowledge that I share the hurt felt by parents who wonder if they have failed in handing down the Christian faith to their children and grandchildren.

I started helping Fr. Giulio Schiavi in 2001, mainly on weekends and, since July 1, 2017, as Administrator of San Francesco Church and as its Pastor from December 16, 2018.

As you can imagine, many people make me privy to their heart-wrenching situations; but one that moves me deeply and challenges me the most is to reassure and bring comfort to parents who wonder if they had failed since their children have left the Church.

First, I hurry to assure these distraught parents that their anguish is front and center in the Lord's mind and that their concern is a wonderful testimony of their faith and their love for the Lord. Then, I suggest persevering in their knocking until the door of conversion opens.

In past issues of our Bulletin, I listed a series of measures that can help attain from God the precious favor of having adult children return to the practice of the Catholic faith. I suggest entrusting them individually by name, first thing in the morning, to the Blessed Mother; to offer up to God any discomfort or pain they experience as parents; to continue to pray relentlessly, in imitation of St. Monica; to avoid nagging in any form but, rather, to return home from Church unmistakably, truly radiant and to continue radiating joy and optimism throughout the week; to ask the Holy Spirit to indicate the right attitude, timing, words, and action in exchanges with their children and grandchildren. After all, radiance, and joy about the way we live out our faith is, in many cases, the most appealing form of spiritual advertising.

These suggestions seem sound, but they prove to be insufficient for serious cases. Hence, in my assiduous quest to bring comfort to anguished parents, I kept asking the Holy Spirit to provide a breakthrough. He did so, as usual, in God's divinely unusual way by deciphering the

main and reoccurring thrust of Pope Francis' teachings: *the Father's name is mercy, infinite mercy.*

The criticism of Pope Francis' embrace of God's wayward children has been mistaken as tacit approval of immoral behavior when it has been, instead, his most refreshing news about God's boundless compassion.

Those who criticize Francis so often may suffer from undetected self-righteousness and tacit conviction that they do not need a huge dose of divine mercy.

This consideration might lead to questioning the concept that parents have conveyed to their children of who God is. Could it be that some well-intentioned parents have scared their children to be afraid of God rather than showing Him to be the most loving, most forgiving, most comforting, most soothing? *There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love.* **1 John 4:18**

A common mistake made by one who has yet to have a personal relationship of love with the Lord and has exhausted all arguments trying to convince others about religious matters would be to say something like: "If you do that, you go to Hell." Too many times I have heard and read something similar from people decrying that priests do not talk about Hell anymore.

Oftentimes, this is a fruitless approach. Use your most vivid imagination in describing the torments awaiting the damned, and you will get a mild reaction from your audience. Forget about the torments of Hell, what must scare us, and anyone else who has a decent rapport of love with the Lord, is that Hell is the eternal loss of God for whom we were created!

In 1929, those who lost everything in the Stock Market crash, jumped to their death because they could not cope with the loss. We can assume that they would have borne many hardships for the love of their families if they had some money left to live on.

The same should be true of the eternal loss of God, which is Hell. If we have a relationship with the Lord that is rooted in love, everything on this earth, too, will be seen as a loss. *More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ.* **Philippians 3:8**

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## **Have I Failed as a Parent?**

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The closer we are to living every day exuding joy and serenity for considering Christ as *everything* to us, the more we would be spontaneously and sincerely attentive to whatever pains members of our family. People closest to us might find our religiosity off-putting because we might project and we might relate to a God who is vengeful, menacing, inflexible, and harsh in judgment.

The best way to win back our loved ones who have strayed, must be by initiating, with the help of the Holy Spirit, of course, the rediscovery of the Gospel Jesus, a Jesus so full of empathy, compassion, and tenderness; a Jesus who, little by little, can become *everything* even for those whose absence in church anguishes us.

