

*Welcome to our*

*March 17, 2019*

# *St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family*

Sharing the love of Jesus in the north Georgia mountains, and beyond.....

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2019

## Mass Intentions Mar. 16-22

Sat 4:30 Thelma Platania  
by Joanna McConnell  
Sun 8:30 People of SFA  
Sun 11:00 + Harold Nicholson  
by Gail & Ron Cerroni

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Mon 9am Communion Service  
Tue 9am + Richard Werner  
by Merry Balchunas  
Wed 9am + Peggy Badach  
by Ginny Badach  
Thu 9am Michael Tigue  
by Jerry & Cricket Aull  
Fri 9am John Burkhardt  
By Linda Burkhardt

## Readings for the Week Mar. 17-23

**Sunday**  
Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28-36  
**Monday – St Cyril of Jerusalem:**  
Dn 9:4-10 Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday – Solemnity of St. Joseph**  
2Sam 4-5,12-16 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt1:16-18-21,24  
**Wednesday**  
Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday**  
Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-21  
**Friday**  
Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 Mt 21:33-46  
**Saturday – St. Turbius**  
MI 7:14-20 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

## WEEKLY CALENDAR Mar. 17-23

**Sunday**  
9:45 am Catechism Lower Marian Hall  
9:45am Passion Bible Study Room 11  
12:15 pm R.C.I.A. Conf. Room  
6:00 pm Youth Group Upper Marian Hall  
**Monday**  
7:00 pm Passion Bible Study Conf. Room  
**Tuesday**  
10:00 am Mom's Group Room 6  
10:00 am Women's Guild Retreat Marian Hall  
11:00 am Light Weigh Room 11  
1:00 pm Passion Bible Study Conf. Room  
**Wednesday**  
10:00 am Passion Bible Study Room 11  
6:00 pm Passion Bible Study Room 7  
6:30 pm RCIA Conf. Room  
7:00 pm HEALING MASS Church  
**Thursday**  
10:00 am Marian Consecration Marian Hall  
10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Conf. Room  
6:00 pm Marian Consecration Conf. Room  
7:00 pm Penance Service Church  
**Friday**  
10:00 am Passion Bible Study Conf. Room  
6:00 pm Simple Supper (KofC) Marian Hall  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Church

## Offertory: Mar 9 & 10:

\$8,071.00 First Collection  
\$3,496.00 Door Collection – St Vincent dPaul



## Prayer Requests

Betty Cannon	Peggy Baldwin
Fr. Gary Burkart	Barbara Lewis
Fr. G's mom	Todd Smith
Pam Terranova	Roseanne Ashley
Mary Ann Fitkin	Ken Voss
Emil Terranova	John Grenier
Bruce & Stephanie Miller	Pat Smith
Jacqueline Poirier	Robert Hafer
Ray Fiore	Pam Terranova

Names will be removed after 30 days unless requested to remain.

## Prayer for Healing

Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of your command, drive away from them all forms of sickness and disease. Restore strength to their bodies and joy to their spirit, so that in renewed health, they may bless and serve you, now and forevermore.

# OUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING



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**MESSENGERS**  
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seminary in southern India  
forming zealous missionary  
priests under the patronage  
of St. Therese of Lisieux**

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## **Why Do We Need a New Clerical Order?**

People may have questions when they hear about the founding of any new clerical society or association in the church, asking, "Why do we need another clerical order or society now?" Yes, it is a valid question! Why establish this society now? What is the difference between other clerical orders and the Little Way Messengers? How does it better help the Church and the world compared to other existing orders? Let me share my thoughts as to why we need Little Way Messengers at this time.

