

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

July 20 - July 26

Monday, 7/20	9:00 a.m.	Sylvia Zanardi
Tuesday, 7/21	9:00 a.m.	Jack D'Aurora
Wednesday, 7/22	9:00 a.m.	Edward F. Sanderson
	7:30 p.m.	Raymond David Stehle
Thursday, 7/23	9:00 a.m.	Benedicta Meneses
Friday, 7/24	9:00 a.m.	Anna Marie Kuzma
Saturday, 7/25	9:00 a.m.	Ann Dougherty Dillon
	5:00 p.m.	Frank Brown Sr.
Sunday, 7/26	8:00 a.m.	Annie Durkin
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Hugo Huaman

Mass Intentions will be prayed for in a private daily Mass said by Fr. John if not prayed for in a public Mass.

Please pray for the sick... Grizelle Apodeca, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Heidi Weiss, Joseph Michael Gardner, Sandra Kimball, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoefter, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. *(Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)*

Readings for the Week of July 19, 2020

Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/ Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8- 9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/ Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Raymond Agricola who will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery later this week.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I am continuing this series of columns that are presenting the historic address of Pope Francis to Congress on September 24, 2015. One news commentator at the time remarked that what could have been a light speech filled with platitudes about visiting the United States was instead filled with challenges to lawmakers, including the Pope's desire to see the death penalty abolished, a call for Americans to welcome migrants, and a warning that the fight against religious extremism should not trample upon freedom. Let's continue to read his words on that great occasion:

My visit takes place at a time when men and women of good will are marking the anniversaries of several great Americans. The complexities of history and the reality of human weakness notwithstanding, these men and women, for all their many differences and limitations, were able by hard work and self-sacrifice—some at the cost of their lives—to build a better future. They shaped fundamental values which will endure forever in the spirit of the American people. A people with this spirit can live through many crises, tensions, and conflicts, while always finding the resources to move forward, and to do so with dignity. These men and women offer us a way of seeing and interpreting reality. In honoring their memory, we are inspired, even amid conflicts, and in the here and now of each day, to draw upon our deepest cultural reserves.

I would like to mention four of these Americans: Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Day, and Thomas Merton.

This year marks the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, the guardian of liberty, who labored tirelessly that "this nation, under God, [might] have a new birth of freedom." Building a future of freedom requires love of the common good and cooperation in a spirit of subsidiarity and solidarity.

All of us are quite aware of, and deeply worried by, the disturbing social and political situation of the world today. Our world is increasingly a place of violent conflict, hatred and brutal atrocities, committed even in the name of God and of religion. We know that no religion is immune from forms of individual delusion or ideological extremism. This means that we must be especially attentive to every type of fundamentalism, whether religious or of any other kind. A delicate balance is required to combat violence perpetuated in the name of a religion, an ideology, or an economic system, while also safeguarding religious freedom, intellectual freedom and individual freedoms. But there is another temptation which we must especially guard against: the simplistic reductionism which sees only good or evil; or, if you will, the righteous and sinners. The contemporary world, with its open wounds which affect so many of our brothers and sisters, demands that we confront every form of polarization which would divide it into these two camps. We know that in the attempt to be freed of the enemy without, we can be tempted to feed the enemy within. To imitate hatred and violence as tyrants and murderers is the best way to take their place. That is something which you, as a people, reject.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does God's patience with the weeds change the way I act toward others? To whom do I need to show clemency this week?

SUNDAY MASS VIA YOU TUBE

Fr. John says Mass every Sunday at 10 a.m. from the St. Clare Chapel. Please visit our website www.sfadw.org for more information and also the link to the Mass on Sunday. Details for other virtual services such as Praying the Rosary and Wednesday Evening Mass can also be found on our website.

FAITH DIRECT - ONLINE GIVING

I want to invite you in joining me and many others at St. Francis of Assisi in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes. To sign up for electronic contributions visit www.faithdirect.net. The code for St. Francis is MD110 or text the word ENROLL to 301-804-2584. I want to thank you for your continued support of our parish family especially during these trying times. God Bless You, *Fr. John*

A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ... If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Our response must instead be one of hope and healing, of peace and justice. We are asked to summon the courage and the intelligence to resolve today's many geopolitical and economic crises. Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples. We must move forward together, as one, in a renewed spirit of fraternity and solidarity, cooperating generously for the common good.

