

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.
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.



JULY 2024

Unsettled by Doctrinal Development? Part 7

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Within the Catholic Church, nowadays, the Sacrament of Reconciliation receives three distinct reactions from the faithful. For a few it is like the natural need to take a bath to feel refreshed and clean again. Some in this first group are eager to go and confess their sins and imperfections to a priest because they want to refine their love for Jesus and to experience His love firsthand in the sound of the priest's voice. A second, much larger group, tends to avail themselves of the two Penance Services which most parishes offer during Advent and Lent. For some reason, which I have been unable to pinpoint, there is a third group that goes for years, even decades, without feeling the need to be reconciled with God and with the other members of the Body of Christ.

The existence of these three groups might be attributable to a combination of catechetical and moral immaturity, unawareness of how an individual's sins negatively affect the whole Body of Christ, and lack of a personal relationship with Christ Jesus, as the faithful are still trying to assimilate the pastoral teachings of Vatican II. Those who did not have a personal rapport with Jesus, and/or lived their religiosity mechanically and legalistically without sensitivity towards the community, interpreted the freedoms proposed by the Council not as means towards spiritual growth but, rather, as permissiveness and laxity.

The need for a radical reshaping of this wonderful sacrament with emphasis on its sacramental aspect seen as a real, effective, and transforming encounter with Christ is obvious.

As a priest who has heard confessions for 52 years (!) I have felt that the Sacrament of Reconciliation, even as prescribed by the reform of 1973, was truly sacramental, effective, and transforming only, perhaps, less than a hundred times! A hundred times in 52 years, is not what Jesus expected. In those cases, I could feel that the penitents leaving the confessional were floating on air heading for cloud nine. Regrettably, at times I was tired; other times, it became very evident that there were no traces of a personal relationship with Christ. If you wonder how I can tell when there are no signs of a loving and

trusting relationship with Jesus, let me tell you that it is the difference that we see between an impersonal business transaction and a man talking to his parents about the woman with whom he is in love, and whom he has hurt.

The Catholic Church needs to reshape this wonderful and most comforting sacrament by returning to the reactions described by the gospels in people who had encountered Jesus. Keep in mind that the "first gospel" was the one which the Risen Lord revealed directly to St. Paul. Hence, the ways St. Paul deals with the presence of sin in the community is indicative of the way serious cases should be handled also nowadays. Personally, I feel that the Church should reintroduce excommunication in cases of severe scandal. Keep also in mind that the classical gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) are describing the way, as Risen Lord, Christ was bringing freedom and joy to early Christians of the second and third generation when those gospels were written. The gospel of Matthew shows even the first protocols applied by the Early Church in dealing with sin (cf. Mt 18:15-20). The minor variations are due to different ways of addressing sin in the four communities.

The Risen Lord, who freed his people through his Blood shed on the cross and who gave us the Holy Spirit in his resurrection, is the same Risen Lord operative in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the year 2024 and beyond.

The challenge is now to find physical, appealing, clear, and effective ways to make penitents desirous to go to Christ the way, 2000 years ago, they were touched and freed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

I feel compelled to share with you a few insights about establishing and solidifying our personal relationship with Christ Jesus. To be effective and transforming, this bond with Jesus ought to begin with our falling in love with him. As our love intensifies it would become less hard for us to resist temptation. The slippery slope of falling into sin will gradually be replaced by considerable resistance stemming from disappointment in ourselves for having been fooled again by Satan and from the joy of proving to Jesus that we love him. The depth of our love should keep us from a legalistic probe to determine if we have crossed the line from venial to mortal sin. That is not the way people in love

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interact when they fall short in their covenant. Even a slight infraction needs to pain us deeply. We should simply confess our sins in the best way we can and leave it at that. Our confessor, too, is assisted by the same Holy Spirit who nurtures our love for Jesus; he will be guided to help us in our weakness and to grow in love.

As a sinner, who has no trouble whatsoever convincing himself of being in constant need of a huge amount of God's mercy, and as a confessor, I find myself delving often into freedom and the nature of sin. We might find comfort in learning that our brains are fully formed only by the age of about 25. As mature adults we would never make the same decisions we made, lightly, as teenagers and/or young adults! Besides, even without being defense lawyers, we can often find ample evidence of reduced freedom in our sinning. We should leave it up to our confessor, who represents both the Community whom we have hurt and Jesus whom we have failed, to determine the gravity of our sin. Those who, with ease, speak of mortal sins, should help themselves by identifying with a farmer wielding pruning shears in his hand to cut a branch from its vine. To its grave matter, to be mortal, a sin requires full knowledge of its gravity and deliberate consent.