Yes, there are many good and well established orders in the Church. Thanks be to God for these. The difference between the other orders and the Little Way is that, unlike many, we do go to live among the poorest of the poor and those who have not heard of Christ to bear witness to Christ even at the risk of martyrdom. We spend at least two hours in the presence of the Holy Eucharist praying for the sins of the Church, the world and for our own sins, interceding for God's mercy and forgiveness. At the earlier stage of the Church, there were many monastic congregations, where the monks would spend an hour in the presence of the Lord and beg for God's mercy. But now there aren't many monastic orders or priests falling on their knees to intercede for the mercy of God.

Like our Patron, St. Therese of Lisieux, we also pray for the conversion of sinners. As St. Therese said, "Jesus attracted me to pray for sinners. I wished to give sinners this immaculate blood to drink, this blood which was to purify them from their stains." She notes that, "It was a true interchange of love; to souls I was giving the blood of Jesus, to Jesus I was offering these same souls, refreshed by divine dew. I slaked His thirst and the more I gave Him to drink, the more the thirst of my poor little soul increased, and it was this ardent thirst He was giving me as the most delightful drink of His love." As a Little Way Messenger, when I celebrate the Holy Mass and drink His precious blood, I can offer it for the souls of the great sinners, so that their sins can be cleansed or washed through the divine blood of Jesus.

In the present world as Kierkegaard says, there are many calculative minds but we need more contemplative souls, souls that can give company to Jesus in His agony, through

their prayers and the offering of their little sacrifices to console Him by saving souls.

First, there are not many vocations for priesthood or for religious life. In the busy world, people are running from place to place or pole to pole to achieve their worldly goals. There is no time for others, not only for strangers but even for family members. Look at family gatherings and you will see the youth are on mobile phones, texting, messaging, or watching something entertaining with no time or interest in listening to family and friends or in sharing with elders or parents as to what is going on in their lives. They prefer to keep aloof. Society is turning into a monolithic or individualistic society with no time for others or for God. When I was growing up I had to go to Church for Mass every day in the morning at 6 a.m. On Sundays there were two Masses plus a 3 p.m. Rosary and benediction, and then a 6 p.m. Holy Mass followed by a time with seminarians learning catechism and bible stories. Every day at 6:15 p.m. we had to pray the rosary in the church and when we returned home we had a family rosary. I used to complain to my mother why I should pray two rosaries and attend two to three Masses a day, when my other friends did not even go for one Mass or pray one rosary. Now, I appreciate my mother's spirituality and forming of my spiritual life. I thank God every day for my parents for giving life to me. I am one of eleven children, six girls and five boys, I am the sixth in order. Therefore, my parents could give me to the Church to be a priest of God and the Church.

Now, look at the Great America. Once it was a great country, a sign of freedom and protection of life. But now, in the name of individual freedom, the gift of life is at risk. As we know, some of the states have passed as law, even after the birth of the baby, that if the mother gives permission, the doctor can kill the baby after birth. It is just infanticide. What happens when the innocent are killed? The blood of the innocent cries for vengeance in heaven. So as Little Way Messengers, we do preach the Word of God, the Truth. If The Word is read and understood by the people of God, we would not have come to the present cultural crossroads in America. Whatever happens in America, it not only effects the United States of America, but the whole world and the Universal Church. The Little Way Messengers, would rekindle spirituality and bring back the faith into the family, parishes, and society in a practical manner.

The Lord's commission to the Church to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world would be put into practice in the lives of the Little Way Messengers, as we go out anywhere in the world, where needed, for a priest to bear witness and to preach the Word of God and even die as a martyr, and to remind the people of God that that we are all called to be saints and that it's not difficult to reach that goal. Thus, we do pray for the friends and benefactors of Little Way three times a day for the blessings that they render to us and in that way we help each other to bear witness to Christ. – Fr. Selvaraj

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

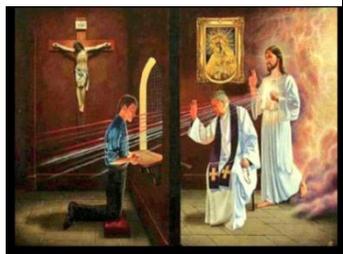
## Healing Mass – March 20<sup>th</sup>



Fr. Albert MacPherson, OSA, will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday evening, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. For over 30 years, Father Albert MacPherson O.S.A. has traveled the globe on a healing mission. He takes his special healing ministry to parishes and provides parish communities with healing Masses and retreats. Please don't miss this opportunity!!

