

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.



April 2026

Unsettled by Doctrinal Development? Part 27

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Only years into the third century, Origen of Alexandria wondered why, in some communities, babies and children who had not yet reached the age of reason were baptized, since Baptism took away sin and children had yet to sin.

St. Cyprian (210-258) found the answer in Romans 5: 12-21. In it, St. Paul contraposes what every person on the face of the earth, and across the millennia, inherits from Adam to what every believer inherits from Christ. From Adam's fall (original sin) all inherit the natural propensity to sin, while, from Christ Jesus, a believer receives abundance of grace and justification. The question which remained unanswered for one hundred and fifty years was: How is Adam's fall inherited by his descendants?

It was answered by St. Augustine in his contentious theological discussions with the Donatists. They revolved around the reason why in the Church nobody was ever rebaptized. In his reasoning, St. Augustine analyzed the historical fact that heretics who returned into the Church's fold were not rebaptized; nor were those rebaptized who were baptized by heretics.

As we follow St. Augustine's anguished search for the reason which made Baptism unique, we can take comfort in the fact that the Holy Spirit guided the Church to consider the special character given by Baptism even before such character was explicitly identified and clarified.

The Donatists, a heretic sect, were troubled by the Church's leniency in dealing with *lapsi*. In time of persecution, weak Christians, some priests among them, obliged the civil authorities' request to hand over to them Holy Scripture texts (to be burned), the Church's property, and/or fellow Christians (hence the word "traditores" from the Latin verb *tradere*, to hand over).

Donatists were the followers of a charismatic leader, Donatus the Great, who, in the early fourth century, started a schismatic movement that denied the validity of

the sacrament of Baptism administered by any unworthy priest, including those who had handed over Holy Scripture texts to be burned.

Undoubtedly inspired by the Holy Spirit, St. Augustine found that Baptism's uniqueness was in the two effects that it produces, one permanent and one which can be lost by sinning and recovered by other channels of grace.

The permanent effect of Baptism is the imprint of the image of Christ which replaces the sinful imprint of Adam's image. This imprint is given by Christ himself and not the priest. It is totally independent of the minister's worthiness or unworthiness. Once this image, this *character*, is sealed into the soul of the baptized, it is indelible. It cannot be given a second time. What is lost through a mortal sin is grace; and God has given His Church other channels of grace to remedy such loss.

If Christians were baptized by a schismatic sect, the image of Christ imprinted in their soul remained, but they could not receive the grace of forgiveness for as long as they remained separated from the Church. The sin of separation was forgiven as soon as they acknowledged their error and returned into the fold.

The Donatists' insistence on rebaptizing those who had strayed from the fold was due to the error of not distinguishing between the sacrament of Baptism, which conferred the imprint of Christ, and the benefic effects of full forgiveness, which were lost until *lapsi* repented and returned into the Church.

St. Augustine's distinction between the permanent character conferred by Baptism and its benefits, which could be lost and recovered, clarified and defined the theology of Baptism and the other six Sacraments.

Firstly, the effect of a Sacrament is given by God and not by the spiritual condition of the minister. Secondly, the identification of a Sacrament with the indelible character it confers will subsequently be applied also to the Sacraments of Confirmation and Ordination. Once received, like Baptism, they cannot be given again. They confer an indelible character. Thirdly, in later centuries, Catholic theologians focused on St. Augustine's distinction between Sacraments and their benefit effects.

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By the end of the fifth century, infant Baptism had become the norm of the whole Church. Consequently, the catechumenate was eliminated but the exorcism and anointings kept. The profession of faith, which could not be made by infants, was then made by their godparents. The pouring of water over the candidate's head while standing in the baptismal pool was replaced by the full immersion of the infants. In the western Church, full immersion was substituted by a simple pouring of water over the infant's head. Furthermore, in the western Church, the reception of Holy Communion was put off until a later date, and the official anointing became what we refer to as the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME, at San Francesco Church

NB: Most of the information featured in "Unsettled by Doctrinal Development?" is taken from the book "Doors to the Sacred" by Joseph Martos, Triumph Books, 1981



MASS INTENTIONS:

April 1-Wednesday

Charles Greene by Bernardon family
John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti

April 2-HOLY THURSDAY

April 3-GOOD FRIDAY

April 4-HOLY SATURDAY

April 5-EASTER SUNDAY

8am Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom
8am John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti
8am Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family
8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Thomas Daniel by family
8am Kevin DeLaere by DeLaere family
8am Duncan & Marie Sousa by family
8am Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family
8am Mary Kolis by family
8am Theresa & Charles MacDonald by son Mike
8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by fam
10am Melissa Zicarelli by grandmother Ida
10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family
10am Giuseppe Notarianni by Boschian family
10am Giuseppe Esposito by wife & family
12pm Diva Bonaldi by family
12pm Cecilia Van Haverbeck by Nancy Butros
12pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini
12pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini
12pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe
12pm Mario Signorelli by wife & family
12pm Special Intention for Demir Uygur
12pm John Agostini by wife Olivia & family
12pm Gerald Agostini by mom & family
12pm Joanne Fedele by friend & family

April 6-Monday

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary
Antonio & Assunta Crocenzi by daughter Nora

April 8-Wednesday

Michael Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones

April 9-Thursday

Domenic Maiani by wife Nora

April 10-Friday

Patricia Lenzini by family

April 11-Saturday

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
For All The Faithful Departed by Vitale family
Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
The Salvation of the Dying by DiMichele family
6pm Salvatore & Rosa Spadafora by Spadafora family
6pm Bernadette Caloia by Paupert family
6pm Paul & Corinne Tocco by Paupert family
6pm Joseph Tocco by Paupert family
6pm Robert A. Maricco by Delphine & Elizabeth
6pm Special Intention for Demir Uygur

April 12-Sunday

8am John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti
8am Juerg Mutti by Mary Mutti
8am John & Pearl Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino
8am Theresa & Charles MacDonald by son Mike
8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family
8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by fam
8am The Conversion of Sinners by DiMichele family
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family
10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family
10am Aunt Janet Krula by Austin Simon
10am Dino D'Andrea by Nello & Tina Silverio
10am Clelia Stoppa by sister Ida Zicarelli
10am Germano & Loris Costa by Fernanda Costa
12pm August Caringi by wife & daughters
12pm Antonio & Antonina Montalto by family
12pm Special Intention for Demir Uygur

April 15-Wednesday

Primo Righi (Birthday) by wife Lorraine
Shelia Zito by family

April 16-Thursday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family The
Protection of The Unborn by the DiMichele family

April 18-Saturday

Antonietta & Alberto Morgillo by family
6pm Giulio Fattore by wife & family
6pm Frank Audia by wife Joan
6pm Special Intention for Demir Uygur

April 19-Sunday

8am Albert & Grace Izzi by family
8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
10am Franca Esposito by husband & family
10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe
10am Salvatore Biondo by Nicolina Biondo
10am Antoinette Zanotti by Joanna Sabetti & family
10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa
10am Stella Milana by Nicolina Biondo
10am Linda Di Stefano by Beatrice Raad
10am Venera Licata by Beatrice Raad
12pm Patrick Visingardi by Dan Skoczylas
12pm Umberto & Maddalena Liano by family
12pm Carmela Liano by family
12pm Special Intention for Demir Uygur
12pm Maria Liano by family

April 21-Tuesday

John Agostini-anniversary by wife Olivia & family

April 22-Wednesday

Giuseppe & Savina Righi by daughter-in-law Lorraine

April 23-Thursday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
For All The Faithful Departed by DiMichele family

April 24-Friday

Antonio & Assunta Croceni by daughter Lorraine
Paolo & Columba Maiani by daughter-in-law Nora

April 25-Saturday

6pm Carolina Visone by daughter Lia
6pm Lawrence Marino by Raffaella & Tony Casali
6pm Joseph Zemens by San Francesco Parish
6pm Special Intention for Demir Uygur

April 26-Sunday


8am Dec mem of Ministrelli fam by Ron/Michelle Marino
10am Piera Giannola by Rosa Manzella
10am Mario Signorelli by wife & family
10am Vincenzo Esposito by wife Elena
10am Zaira Costa by Fernanda Costa
10am Mario Meschini by Fernanda Costa
10am Federazione Abruzzese of MI 27 yr. anniv-Club Mass
12pm Special Intention for Demir Uygur

April 27-Monday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by fam
Tom Latimer by wife Shirley

April 29-Wednesday

Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family
Joe Walters by Joann Grammatico

 **Lectors for April:** 

Apr. 02- A. Perugi

Apr. 03- N. Butros, A. Perugi

Apr. 05- P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi

Apr. 12- J. Nowc, V. Amaro, N. Butros

Apr. 19- P. Graebert, T. Silverio, L. Sawyer

Apr. 26- P. J. Nowc, L. Pietrantoni, A. Perugi

Saturday, 6:00pm

Apr.04-Easter Vigil @ 7:30pm J. Foglyano, A. Perugi

Apr. 11-D. Brosky **Apr. 18-**J. Foglyano **Apr. 25-**D. Brosky

 **DATES TO REMEMBER:** 

CONFESSIONS

Every Friday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

ADORATION

Holy Hours every Friday from 8:30am till noon.



