

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

August 21 - August 27, 2023

Monday, 8/21	9:00 a.m.	Marie & James Galvin
Tuesday, 8/22	9:00 a.m.	Tuco & Aya Cordua
Wednesday, 8/23	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Robert T. Gullen
	7:30 p.m.	Sophie Amelia Barnett
Thursday, 8/24	9:00 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday, 8/25	9:00 a.m.	James Gleason
Saturday, 8/26	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, 8/27	8:00 a.m.	Father Don Worch
	9:30 a.m.	Patsy & Stella Battista
	11:15 a.m.	Jefferson Gaskins
	1:00 p.m.	William Walker
	5:00 p.m.	Robert Charles Vallance

Please pray for the sick... Mark Lynch, Laura Tseronis, Christine Degen, Anna Calabia, Maria De Los Angeles Concepcion, Caramia Caballero-Calabia, Nicole Behrus-Weiss, Maryann Murphy, Mark Patterson, Michael Waple, Sophia Jusko, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhofer, 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 August 20, 2023

Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Jn 1:45-51
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/ Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

When I went on a pilgrimage to France in 2008, one of the places we visited was the Basilica of Sainte-Thérèse in Lisieux, France. One of the surprises of that visit to Lisieux was to see the statue there that had been donated by the Bishops of the United States. It was of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini with the inscription on the statue as our first citizen saint. Here is the remarkable story of that valiant woman of God, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

Frances was born in a town south of Milan in 1850. Although she thought that she had a vocation to religious life, she was rejected as a candidate by two congregations because they thought she was too frail for the rigors for convent life. She then became involved in charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. Because of problems in the administration of the orphanage, the diocesan bishop closed the orphanage in 1880. He recognized that Frances had a vocation to religious life and that she would be a good leader for a new institute called the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Frances longed to do missionary work in China, but a number of Italian bishops thought that the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart would be better suited to work in the United States where so many Italian immigrants were settling and finding life there to be very difficult. She went to see Pope Leo XIII about this matter who counseled her thus, "My daughter, your field awaits you not in the East but in the West." So, in 1889 she and six other sisters sailed for the United States.

Upon her arrival Mother Cabrini found disappointment and difficulties everywhere she turned. The house intended to be their first orphanage in the United States was withdrawn. The Archbishop of New York encouraged her to sail back to Italy. She asked for three months. She told the archbishop that if they had not found suitable arrangements, the seven Missionaries of the Sacred Heart would return to Italy. Since Pope Leo had encouraged them to take up this work, she was not going to give up easily. The archbishop granted her the three months and was very pleasantly surprised when she succeeded in establishing the orphanage within the next three months.

In the next thirty-five years Mother Cabrini founded sixty-seven institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. Because she saw great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes.

Because of an experience in childhood, Mother Cabrini was always frightened of drowning—a fear she never quite overcame. In light of that it is remarkable that she made over thirty ocean voyages as part of her work as the General Superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. She died of malaria in Columbus Hospital in 1917—an institution that she herself had established.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Whom is the message of inclusion in today's reading challenging me to look at differently? How can I be more accepting of others?

SIGN UP TO HEAR DYNAMIC SPEAKERS AT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

This weekend, all adults are invited to sign up for the Christian Life Program, an integrated course leading into a renewed understanding of God's call to all Christians, including married couples and single adults. Facilitated by the Couples for Christ Ministry, the course will meet from 12-3 pm on Saturdays in September and early October in six weekly sessions.

Speakers for the course will include:

- Fr. John Dillon
- Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz
- Deacon Jim Datovech
- Deacon Will Garcia
- Aspirant Ed DeAusen
- Parishioner Wendel Hall

Please learn more about this faith formation opportunity at the table in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact parishioner Cris Flores at cris_jflores@yahoo.com or Liza Flores at liz_bflores@yahoo.com

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is held on Fridays
in the Rectory Chapel
9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon.
All are welcome to attend.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Let me finish this column with a quotation from Pope Pius XII from the homily of her canonization on July 7, 1946: *"Although her constitution was very frail, her spirit was endowed with such singular strength that, knowing the will of God in her regard, she permitted nothing to impede her from accomplishing what seemed beyond the strength of a woman."*

To the Pope's comment, I would add and beyond the strength of a man as well.