## Penance Service – March 21st

Our Lenten Penance Service will be held on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM. This will be a great opportunity to prepare for Easter by receiving the outpouring of God's love and mercy in this Sacrament. Come meet Jesus where he desires to meet you.



## Solemnity of the Annunciation

### Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>



Join us on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. Let us worship God, and honor Mary, for it was because of her "YES" to God that the Holy Spirit overshadowed her, and Jesus became incarnate in her immaculate womb.

Without Mary's humble obedience and love of God, we are left to ponder what would have become of the world without her Son. Please consider attending one of the two Masses to honor Mary on this special feast day:

9:00 AM – A solemn, chanted English/Latin Mass that will be celebrated ad orientem

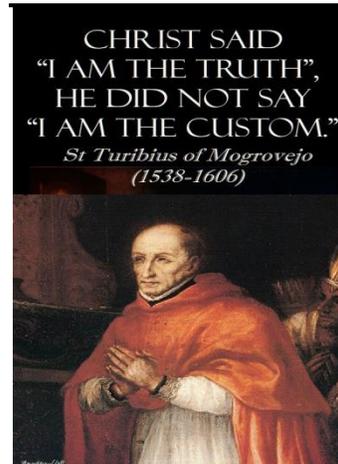
12 noon – A traditional Latin Low Mass

## ST. JOSEPH

### Foster Father of Jesus, Husband of Mary.....Pray for us!



St Joseph.....pray for us  
Renowned offspring of David.....pray for us  
Light of Patriarchs.....pray for us  
Spouse of the Mother of God.....pray for us  
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin.....pray for us  
Foster Father of the Son of God.....pray for us  
Diligent Protector of Christ.....pray for us  
Head of the Holy Family.....pray for us  
Joseph most just.....pray for us  
Joseph most chaste.....pray for us  
Joseph most prudent.....pray for us  
Joseph most strong.....pray for us  
Joseph most obedient.....pray for us  
Joseph most faithful.....pray for us  
Mirror of patience.....pray for us  
Lover of poverty.....pray for us  
Model of artisans.....pray for us  
Glory of home life.....pray for us  
Guardian of virgins.....pray for us  
Pillar of families.....pray for us  
Solace of the wretched.....pray for us  
Hope of the sick.....pray for us  
Patron of the dying.....pray for us  
Terror of demons.....pray for us  
Protector of Holy Church.....pray for us



CHRIST SAID  
"I AM THE TRUTH",  
HE DID NOT SAY  
"I AM THE CUSTOM."  
*St Turibius of Mogrovejo*  
(1538-1606)

### St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Born in Spain, he became the second archbishop of Lima, Peru. He walked to meet all in his care, covering 18,000 square miles. He is patron of Native rights, Latin American bishops, and Peru.

**Saint Quote:** "Time is not our own, and we must

give a strict account of it."

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



## Do you BELIEVE?

During Mass, in Lanciano, Italy, in the 8<sup>th</sup> CENTURY.....a priest, filled with doubt about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, had a consecrated host turn to flesh in his hands.....

During Holy Mass, after the two-fold consecration, the host was changed into live Flesh and the wine was changed into live Blood, which coagulated into five globules, irregular and differing in shape and size.

The Host-Flesh, as can be very distinctly observed today, has the same dimensions as the large host used today in the Latin church; it is light brown and appears rose-colored when lighted from the back.

The Blood is coagulated and has an earthy color resembling the yellow of ochre.

Various ecclesiastical investigation ("Recognitions") were conducted since 1574.