Please remember you must register every year for catechism classes even if your child has attended the previous year.

BIBLE STUDY

Weekly classes continue with Fr. Marco Brioschi every Thursday @ 7pm. Come join us!



ASSUNTA SOCIETY BAKE SALE

Join us after the Holy Masses,
Sunday, May 3rd to pick up some



yummy baked goods. All proceeds go to San Francesco Church. Donations of wrapped baked goods are greatly appreciated. Drop off is in the Fr. Rossi Hall on Saturday, May 2nd or before the 8am Mass on Sunday. Any questions please contact Brenda Rivard @ (586) 524-0027.

EASTER ENVELOPES

Deepest thanks to all for your kindness and generosity.



HOLY THURSDAY, April 2nd

**7:00pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until Midnight**

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd

**1:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death
Holy Communion, The Way of the Cross,
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena**

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4th

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass



EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th

Masses: 8:00am 10:00am (Italian) 12:00 Noon

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL~BUONA PASQUA!

Archdiocesan of Detroit Restructuring

Listening Sessions:

Tuesday May 12th 7-9 pm

Thursday May 14th 7-9 pm

Choose which meeting you wish to attend.

To ensure the future of the parish of San Francesco, every single parishioner must attend one of the two meetings mentioned above.

To participate in one of the two meetings, you must register by choosing the following methods:

1) Register at restructuring.aod.org

2) Or using the link below:

www.cognitofirms.com/ArchdioceseOfDetroit2/ParishListeningSessionRegistration

3) contacting the San Francesco Church Office:

(586) 792-5346 during office hours

(Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30 – 3pm)

4) register in person the weekends of May 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th after each of the masses.

Please see Father Dino or Father Marco if you have any further questions.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Scossi dallo Sviluppo Dottrinale? Parte 27^a

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Riflettendo su quanto dice San Paolo (Romani 5:12-21) circa il Battesimo, San Cipriano (210-258) spiega come ogni persona che viene al mondo, da Adamo eredita l'Inclinazione al peccato, mentre col Battesimo, il credente eredita da Cristo abbondanza di grazia e la giustificazione.

La domanda susseguente, posta sin dal quarto secolo, era su come il peccato originale è trasmesso. Sant'Agostino scoprì la risposta chiedendosi come mai la Chiesa non ribattezzasse gli eretici che ritornavano in seno alla Chiesa, nemmeno quelli che erano battezzati da eretici come i Donatisti. I Donatisti ritenevano che preti indegni o che, in tempo di persecuzione, avessero dato alle autorità civili testi sacri da bruciare, non potevano amministrare il Battesimo. I battezzati da loro dovevano essere battezzati di nuovo.

Nelle sue animate controversie con i Donatisti, Sant'Agostino afferma che la ragione per cui la Chiesa non ribattezzava nessuno era dovuta ai due effetti ricevuti dal neobattezzato. Un effetto indelebile e, pertanto, irripetibile è l'immagine di Cristo impressa nell'anima al posto dell'immagine di Adamo, ed è data da Dio stesso indipendentemente dalla dignità o indegnità del ministro del Battesimo. Il secondo effetto è la grazia di Dio che si può perdere con un peccato grave, ma che si può recuperare in altri modi.

Storicamente, alla fine del quinto secolo, di norma, i neonati erano battezzati una settimana dalla nascita. Naturalmente, questa pratica rese inutile il catecumenato, ma gli esorcismi e le sacre unzioni furono conservati. La professione di fede era fatta dai padrini/madrine. L'immersione dei neonati nell'acqua battesimale, un po' alla volta fu sostituita nella Chiesa Occidentale di rito latino da acqua versata solo sul capo, mentre ancor oggi l'immersione completa è conservata dalle varie Chiese Orientali. Inoltre, nella Chiesa Occidentale la prima S. Comunione e la S. Cresima venivano celebrate più tardi un po' come si fa attualmente. **P. Dino Vanin, PIME**



SPECIAL THANKS



To all our lectors, servers, ushers, and volunteers who take care of the flowers & decorations, & cleaning assistants who selflessly dedicate their time to serve our church, you are appreciated and always remembered in our prayers. Many Thanks to everyone who enjoyed our **Annual Feast of St. Joseph Celebration & Dinner Dance in March, 2026**. Our church is truly blessed with many people of goodwill. God Bless You All.



Prayer Group-Every Monday @ 1:00pm

Refreshments & conversation afterwards in the church hall. Everyone is welcome, join us!