**Fr. Dino Vanin, San Francesco Church**



### **August 1-Tuesday**

Santi family by Savina Gennari

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

### **August 2-Wednesday**

Special Intentions

### **August 3-Thursday**

Francesco & Marianna Cagnetto by family

### **August 4-Friday**

Piera Franklin

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary

### **August 5-Saturday**

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

**6pm** Peter & Maria Bartoli by

**6pm** Siegfried & Josephine Wozniak

### **August 6-Sunday**

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon

8am Respect for life by William Hickey

8am Piera Franklin by daughter Mary

8am Karen & Ralph Basile by Mike MacDonald

8am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard

8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family

8am Thomas Michael by DiMichele family

8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

10am Michele DiCicco by Mario & Irina DiPonio

10am Americo & Assunta Cantarella by daughter Marina

10am Giovanni Blindu by Judi

10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family

12pm **San Rocco Mass w/ Procession**

12pm Mario Signorelli by wife & family

12pm Giuseppe Pinelli by Sam & Alice

12pm Rosa & Andrea D'Angelo by daughter Maria

12pm Diva Bonaldi by family

12pm Anita Soave by Joe & Alice Rotondo

12pm Gioacchino & Rosa Alu by daughter Carmela

### **August 7-Monday**

Aldo Terenzi by wife Tina

### **August 8-Tuesday**

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

### **August 9- Wednesday**

Special Intentions

### **August 10-Thursday**

Special Intentions

### **August 11-Friday**

Armando Gennari by wife Savina

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Maria Luisa Ellero by DiMichele family

### **August 12-Saturday**

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

**6pm** Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by Sandra Biundo

### **August 13-Sunday**

8am Lisa Stewart by family

8am Robert Ruggioli by Mark Bernasconi

8am Donna Barrett by John & Shelby Weiss

10am In honor of the Blessed Mother by Assunta Society

10am Franca Esposito by husband & family

10am Rocco Ruggirello by family

10am Germano & Loris Costa by family

10am Lisa Fabbri by Casali family

10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family

12pm Thaddeus Carroll by Clyde & Nancy Butros

12pm Dec mem of Louis Stephan family by C & N Butros

### **August 14-Monday**

Giuseppe & Angelina Cagnetto by family

### **August 15-Tuesday (Assumption)**

Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace

Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti

Justin Young by Mary Mutti

Nancy Bobola by Mary Mutti

Phillip Hunt by Mary Mutti

Melanie Wojtasik by Mary Mutti

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Mike Clark by DiMichele family

### **August 16-Wednesday**

Special Intentions

### **August 17-Thursday**

Augusta & Antonio Recchia by Ludington-Dawson family

### **August 18-Friday**

Special Intentions

### **August 19-Saturday**

Special Intentions

### **August 20-Sunday**

8am Raymond Rech

8am Marcel Normandeau by Ron & Michelle Marino

10am Raymond Rech

10am Anna Martinelli by family

10am Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe

10am Anthony Dante Basso by Boschian family

12pm Raymond Rech

**Church Picnic starts @ 11am-Day of Thanksgiving**

### **August 21-Monday**

Gregorio Cagnetto by family

### **August 22-Tuesday**

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Betty Pruzinsky by DiMichele family

### **August 23-Wednesday**

William Leonard, Jr. by DiMichele family

James Daoust, Sr. by DiMichele family

### **August 24-Thursday**

Special Intentions

### **August 25-Friday**

Mike Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones

### August 26-Saturday

Special Intentions

**6pm** Frances Puzzuoli by family & friends

### August 27-Sunday

8am Special Intentions

10am Adele Boschian by family

10am Peter Fallone by family

10am Vincenzo Esposito by family

12pm Enzo DeLeonardis by family

12pm Francesco & Domenica Ferrera by Maria

12pm Virgilio & MariaCandida Ferrera by Maria

12pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria

**1:30pm Maria SS. di Custonaci w/Procession**

### August 28-Monday

Marlene Zatelli by family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

### August 29-Tuesday

Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

The Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family

### August 30-Wednesday

Special Intentions

### August 31-Thursday

Maria DeMarco by family

### Lectors for August:



**Aug. 06**-P. Graebert, G. Buttacavoli, A. Perugi

**Aug. 13**-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, N. Butros

**Aug. 20**-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli L. Sawyer

**Aug. 27**-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantoni, A. Perugi

### Saturday, 6pm

**Aug. 5**-D. Brosky, **Aug. 12**-J. Foglyano

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



Remember to send or call the rectory office for Holy Mass intention requests by the 15th of the previous month so that your loved ones name can be placed in our bulletin paper.

### SAN ROCCO-SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th

#### 12:00pm MASS FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION

It is believed that St. Roch was born in Montpellier France in 1350, son of the Governor.

At the age of twenty he went to Rome and while there devoted himself to the care of plague victims, performing many miraculous cures.

Eventually, Roch himself fell victim to the plague, but later on recovered. When he returned to France, he was thrown in jail as a spy. He died in prison in 1380, at the age of thirty, and only then was it discovered that this prisoner had been a former Governor's son. After his death, many miracles were reported through Roch's intercession.



**Reminders:** Please call the rectory office to let us know of any change of address or phone numbers as we need to stay current on our registrations!

If you would like to become a member of our parish please ask Fr. Dino for the membership card after any one of our Holy Masses or call the rectory office. We look forward to having you on our list!