In 1970-'71 and taken up again partly in 1981 there took place a scientific investigation by scientist Prof. Odoardo Linoli, eminent Professor in Anatomy and Pathological Histology and in Chemistry and Clinical Microscopy. He was assisted by Prof. Ruggero Bertelli of the University of Siena.

The analyses were conducted with absolute and unquestionable scientific precision and they were documented with a series of microscopic photographs. These analyses sustained the following conclusions:

- The Flesh is real Flesh. The Blood is real Blood.

- The Flesh and the Blood belong to the human species.
- The Flesh consists of the muscular tissue of the heart.
- In the Flesh we see present in section: the myocardium, the endocardium, the vagus nerve and also the left ventricle of the heart for the large thickness of the myocardium.
- The Flesh is a "HEART" complete in its essential structure.
- The Flesh and the Blood have the same blood-type: AB (Blood-type identical to that which Prof. Baima Bollone uncovered in the Holy Shroud of Turin).
- In the Blood there were found proteins in the same normal proportions (percentage-wise) as are found in the sero-proteic make-up of the
- fresh normal blood.
- In the Blood there were also found these minerals: chlorides, phosphorus, magnesium, potassium, sodium and calcium.
- The preservation of the Flesh and of the Blood, which were left in their natural state for twelve centuries and exposed to the action of atmospheric and biological agents, remains an extraordinary phenomenon.

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Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him rarely. (St. John Bosco)

Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them. (St. Peter of Alcantara)

A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory (St. Padre Pio)

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## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

AT ST. FRANCIS

MONDAY – FRIDAY

10 AM – 12 noon

Benediction at 12 noon

Do you know what you're missing?

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# The Glory in Sight: Scott Hahn on the Second Sunday of Lent

Readings:

[Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18](#)

[Psalm 27:1, 7–9, 13–14](#)

[Philippians 3:17–4:1](#)

[Luke 9:28–36](#)

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. There we see Jesus "transfigured," speaking with Moses and Elijah about His "exodus." The Greek word "exodus" means "departure." But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus—liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's Epistle.

Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain (see [Exodus 24:15–18](#); [1 Kings 19:8–18](#)).

Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly (see [Exodus 24:1; 34:29](#)). But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity—the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud.

Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God (see [Luke 24:27](#)). He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah (see [Isaiah 42:1; Luke 23:35](#)), the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised (see [Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22–23; 7:37](#)). Far and above that, He is the Son of God (see [Psalm 2:7; Luke 3:21–23](#)).

"Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His.



En el Evangelio de hoy, subimos a la montaña con Pedro, Juan y Santiago. Allí vemos a Jesús "transfigurado", hablando con Moisés y Elías acerca de su "éxodo". La palabra griega "éxodo" significa "partida". Pero la palabra se elige deliberadamente aquí para conmover nuestro recuerdo de la huida de los israelitas de Egipto.

Por su muerte y resurrección, Jesús dirigirá un nuevo éxodo, liberando no solo a Israel sino a todas las razas y personas; no de la esclavitud a Faraón, sino de la esclavitud al pecado y la muerte. Dirigirá a toda la humanidad, no al territorio prometido a Abraham en la primera lectura de hoy, sino a la comunidad celestial que Pablo describe en la Epístola de hoy.

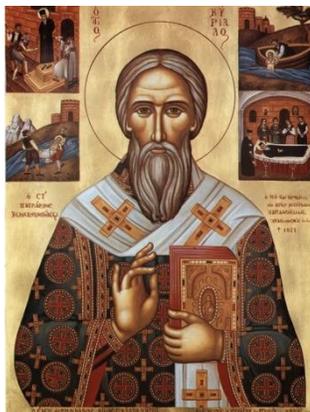
Moisés, el dador de la ley de Dios y el gran profeta Elías, fueron las únicas figuras del Antiguo Testamento que escucharon la voz y vieron la gloria de Dios en la cima de una montaña (véase [Éxodo 24: 15–18](#); [1 Reyes 19: 8–18](#)).