The love constantly displayed by the Lord should keep us from scrupulosity. Satan has his best successes with the scrupulous. He keeps them brooding over their past rather than being led by the Spirit to bear fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, and faithfulness (cf. Galatians 5:22).

I conclude with a prayer to the Holy Spirit that we may all approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the urgency and the intense desire of flawed lovers who need to bask again in the love of their divine Lover who is waiting for them with infinite compassion.

Fr. Dino Vanin at San Francesco Church



MASS INTENTIONS:

July 1-Monday

In thanksgiving for MMOG prayer group by Louise Martin

July 3-Wednesday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosalia Kehrig
James Daoust, Sr. by DiMichele family
The Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family

July 4-Thursday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary
Mario Signorelli by wife & family
Franca Del-Serrone by family & friends
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

July 5-Friday

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary
Luigi & Simona Santi by Savina Gennari

July 6-Saturday

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
6pm Msgr. James Moloney by family

July 7-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
10am Joanna Jelsone by husband Robert
10am Antoinette Stringa by family

July 7-Sunday (continued)

10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family
10am Francesco & Pierina Secchi by family
10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family
12pm Albert & Barbara LaTorre by family
12pm Anita & Antonio Soave by Gerarda & family
12pm Clyde Butros by Dolores & John Wegrzyn
12pm Gioacchino Alu by Carmela Simon
12pm S.S. Crocifisso di Montelepre Club Mass
w/procession to follow

July 8-Monday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

July 9-Tuesday

Alfonso & Maria Crespi by Roselyn Crespi

July 10-Wednesday

Aldo Terenzi by wife Tina

July 11-Thursday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

July 13-Saturday

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Bob & Anna Kustasz
6pm Barbara & Jim Stone by Christensen family

July 14-Sunday

8am Anthony Valerio by wife Victoria
8am Pearl & John Marino by Ron & Michelle
10am Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by family
10am Franca Esposito by husband & family
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family
12pm Diva Bonaldi by family
12pm Elisa Vettraino by Danz family
12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family
12pm Mary Kolis by family
12pm Duncan & Marie Sousa by family

July 16-Tuesday

Prayers for S. Kazikow family
John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti

July 19-Friday

Vittoria Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family
Armando Gennari by wife Savina

July 20-Saturday

6pm Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

July 21-Sunday

8am Angeline & Antonio Slongo by family
8am Robert Ezzo by wife & family
10am Alessio & Luisa Fallone by family
10am Giuseppe Esposito by family
10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe
12pm Cepranese Club Mass w/Procession following
12pm Paolo DeLeonardis by family
12pm Marion Simon by Carmela Simon

July 22-Monday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
The Conversion of Sinners by DiMichele family
The Salvation of the Dying by DiMichele family

July 24-Wednesday

Alberto Ramos by Lisa Marino
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

July 25-Thursday

Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family
John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti
William Leonard, Jr. by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

July 26-Friday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
The Conversion of Sinners by DiMichele family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

July 27-Saturday

Domenico Bernardon by family
6pm Faithful Departed for whom no one prays by P/D Degens

July 28-Sunday

8am Jerry Stewart by family
8am Nano Gallerani by Lelia Bosca
8am Rick Bianchetti by Lelia Bosca
8am Robert Ezzo by wife & family
10am Anna Villa by family
12pm Clyde Butros by Dolores & John Wegrzyn
12pm Santina Miller by Cecilia Marshall
12pm Scott Bryson, Sr. by Cecilia Marshall

Lectors for July:

July 07-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, A. Perugi
July 14-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros
July 21-P. Graebert, V. Amaro, L. Sawyer
July 28-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantonio, A. Perugi
Saturday, 6:00pm
July 6-D. Brosky **July 13**-J. Foglyano
July 20-D. Brosky **July 27**-J. Foglyano



MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP

The Mary Mother of God Prayer Group continues to offer prayers, praise and thanksgiving and is in deep gratitude to our spiritual Mother for allowing us to pray under her mantel. We would like to invite you to come and join us in prayer and fellowship on **Monday's at 1:00 pm** in the church. We appreciate and acknowledge Fr. Dino for his support and encouragement.

