

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

November 28 - December 4, 2022

Monday, 11/28	9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Rodriguez
Tuesday, 11/29	9:00 a.m.	Bill English
Wednesday, 11/30	9:00 a.m.	Esme Alexander
	7:30 p.m.	James Gleason
Thursday, 12/1	9:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Gordon
Friday, 12/2	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	John Ryan
Saturday, 12/3	5:00 p.m.	Fr. John Dillon (L)
Sunday, 12/4	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Francis Russo
	9:30 a.m.	Michael Waters
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Deacon Stephen McKimmie
	5:00 p.m.	Kenneth T. Yeast, Sr.

In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sadie Lue, mother of Doris Chung, Deacon Stephen D. McKimmie., Archdiocese of Washington.

Please pray for the sick...Ingrid Abt, Jay Ruffin, Fr. William Brailsford, Greg Ford, Sara Becker, Baby C. McGowan, Christine Vilgos-Mitchell, Mari Clancy, Rose Nodine, Pedro Ustrell, Mary O'Grady, Carmella Spano, Mark Patterson, Michael Waple, Sophia Jusko, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhoeffer, 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 November 27, 2022

Sunday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday:	Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

One of the memories that my Great Aunt Celestine Dougherty and her older brothers James and John Dougherty had during their years in elementary school was one year when they all had the same brand-new teacher who was assigned by the principal to teach several grades in one classroom in the local public school. Their teacher, a recent graduate of East Stroudsburg Middle School, was their oldest sister Anna. Anna had told them that they could address her by her first name at home-- where they all lived with their widowed grandmother. But at school they had to address her as Miss Dougherty since she was their teacher. Of course, it didn't take long for them to test this. The reaction was swift. Anna Dougherty wasn't going to take any nonsense. I am particularly interested in their older sister Anna, because in time she became my paternal grandmother. Even though she had retired from the classroom when she married my paternal grandfather John Coady Dillon, Grandma Dillon kept a close eye on the academic progress of her children and grandchildren. And I can assure you that she could be stern when she thought the occasion called for that. Once a teacher, always a teacher.

In a way I can empathize with the experience St. Isidore of Seville, the Doctor of the Church, whom we are looking at this week. When Isidore was a boy, he ran away from home and from school. Isidore's teacher was his brother Leander, who was about twenty years older than Isidore. Leander was a very demanding teacher, and one day Isidore had had enough. While Isidore sat by himself out in the woods, loafing, he noticed some dripping water had worn a hole in a hard rock. Isidore pondered this for a while and came to the realization that he could do what the little drops of water had managed to do. Little by little, by sticking to it, Isidore could learn all that his brother demanded, and maybe even more.

Isidore (560?-636) was born in Cartagena in Spain to a family that included three other saints. One of the saints was his elder brother Leander, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville. The seventy-six years of Isidore's life were full of conflict as well as growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the Iberian Peninsula about 150 years before Isidore was born. The Visigoths were Arians—Christians who said that Christ was not God. Sixth and seventh century Spain was split in two: one people (Catholic Romans) struggling with another (Arian Goths). Isidore was successful in uniting Spain and making it a center of culture and learning. He served as a guide for other European countries that were also threatened by barbarian invaders.

Isidore became an amazingly learned individual. Indeed, some people called him "The Schoolmaster of Europe" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for 900 years. He required seminaries be established in every diocese, he wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every subject. In addition to the encyclopedia, Isidore wrote a dictionary, a history of the Goths, and a history of the world that began with creation. He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still used in the cathedral in Toledo, Spain.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I walk in the Lord's paths in my own community and with my own family?

COME PREVIEW THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON DECEMBER 1

The eight-week women's Bible study *Ordering Your Priorities* will hold its final session on Thursday, December 1, from 10:15 to 11:45 am in the Kuehner Room. For this last class, we will gather for refreshments and watch a video presentation. **All women are invited to come on Thursday, December 1 to see what the women's Bible study is like.** Please contact Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com or Eileen Grams at ehaleygrams@gmail.com to RSVP or for further information. We hope to offer additional women's small group Bible study opportunities in 2023.

SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE

Are you interested in getting a bi-weekly message from Fr. John and staying current on all that our parish offers? If so, then please sign up for Flocknote messages on the home page of our web site, www.sfadw.org. Flocknote is a communications platform used by our parish for clergy members and ministry coordinators to send messages to their "flocks," allowing for ease of communication. You can sign up for different groups from whom you'd like to hear or just receive Fr. John's e-mails and texts. Please sign up today and don't wait to be informed on all things St. Francis. For more information, please e-mail Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan at megan@sfadw.org.

DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED WINTER OUTERWEAR STARTING JANUARY 9

Are you planning on getting a new coat this Christmas season? If so, please deposit your gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to the designated box in the Gathering Space from January 9-23 to benefit patrons at the Montgomery County Family Center, operated by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. Thanks for ensuring your gently used outerwear items will benefit those who need them this winter!

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)

He was always a charitable man but during the last six months of his life he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning until night with the poor from the countryside who were looking for assistance.

Until next week,
Fr. John

ADVENT EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

As we kick off our Advent season on November 27, St. Francis of Assisi Parish has numerous liturgical, service, and fundraising activities taking place. Please mark your calendars with the following events or read more at <http://www.sfadw.org/advent-christmas>:

- **Spirit Tree gift cards during the Advent season.** Starting November 19, pick an ornament off the Christmas tree in the Gathering Space and buy a gift card to Giant, Safeway, Aldi, or Lidl in card amounts of \$25 and \$10 to benefit a family in need at Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Washington DC.
- **Advent wreath signup to light the Advent wreath in the church** every weekend Mass during the liturgical season. Individuals, couples, and families are invited to sign up on the form in the Gathering Space, starting Saturday, November 19.
- **Christmas Tree Sale from Saturday, November 26-Sunday, December 4**, in front of the church or whenever our supplies are sold out. Sign up to volunteer at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/103854>.
- **Talk on Tuesday, December 6, on "What Child Is This?," location to be determined.** Come hear theology professor and parishioner Anastacia Wooden, PhD, reflect on the Mystery of the Incarnation and learn about the history and fuller meaning of Advent and Christmas.
- **Alternative Christmas Gift Sale on the weekends of December 4 and 11 in the Gathering Space.** This fundraiser enables parishioners to make donations to nonprofit organizations in the amount of goods and services provided by the charities; donors are provided with a card that they can give to their loved ones, as alternatives to tangible Christmas gifts.
- **Advent Penance service at 7 pm Monday, December 12, in the church.** Come receive God's forgiveness of your sins during this communal penance service at our church.

We look forward to all parishioners taking part in reflecting on the birth of Jesus Christ and how we can love him and others this upcoming Advent season!

YOUNG ADULTS, GATHER AROUND!

Young adults, it's time to get to know one another! On Sunday, December 11, Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz invites all young adults aged 18-40 to a Young Adults potluck dinner to be held from 6:30-8 pm in the Youth Room of the Rectory. Food will be provided, but we do ask that all attendees please bring a dessert to share with the group. Please RSVP at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/105408>. For more information, please contact Fr. G at (301) 840-1407. Hope to see you there!

2022-23 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



Even though Religious Education classes have started, space is still available and children are welcome to begin classes once registration is received and processed. Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space, the Parish Offices, and also on the parish website. Please call the Religious Education Office if need more information: 301-258-9193. **Children must be registered before they can begin classes.**

RE CLASS SCHEDULE AND THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

There are no Religious Education classes on today, Sunday, November 27. Classes will meet on Monday and Tuesday, November 28 and 29.

CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our parish offers catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our next class meets online on Sunday, December 4 from 3:30 -4:30 pm. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Knights of Columbus Montgomery Council #2323 is inviting Kindergarten through Grade 8 St. Francis Religious Education students to participate in the organization's international *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest. Full details can be found on the "Poster Judging Fact Sheet" and Entry Form distributed to students at RE classes. To participate, students are asked to submit their original, handmade 11"x17" poster and completed entry form no later than Tuesday, December 6, to Susan Anderson during religious education class sessions or to the parish office. For more information, contact me Susan Anderson at 301-258-9193.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING HELP LINE

Religious Education families are invited to support families served by Catholic Charities here in Montgomery County by donating \$40 gift cards for local department stores (e.g., Target) through our "RE Christmas Stocking Help Line." Families are invited to take one (or more) stockings, purchase a gift card, and return these to RE classes by December 13. Look for a letter with more information about this project given to students in RE classes.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR RE STUDENTS

The students in grades 3 - 8 will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Religious Education classes in Advent. Catechists will review the Sacrament of Penance in advance, and we encourage parents to talk with their children about the Sacrament as well. Please note the date for your child's session and grade as shown below:

Sunday 9:20 Session:

Grade 5— Sun., Dec. 4
Grade 4— Sun., Dec. 11
Grade 3— Sun., Dec. 18

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ST. FRANCIS YOUTH GROUP

All youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to join the Youth Group whenever they can for fun, fellowship, and faith formation:

- **December 4:** Confession.
- **December 18:** Christmas party.

All parents of youth participating in the Youth Group must fill out the registration form and medical release forms for their child(ren) to participate. Please contact Youth Minister Travis Tomon for the forms at trtomon@gmail.com.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT MASS WITH CARDINAL GREGORY & DINNER

Sunday, December 11, 2022
4:30–7:00 p.m.

Saint John Paul II National Shrine

For college-age men (18 to 40s), who are interested in the priesthood. Holy Mass, dinner, and an opportunity to discuss the priesthood with priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese. Register at <https://dcpriest.org/december-mens-discernment-mass-with-cardinal-gregory-and-dinner>. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR RE STUDENTS (continued)

Monday 4:45 Session:

Grades 4 and 5 – Mon., Dec. 12

Monday 6:45 Session:

Grades 6, 7 & 8 – Mon., Dec. 12
(participating in the Parish Penance Service starting at 7:00 pm)

Tuesday 6:45 Session:

Grades 6, 7 & 8 – Tues., Dec. 13

Ways to Serve

The entire parish community shares responsibility for faith formation and the support of many volunteers makes our programs successful. There are a variety of ways to serve, including weekly, monthly, and "as needed" commitments:

- Catechist
- Classroom Aide
- Substitute Catechist
- Support for Service Projects
- Support for Art Projects (at home preparation)
- Help with Sacramental Celebrations & Special Events

Please consider supporting our Religious Education program as a volunteer! To learn more, please call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193.

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

www.StJudeRockville.org

<http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd>

REGISTER NOW FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration is open for all interested families. We are a PreK3-8th grade Catholic school. Come and witness a faith filled school with high academic standards and happy students! MAP scores above the National Average!! Tours are available by appointment. Please contact Ellen Donnelly, Ellen.Donnelly@StJudeRockville.org.

ADW TUITION ASSISTANCE To apply for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington for the 2023 – 2024 school year, follow the links from www.stjuderockville.org - Admissions tab- Archdiocese Tuition Assistance or <https://adwcatholicalschools.org/tuition-assistance/archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-program/>. The application deadline for all returning families is December 2, 2022. The deadline for new families is February 18, 2023. The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. All tuition assistance obtained through the Archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive tuition assistance.

PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR NEED FAMILIES

Your donation to this scholarship allows students to attend St. Jude who otherwise would not be able to afford it. Say yes for the children! Great way to give back to your grade school! Grade schools are the foundation for the future!! Young alumni (under 21) are challenged to give according to the year you graduated. Please donate on our website: <https://www.stjuderockville.org/giving/donate> or mail check to: St. Jude Regional Catholic School, 4820 Walbridge St., Rockville, MD. 20853

SAVE THE DATES

November 29th Support the 8th Grade - Eat in or order out at the Leisure World Ledo Pizza. Mention St. Jude and the 8th Grade will get a portion of the sale.