Until next week,
Fr. John

WALKING WITH PURPOSE PROVIDES BIBLE STUDY CHOICES

FOR WOMEN IN THE PARISH

If you're a Catholic woman who has wanted to study Scripture but has never taken the plunge, then you now have the opportunity with the Walking with Purpose program. All women of the parish are invited to take part in one of two women's Bible study sessions beginning this fall in the Kuehner Room. **All content is delivered in English.**

- *"Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived," 4:45-6 pm Mondays in the Kuehner Room. Start date to be determined.* Participants will use "Walking with Purpose" resources, which align with Church teaching. Designed to require limited at-home preparation, the course will take place over 18 weeks, with several week-long breaks around the holidays built into the schedule.
- *"Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point," 10:15-11:45 am Thursdays in the Kuehner Room. Start date to be determined.* This 22-week study has been divided into a nine-week session starting in September; an eight-week session starting in January; and a five-week session beginning in April. Multi-week holiday breaks have been built into the schedule. All women are welcome to join any or all trimesters.

For more information, contact coordinators Eileen Grams at ehgrams@yahoo.com or Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com.

NEXT RCIA PROGRAM STARTS IN MID-SEPTEMBER

In just one month, our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program will begin. If you or someone you know is ready to meet Jesus and journey with him as a Catholic, then RCIA may be for you. For more information, please contact Director of Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfiadw.org. Spanish speakers are encouraged to contact Deacon Will Garcia at wagarcia@comcast.net.

WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP RECONVENES IN THE FALL

There will be no parish Women's Cancer Support Group at 12:30 pm Sunday, August 27, in the Rectory's Assisi Room. The group looks forward to reconvening this fall. For more information, contact parishioner Doreen Dyer at doreendyer@yahoo.com or parishioner Pam Kelley at pammycats@gmail.com.

E-GIVERS PLEASE NOTE

If you are using Faith Direct or other means of e-giving and are no longer in need of your contribution envelopes, please notify the parish office to discontinue your envelopes. You will keep your same parishioner number, you will just stop receiving the envelopes and will save the parish the expense of printing and mailing the envelopes to your home. Questions? Please call the parish office, 301-840-1407. **Thank you!**

**REGISTER NOW
FOR 2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FOR CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN
THROUGH GRADE 8**

Please be sure to return your registration no later than September 1 so that we can be ready to welcome your child as our program begins!

If you have questions about this year's program, or would like to register in person, stop by the Religious Education information table in the Gathering Space after Sunday Masses on August 20 & 27!

Our parish offers families a choice of two options for religious education:

Option 1: "Classroom model" offering in-person classes taught by volunteer catechists and classroom aides:

- **Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5)** classes offered at two session times: Sunday 9:20-10:35 am and Monday 4:45-6:00 pm. Classes begin September 17 and 18.
- **Middle School (Grade 6, 7 & 8)** classes with students attending weekly. Two session times will be offered: Monday 6:45-8:00 pm and Tuesday 6:45-8:00 pm. Classes begin September 18 and 19.
- **Classes for children and youth with special needs** meeting on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm (in-person or online). Classes start September 24.

Option 2: "Homeschool model" offering parents the opportunity to teach their children at home with textbook resources and support provided by the parish, including online parent meetings and additional events (in-person and online) for students and families.

Registration fee: \$125.00 per child
(Return form by August 15 to receive \$25 discount off total registration.)

Family discounts are available for 3 or more children. Please call for more information.

If payment of registration fees poses a financial hardship, please contact us and allow us to assist you.

Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website at: <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>.

Completed forms can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm), or returned as digital copies via email to sfareligioused@sfadw.org.

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

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Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

We hope you're having a great summer! We are praying for you! Please keep our teachers and students in your prayers!

**STILL A FEW SPOTS LEFT! 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 at Ellen.Donnelly@StJudeRockville.org.

We are HIRING! Come work with us! Our team is looking for:

5th/6th Grade ELA Teacher
Second Grade Teacher

If you are interested please email our Principal Jeanne Donatelli, Jeanne.Donatelli@StJudeRockville.org.

Substitutes are needed! If you are a retired teacher or someone who would like to teach children, but not everyday, then being a substitute is for you! Please contact the main office for more information.

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

August 26th, 1-4pm, SJRCS Parking Lot

Enjoy fun activities, Games, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Kona ice available for purchase!