San Francesco News:



CSA REPORT 2024

On behalf of the Finance Council and the Archdiocese of Detroit, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who gave to CSA 2024. You are responding once again most generously. In my human limitations, I can only see the physical outcome of your generosity, but our Lord sees also the sacrifices that you had to make in order to support our beloved parish of San Francesco and the many programs that are designed to make our Archdiocese vibrant, fully engaged and love-filled. May the Good Lord reward you fittingly for your kindness.

THURSDAY, JULY 4



May this Independence Day strengthen the love and affection we have for our country and one another.

Please join us on July 21st after the 12pm Holy Mass

After the Ceparanese Club procession with the statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel there will be a scapular enrollment for people of all ages. Also, there will be a 20-minute film entitled "Stories of the Brown Scapular" by Fr. Howard Rafferty. Refreshments for everyone courtesy of the Ceparanese Club. This is a free will donation for the scapulars.

PROUD OF OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

Fr. Dino and the Finance Council wish to express their profound gratitude to all the clubs and community that participated in San Francesco's Corpus Christi Celebration. Please continue to support our parish family with your attendance and thank you for helping us keep our traditions alive!

SAVE THE DATE! AUGUST 11, 2024

San Francesco Church is hosting our 2nd annual Family Picnic to be held on the church grounds starting at 11am. Entertainment, food, bocce, corn hole, 50/50, basket raffles & more! Contact: Ann Burrell (586) 242-1981

COFFEE & DONUTS



Donations for the mailing of the church monthly bulletin are much appreciated as it is costly for printing and postage. Any donations for coffee and sweets after the weekend Holy masses is much appreciated as well. These donations help cover the expenses and as always, we thank you for your continued support.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Cleaning/Maintenance person needed for our church compound every Friday starting @ 12noon. Experience preferred. If interested please contact the rectory office for more information on Mon., Wed., or Fri.



Join us for any of our many services, bring a friend & participate in club processions too!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Scossi dallo Sviluppo Dottrinale? Parte 7ª

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Oggiorno, si notano tra i cattolici tre atteggiamenti diversi verso il Sacramento della Riconciliazione. Un gruppo piuttosto ristretto sente un bisogno naturale di usufruirne spesso per provare la stessa sensazione che 2000 anni fa i peccatori e gli ammalati provavano quanto toccati dalla compassione del Signore. Usufruiscono della S. Confessione per intensificare il loro rapporto d'amore con Gesù e sentirsi riconciliati col loro prossimo. Un secondo gruppo fruisce di questo sacramento circa due volte all'anno durante l'Avvento e la Quaresima. Un terzo gruppo, aimè, passa decenni interi senza sentire l'impellente bisogno di andarsi a riconciliare con Dio e il prossimo!

Evidentemente, la riforma di questo sacramento del 1973 si è dimostrata insufficiente a fronteggiare una lettura sbagliata del Concilio Vaticano II. Coloro che non hanno col Signore un rapporto basato su amore sincero per Lui, sono convinti che quel concilio abbia cambiato tutto e che basti seguire la propria coscienza, così come fosse, per sentirsi a posto con Dio...

C'è bisogno estremo di una nuova riforma del Sacramento della Riconciliazione che metta in risalto i seguenti punti fondamentali già presenti nella Chiesa primitiva: 1) Siccome ogni peccato incide in modo negativo su tutto il Corpo di Cristo (Chiesa), i fedeli devono essere sensibilizzati a questa serissima responsabilità. 2) Chi desse

scandalo alla comunità con una condotta riprovevole dovrebbe essere scomunicato (cf. 1 Cor. 5:5) fino a quando si ravvedesse per essere riammesso nella comunità. 3) I credenti dovrebbero sentirsi corresponsabili nel debellare il peccato confessando l'un l'altro i propri peccati e pregando per una vita esemplare (cf. Giacomo 5:16). 4) Con l'aiuto dello Spirito Santo, ognuno di noi si deve innamorare di Cristo Gesù. Più intenso l'amore verso il Signore e più difficile diventerà il cedere alle tentazioni. Più intenso l'amore per Gesù e più profondo il nostro dolore anche per piccole offese. 5) Ci sarà una conoscenza seria e accurata della nostra colpevolezza qualora ridotta da circostanze, motivazioni e stati d'animo che possono diminuirne notevolmente il livello di libertà. 6) In ogni caso, si miri al raggiungimento di un rapporto maturo di amore verso il Signore e verso la comunità dei fedeli, che ci conduca a corrispondere alla grazia e ad avere incrollabile fiducia nella misericordia infinita del nostro Dio.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME



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