La escena de hoy se asemeja mucho a la revelación de Dios a Moisés, quien también trajo a tres compañeros y cuyo rostro también brilló brillantemente (ver [Éxodo 24: 1; 34:29](#)). Pero cuando la nube divina parte en el Evangelio de hoy, Moisés y Elías se han ido. Sólo Jesús permanece. Él ha revelado la gloria de la Trinidad: la voz del Padre, el Hijo glorificado y el Espíritu en la nube brillante.

Jesús cumple todo lo que Moisés y los profetas habían venido a enseñar y mostrarnos acerca de Dios (vea [Lucas 24:27](#)). Él es el "elegido" prometido por Isaías (véase [Isaías 42: 1; Lucas 23:35](#)), el "profeta como yo" que Moisés había prometido (ver [Deuteronomio 18:15; Hechos 3: 22–23; 7:37](#)). Lejos y por encima de eso, Él es el Hijo de Dios (vea [Salmo 2: 7; Lucas 3: 21–23](#)).

"Escúchenlo", nos dice la Voz desde la nube. Si, como Abraham, ponemos nuestra fe en Sus palabras, un día nosotros también seremos entregados a "la tierra de los vivos" que cantamos en el Salmo de hoy.

Compartiremos en Su resurrección, como promete Pablo, nuestros humildes cuerpos glorificados como los Suyos.



## St. Cyril of Jerusalem – Bishop and DOCTOR of the Church

**"Make your fold with the sheep; flee from the wolves: depart not from the Church,"** Cyril admonished catechumens surrounded by heresy. These were prophetic words, for Cyril was to be hounded by enemies and heretics for most of his life, and although they could exile him from his diocese he never left his beloved Church.

Cyril's life began a few years before Arianism (the heresy that Jesus was not divine or one in being with the Father) and he lived to see its suppression and condemnation at the end of his life. In between he was the victim of many of the power struggles that took place. He speaks as having belonged to the Solitaries. This was a group of men who lived in their own houses in the cities but practiced a life of complete chastity, asceticism, and service.

After being ordained, his bishop, Saint Maximus respected him enough to put him in charge of the instruction of catechumens. We still have these catechetical lectures of Cyril's that were written down by someone in the congregation. When speaking of so many mysteries, Cyril anticipated the question, **"But someone will say, if the Divine substance is incomprehensible, why then do you discourse of these things? So then, because I cannot drink up all the river, am I not even to take in moderation what is expedient for me? Because with eyes so constituted as mine I cannot take in all the sun, am I not even to look upon it enough to satisfy my wants? Or again, because I have entered into a great garden, and cannot eat all the supply of fruits, would you have me go away altogether hungry?... I am attempting now to glorify the Lord, but not to describe him, knowing nevertheless that I shall fall short of glorifying God worthily, yet deeming it a work of piety even to attempt it at all."**

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### Theology on Tap



Why not hang out with Fr. Gaurav and talk about St. Cyril, and other theological topics

over dinner and a margarita or cerveza. Come by El Cancun Mexican Restaurant, in Hiawasee (near the movie theater) at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 25. Tell your friends. Put it on your calendar. Geared toward our young adult community....it's an opportunity to grow in faith, make new friends, and have some fun.

### Simple Suppers

Come enjoy fellowship and delicious food at 6 pm on Fridays of Lent, in Marian Hall, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00. Thanks to the Secular Franciscans for this past Friday's supper, and to the Knights of Columbus, who will be providing our next meal, on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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### 40 Cans for 40 Days

Our St. Francis of Assisi parish will once again be helping out our neighbors in need of assistance this Lent with our 40 cans for 40 days food drive. Please bring your cans, or packaged goods to Mass on Saturday or Sunday, and leave them in the kitchen area. Your contributions will help assist local food banks, and those in need in our community this Lenten season. Thank you for your generosity.