The 2023 Fr. Kapaun Outdoor Mass is on Friday, September 22nd at 9:00am. Mass will take place on the Mercury side parking lot. All are invited! Special invite to all active and retired military, police, firefighters, and all first responders are invited. Let's fill our parking lot and pray together for the Sainthood of Fr. Kapaun. **Fr. Kapaun... pray for us!**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)
Registering for Sacramental Preparation**

Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes.

At a minimum, children are expected to have participated in Religious Education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament.

Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

This week was the third week of the last four to hit a new **31-year record** for a non-holiday food distribution, passing last week's previous record by 37 families. We have also served **over 300 families each week for four weeks** – the first time this has happened at this Pantry. Over the week ending with the 7 August distribution, we received approximately 3.15 tons of non-perishable food, and gave out some 3.47 tons of non-perishable food and rather less perishable food to 356 families.

Canned Beans (Black, Kidney)

Canned Soup

Meals in a can (stew, canned pasta, chili)

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Tuna/Canned Meat

Canned Fruit

Oatmeal

Canned Vegetables

Baby Formula: Similac Blue & Similac Orange, and/or domestic or foreign equivalents/substitutes. Diapers size 4 & 5, Baby wipes, Pediasure.

Ensure

Adult Pull-ups Medium, Large, Extra-large

Paper Bags (Trader Joe size or similar).

Plastic Newspaper or 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.

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED

Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on 1-3 September 2023 call (443) 400-7017, or email 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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301-990-2088, Ext. 12

admissions@mogschool.com

ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR Saturday, November 11, 2023

HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTERS

We will begin making crafts for the 2023 Holiday Bazaar on Wednesday September 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you enjoy being creative and socializing with fellow parishioners, please plan on attending. Also, projects can be taken home to work on. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, 301-840-1407.

HOME SHARING ENABLES COUNTY HOME-OWNERS TO AGE IN PLACE WITH COMPANIONSHIP, ADDED INCOME

Do you have a vacant room in your home available for rent by a vetted person? The Housing Initiative Partnership's Montgomery County Home Sharing Program enables homeowners to offer spare rooms for rent to home seekers looking for affordable, healthy, and safe housing for longer than six months. Supported by the county's Department of Health and Human Services, the program offers free access to the Silvernest online platform, which provides background checks and lease/agreement creators.

Benefits of home sharing include:

- Increases sense of security and reduces social isolation while aging in place
- Creates a new source of monthly income for homeowners
- Identifies and screens compatible housemates, including the option to share housekeeping chores or help with errands in exchange for reduced rent
- Creates an alternative affordable housing option in an expensive rental market

To be eligible, homeowners must live in their homes in Montgomery County, while home seekers from any location can take part. Housing Initiative Partnership staff are involved in the process, from signup, matching, vetting of rental applicants, and monitoring. Home seekers receive a credit check, background check, housing history check, and housing counseling. For more information, please see <https://HIPhomes.org/Home-Sharing> or contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

CHURCH MUSICIANS CAN FIND COMMUNITY IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS

Are you a church musician, director or organist? Do you need resources and/or would like to be connected to other archdiocesan musicians near you? The National Association of Pastoral Musicians is a nonprofit organization for professionals, volunteers, and anyone who cares about the liturgical life of the Church. The DC chapter is actively looking for members who want to know about upcoming workshops, concerts, or job opportunities. For more information, go to <https://npm.org/>. Questions can also be directed to Katie at music@ccjgs.org.

Anuncios para el boletín del 20 de agosto de 2023:

Regístrese este fin de semana para el Programa de Vida Cristiana

Todos los feligreses adultos están invitados a registrarse en el Programa de Vida Cristiana (*Christian Life Program (CLP)*), un curso integrado que conduce a una comprensión renovada del llamado de Dios a todos los cristianos, incluidas las parejas casadas y los adultos solteros. Facilitado por el Ministerio Parejas para Cristo, el curso se reunirá de 12 a 3 pm los sábados en septiembre y principios de octubre en seis sesiones semanales. En tres módulos, los participantes aprenderán sobre Las verdades básicas sobre el cristianismo; La auténtica vida cristiana; y Vivir una vida cristiana llena del Espíritu. Regístrese en CLP en el Espacio de Reunión. **Todo el contenido se entrega en inglés.**

Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a los feligreses Cris Flores a cris_jflores@yahoo.com o Liza Flores a lizabflores.50@gmail.com.