### Don't Forget Your Weekly Offering Envelope

If you are on vacation or just cannot make it to church for any of the weekend Holy Masses, you can mail your donations directly to the rectory office. Thank you for helping support our church through your participation.



## FOR SAN FRANCESCO:

### ASSUMPTION: SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th

After 10:00am Mass, we will carry in procession around the Church, the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All Societies and Clubs are invited to participate with their banners, please try to take part. The "Assunta Society" is organizing this celebration.

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 15th

This year it is a Holy day of obligation.

Holy Mass is @ 8:00am & 7:00pm

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20-CHURCH PICNIC

San Francesco Church is very fortunate to have the support of so many families. We thank each of you for your support, assistance, and patronage to our Parish. On Sunday, August 20th we will host a "Thank You to our Benefactors Church Picnic." The picnic will be held on the church grounds from 11am to 4pm. A tent, table & chairs, main course, chips & water will be provided. Guests are free to bring their own picnic basket if they choose and a dessert to share for our dessert table. All are welcome! Fun for the whole family with food (Italian flair), music and games. Free will donations accepted. For further information contact Ann Burrell @ (586) 242-1981.

Thank you for supporting our parish, please come celebrate with us "Italian Style!"

### MARIA SS. DI CUSTONACI, SUNDAY-AUGUST 27th

1:30pm Procession and Mass following.



### CATECHISM NEWS

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 Religious Education Classes grades 1-8. Classes begin **September 26, 2023, from 5pm to 6:15pm**. Our program teaches "traditional doctrine" in accordance with the "Catechism of the Catholic Church." You do not need to be a registered parishioner to join. Simply complete a registration form and submit the form with payment to the church office. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church, or you can also print one from our website. All children must register, including those who participated in last year's classes.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**L'angoscia di genitori quando i figli perdono la fede**

Carissimi Parrocchiani e Amici di San Francesco,

La parte del mio ministero pastorale che mi impegna di più di tante altre è il consolare genitori che sono molto addolorati perché i loro figli e, di conseguenza, nipoti, non vanno più in chiesa. Si sentono dei falliti e chiedono consiglio sul come riportarli alla pratica della fede cattolica.

In numeri precedenti di questo Bollettino ho dato i seguenti suggerimenti: di affidare, ogni mattina, i figli e nipoti alla Madonna affinché ella li possa illuminare e guidare; pregare Santa Monica, la santa madre di Sant'Agostino, che con le sue lacrime e insistenti preghiere riuscì, dopo tanti anni, a riportare il figlio Agostino in grembo alla Chiesa; offrire al Signore il dolore che sentono dentro e di fare sacrifici per i figli che si sono allontanati; evitare di insistere troppo su questo punto; e, soprattutto, tornare a casa dalla S. Messa raggianti e pieni di gioia. In fin dei conti tutti vogliono essere felici e il mostrarsi davvero raggianti di gioia al ritorno dalla chiesa è la migliore pubblicità che si possa fare per figli e nipoti. Capirebbero che il Signore è per voi la sorgente della gioia vera mediante le sue parole di Vita e l'Eucaristia.

Purtroppo, risulta difficile essere raggianti di gioia se i nostri giorni non sono ispirati da un vero rapporto di profonda amicizia, fiducia, amore con Gesù e non sono sostenuti dalla speranza del suo perdono per gli sbagli che

facciamo a causa della nostra fragilità. Un paralizzante senso di colpa che ci costringe a rivangare il passato, l'ansia di incorrere in tanti castighi, l'incubo di finire all'inferno, finirebbero sempre per impedirci di guardare avanti con fiducia, trovare la gioia nel donarci agli altri e produrre i frutti dello Spirito.

Il ritorno di figli e nipoti alla pratica della fede si realizzerebbero con più frequenza se la nostra gioia scaturisse da un rapporto di amore col Signore per quanto possibile simile a quello che Santa Monica e tutti gli altri santi hanno sviluppato contribuendo docilmente con la grazia di Dio. **P. Dino Vanin, PIME**

**Supporting Our Own Seminarian, Antonio La Barbera**

Antonio is humbly asking us for our prayers and donations to defray the considerable debt he incurred at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Please go to <https://rescuevocations.org/antonio>. Make sure that you donate in "honor of Antonio La Barbera." He will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lubbock, Texas in 3 years. May the Lord reward your generous heart.



Our dedicated **Mary Mother of God Prayer Group** continues to meet every Monday @ 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please join us for prayer. Refreshments and conversation afterwards in the church social hall.