December 3rd 9-11 am Breakfast with Santa in the Thaddeus Room

IS ANYONE UP FOR A DOCUMENTARY WATCH PARTY ON VIBRANT PARISH LIFE?

Are you interested in watching the "People of God" documentary produced by America Media, which shows how parish life has changed at four Catholic parishes throughout the United States? This groundbreaking documentary was the subject of Fr. John's Flocknote on November 16, and if parishioners are interested in watching it, then we would like to host a watch party and discussion. Please e-mail Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan at megan@sfadw.org if you are interested in taking part, as well as what days of the week work best. Thanks for your interest in learning more about vibrant parishes!

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Canned Soup
Canned Fruit
Canned Beans (black/kidney/red, etc.)
Dry Unsweetened Cereal
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Meals in a can (stew, canned pasta, chili, etc.)
Dry Rice/Beans

Diapers - Sizes 3 & 6
Baby Wipes
Pediasure
Baby Formula (Equivalents/substitutes for US produced Similac Blue and Similac Orange (sensitive).

Ensure for Adults

Paper Bags (Trader Joe size or similar).
Plastic Newspaper Bags
Plastic Grocery Bags
12-egg cartons (Plastic)

Please place donations in the St. Martin's Food Pantry Bin in the Gathering Space or the Rectory front porch if the church is locked.

Special thanks go to all those helping us to help our neighbors in need!

DO YOU HAVE A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MORE CHARITABLE SUPPORT IN 2023?

The New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance (NNIA) is provides critical aid and friendship to more than 100 new neighbors, including over 80 newly resettled Afghan refugees who live in Montgomery County. Our parish provides key leadership and volunteers to NNIA and we would like to engage more of our community in serving this critical need. We need volunteers to help with many different tasks including virtual and in-person support such as tutoring, helping fill out forms, finding employment, delivering food, helping with transportation to medical appointments, and managing donations of furniture and supplies. We also plan and conduct social events for the families. Many refugees from Afghan and the Ukraine are currently arriving and we anticipate supporting additional immigrants in 2023 including many from Venezuela. We can only provide this support with additional volunteers. You do not need any special experience to do this work.

We have also provided financial support to these families: paying rent, utilities, transportation, tuition, and other essential needs they could not afford. Our St. Francis community has been very generous with donations this year, and we ask you to consider donating to the St. Francis Refugee Fund to help replenish this account for our 2023 commitments. Please contact Chris King, caking.home@gmail.com or Mary Kate Ryner, rynoslp@msn.com for more information.

ESPAÑOL

Eventos de Adviento en la parroquia de San Francisco de Asís

Al comenzar nuestra temporada de Adviento el 27 de noviembre, la parroquia de San Francisco de Asís tiene numerosas actividades litúrgicas, de servicio y de recaudación de fondos. Marque sus calendarios con los siguientes eventos o lea más en <http://www.sfadw.org/advent-christmas>:

- **Tarjetas de regalo de Spirit Tree durante la temporada de Adviento.** Elija un adorno del árbol de Navidad en el Espacio de Reunión y compre una tarjeta de regalo a un minorista local para beneficiar a una familia necesitada en la Iglesia de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María en Washington DC o una de las familias de refugiados o inmigrantes atendidas por nuestro Ministerio de Alianza Interreligiosa de Nuevos Vecinos.
- **Inscripción en la corona de Adviento para encender la corona de Adviento en la iglesia** cada misa de fin de semana durante la temporada litúrgica. Se invita a individuos, parejas y familias a inscribirse en los formularios en el Espacio de reunión.
- **Venta de árboles de Navidad del Sábado 26 de Noviembre al Domingo 4 de Diciembre**, frente a la iglesia o cuando nuestros suministros estén agotados. Regístrese para ser voluntario en <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/103854>.
- **Charla el martes 6 de diciembre sobre "¿Qué niño es este?" en la Sala de Jóvenes de la Rectoría.** Venga a escuchar a la profesora de teología y feligresa Anastacia Wooden, PhD, reflexionar sobre el Misterio de la Encarnación y aprender sobre la historia y el significado más completo del Adviento y la Navidad.
- **Venta alternativa de regalos de Navidad los fines de semana del 4 y 11 de Diciembre en el espacio de reunión.** Esta recaudación de fondos permite a los feligreses hacer donaciones a organizaciones sin fines de lucro en la cantidad de bienes y servicios proporcionados por las organizaciones benéficas; los donantes reciben una tarjeta que pueden dar a sus seres queridos, como alternativas a los regalos tangibles de Navidad.
- **Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento a las 7 pm del Lunes 12 de Diciembre en la iglesia.** Venga a recibir el perdón de Dios de sus pecados durante este servicio de penitencia comunitaria en nuestra iglesia.