Las sesiones semanales para el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos comenzarán a mediados de septiembre

¿Está usted o alguien que conoce listo para conocer a Jesús y viajar con él como miembro de la fe católica? A través del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos -RICA, aquellos que desean convertirse en católicos o completar los Sacramentos de Iniciación comienzan un encuentro con Cristo. El viaje de 10 meses comienza a mediados de septiembre, y los participantes se reúnen semanalmente con el equipo de RICA. Si usted o alguien que conoce está listo para comenzar este viaje, comuníquese con el Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación de Fe para Adultos, Tony Bosnick, en abosnick@sfiadw.org. Los de habla hispana pueden comunicarse alternativamente con el diácono Will García en wagarcia@comcast.net o Lourdes García en legarcia@comcast.net para RICA en español. Para todos, mantenga esto en oración. ¡Dios está lleno de sorpresas!

Caminata de Unidad (Unity Walk) el 11 de septiembre reúne a personas de diferentes tradiciones religiosas

¿Quiere celebrar las diferentes tradiciones religiosas y centros espirituales en el área de Washington DC? Entonces planee unirse a la Caminata de Unidad del Consejo Interreligioso del Área Metropolitana de Washington de 1:30 p. m. a 6 p. m. el domingo, 11 de septiembre, comenzando en la Congregación Hebrea de Washington en DC. Disfrute de la oportunidad de relacionarse con personas de diferentes creencias religiosas a través de diálogos de velocidad moderada, actividades familiares, comedia, música y el intercambio de delicias culturales. Todos los participantes deben registrarse y comprar boletos que van desde \$5 para estudiantes, personas mayores y personas con ingresos limitados y \$10 para admisión general. Compre boletos en <http://ifcmw.org/unity-walk>.

Los recursos de Caminar con Propósito ofrecen oportunidades de estudio bíblico para las mujeres de la parroquia Todas las mujeres de la parroquia están invitadas a participar en una de las dos sesiones de estudio bíblico para mujeres que comienzan este otoño en la Sala Kuehner. **Todo el contenido se entrega en inglés.**

Las opciones incluyen:

- *"Ordenando sus prioridades: construyendo una vida bien vivida", 4:45-6 pm los lunes en la Sala Kuehner. Fecha de inicio por determinarse.* Los participantes utilizarán los recursos de "Caminar con propósito", que se alinean con la enseñanza de la Iglesia. Diseñado para requerir una preparación limitada en el hogar, el curso se llevará a cabo durante 18 semanas, con varios descansos de una semana alrededor de las vacaciones incorporadas en el programa.
- *"Abriendo tu corazón: el punto de partida", 10:15-11:45 am los jueves en la Sala Kuehner. Fecha de inicio por determinarse.* Este estudio de 22 semanas se ha dividido en una sesión de nueve semanas a partir de septiembre; una sesión de ocho semanas a partir de enero; y una sesión de cinco semanas a partir de abril. Se han incorporado vacaciones de varias semanas en el calendario. Todas las mujeres son bienvenidas a unirse a cualquiera o todos los trimestres.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con las coordinadoras Eileen Grams en ehgrams@yahoo.com o Lita Silva en litasilva4@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities Legal Network busca abogados voluntarios

Catholic Charities Legal Network asesora y proporciona representación legal a residentes pobres y de bajos ingresos en toda la Arquidiócesis de Washington (DC), confiando en gran medida en abogados voluntarios para cumplir su misión. Si usted es un abogado en estado activo que quiere hacer una diferencia real en las vidas de las familias y las personas que luchan en nuestra comunidad, comuníquese con Dan Collopy al (301) 615-0949 o daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org para discutir cómo puede ayudar. La Red Legal maneja la mayoría de las áreas de práctica civil y las eliminaciones penales.

UN RECORDATORIO DEL P. JOHN ... Si alguien está viviendo en un matrimonio que no ha sido reconocido por la Iglesia Católica, sería prudente consultar con un sacerdote para ver si esa situación podría ser rectificada. Puede ser tan simple como renovar sus votos matrimoniales en silencio frente a un sacerdote y recibir la bendición de la Iglesia. De esa manera, uno puede ser elegible para recibir los sacramentos de la Iglesia, especialmente la Eucaristía.