The challenges facing us today call for a renewal of that spirit of cooperation, which has accomplished so much good throughout the history of the United States. The complexity, the gravity and the urgency of these challenges demand that we pool our resources and talents, and resolve to support one another, with respect for our differences and our convictions of conscience.

To be continued next week,
Fr. John

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

COMMUNION SERVICE SUNDAYS - 3:00-3:30 PM

Fr. John will offer Holy Communion from 3-3:30 pm in front of the church to parishioners who are unable to receive the Eucharist during in-person Mass. Attendees should park their cars, put on a face mask and line up, maintaining six feet of distance between households or unrelated parties; please note that there may be two lines of people receiving Holy Communion. When it is the participant's turn to receive Communion, he or she must:

Stand six feet in front of Fr. John or the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC).

Come forward once the EMHC presents the Eucharist and the recipient says 'Amen.'

Receive the Eucharist in his or her hands, move six feet away from the EMHC, loosen his or her face mask and place the Eucharist in his or her mouth.

Depart the parish grounds.

DONATIONS NEEDED - GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County assists women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (especially bilingual Spanish speaking women) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. Assistance is provided while following safety precautions recommended by health authorities during the pandemic. We collect new and gently used clothing throughout the year to provide wardrobes, baby items, small toys, and books for newborns through teen size 14/16. We are especially in need of girls' size 5 clothing (fall and summer), newborn (0-3) girls' and boys' clothing, newborn socks, boys' size 4 summer clothing (especially shorts), boys' size 12-month summer and winter clothing, and boys' size 5 summer clothing. We are also in need of newborn caps and baby soap, lotion, and diaper cream. Please contact us at www.gpmoco.org or e-mail Diane at Isabelle49@aol.com.

THANK YOU TO THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PARISH DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new, transferring or readmitted members to share in their Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism activities. Council 2323 supports many St. Francis activities and has many social events. The K of C offers life and long term care insurance opportunities as well as annuities. A new opportunity: join as an Online Member for \$30 per year; go to www.kofc.org and click on "Join Us". If you wish you can join the Council later. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301) 948-6494 or email gtdbpalmer@verizon.net.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (240) 751-7259 or mariannebu@comcast.net with your requests.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School *We are...St. Jude*

www.StJudeRockville.org

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SJRCS faculty and staff are committed to a safe and smooth return to campus for the 2020-2021 school year. Closely following all local & CDC guidelines, our administrators and staff will be ready to open our doors in August. Health & safety are our #1 priority.

During the summer, the school office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 to 1, by appointment only. Please contact Ellen Donnell, 301-946-7888 or Ellen.Donnely@stjuderockville.org to schedule an appointment.

NEED A SUMMER TUTOR FOR YOUR CHILD?

Get tutoring from the best! These SJRCS teachers offer their services during the summer months.

Michelle Ardillo: English, Writing, and Literature (Grades 5-8), Summer Reading Assistance (Grades 5-8), HSPT prep (test taking and language arts – no math), High School and College Essay assistance, ACT/SAT prep (test taking and language arts-no math), michelle.ardillo@stjuderockville.org

Carol Hampe: Science (Grades 4-8), Math (5th Grade to Algebra), carol.hampe@stjuderockville.org

Pat O'Connell: Spanish, Reading, Math (Grades K-8) patricia.oconnell@stjuderockville.org

Olga Paz: English, Math (Grades K-4 and middle school resource students) olga.paz@stjuderockville.org

Becky Sella: All Subjects except History (Grades K-8) becca.sella@stjuderockville.org

Stephanie Hammel: Math, Literature, English (grades 1-8) Stephanie.hammel@StJudeRockville.org

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL OPEN IN MID-JULY

We will be following with care the guidance being offered by the State of Maryland and the Archdiocese of Washington as we make plans for next year's Religious Education program

We will share plans and open registration for next year's Religious Education program and sacramental preparation in mid-July. Please watch for updates on the parish website and through parish communications.

WHEN WE GATHER FOR MASS PLEASE OBSERVE OUR GUIDELINES

WEAR MASKS

Face coverings are to be worn in and around the church for anyone over 2 years of age.

STAY 6 FEET APART

Physical distancing is practiced in the church and on the church property.

HOLY WATER

Fonts will be empty.

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed only in the hand.

OFFERTORY

Baskets will be placed by the church doors for you to place your envelopes or donations.

HYMNALS & BULLETINS

All hymnals, prayer cards and other papers are not available. The bulletin will only be available online at our website.

SEATING

Seating by direction of an usher only. Please do not enter a pew until directed to do so.

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