¡Esperamos que todos los feligreses participen en la reflexión sobre el nacimiento de Jesucristo y cómo podemos amarlo a él y a los demás esta próxima temporada de Adviento!

¡Jóvenes Adultos, Reúnanse!

¡Jóvenes adultos, es hora de conocerse! El domingo 11 de diciembre, el P. Grzegorz Okulewicz invita a todos los jóvenes adultos de 18 a 40 años a una cena de jóvenes adultos que se celebrará de 6:30 a 8 pm en la Sala de Jóvenes de la Rectoría. Se proporcionará comida, pero pedimos que todos los asistentes traigan un postre para compartir con el grupo. Por favor, confirme su asistencia, a <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/105408>. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Padre G al (301) 840-1407. ¡Esperamos verte allí!

Regístrese en Flocknote

¿Está interesado en recibir un mensaje quincenal del Padre John y mantenerse al día sobre todo lo que ofrece nuestra parroquia? Si es así, regístrese para recibir mensajes de Flocknote en la página de inicio de nuestro sitio web, www.sfadw.org. Flocknote es una plataforma de comunicación utilizada por nuestra parroquia para que los miembros del clero y los coordinadores del ministerio envíen mensajes a sus "rebaños", lo que facilita la comunicación. Puede inscribirse en diferentes grupos de los que le gustaría escuchar o simplemente recibir los correos electrónicos y mensajes de texto del Padre John. Por favor, regístrese hoy y no espere a ser informado sobre todo lo relacionado con San Francisco. Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a la Coordinadora de Comunicaciones Melissa Egan a megan@sfadw.org.

¿Necesita ayuda de la parroquia de San Francisco de Asís?

¿Está buscando ayuda de miembros del clero en la parroquia de San Francisco de Asís? ¿Tiene alguna pregunta sobre la Educación Religiosa, los sacramentos o la vida ministerial? Si es así, complete y envíe el formulario en línea en nuestro sitio web, "Busca de apoyo", en <https://www.sfadw.org/busca-de-apoyo>. Uno de nuestros miembros del clero de habla hispana se pondrá en contacto con usted para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con el p. Grzegorz Okulewicz al (301) 840-1407.

Nueva misa en español marca el comienzo de oportunidades litúrgicas y sacramentales adicionales

A medida que el clero, el personal parroquial y el Ministerio Hispano continúan construyendo esta comunidad de fe dentro de la más grande nuestra, por favor recuerden dos nuevos servicios que nuestra parroquia está ofreciendo para servir a los hispanohablantes:

- Las personas que deseen ofrecer una Misa como intención para la liturgia en español a la 1 pm los domingos deben hacerlo por lo menos 10 días antes de la Misa que deseen ofrecer. Estas intenciones se pueden hacer llamando a la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407 ó viniendo a la oficina durante las horas de trabajo de la parroquia: lunes a viernes de 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- Padre Grzegorz Okulewicz u otro sacerdote de habla hispana oirá confesiones en inglés y español los sábados, de 3:30 - 4:30 pm en el confesionario de la iglesia. Ésta se ofrecerá en adición a la confesión normalmente escuchada en inglés por el Padre William Brailsford en la Capilla Santa Clara de la Rectoría en este mismo espacio de tiempo.

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 KofC offers life and long term care insurance opportunities as well as annuities. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or email gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).