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## WEEKLY BULLETIN OCTOBER 02, 2022

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*“The word of the Lord remains  
forever.*

*This is the word that has been  
proclaimed to you. ”*

LK 17:5-10



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### Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	10:30 AM (Italian)
	12:00 Noon
Mon-Fri	12:05 PM

### Confessions

Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 PM  
and upon request

## SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM
Thurs-Fri	7:30 AM

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Mon - Thurs 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Fri - Sat 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

## SAINT LEONARD CHURCH SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

**8:15 AM mass will be resumed on Monday October 3rd**

**Mon - Fri** 11:30 AM Rosary  
12:05 Mass

**Monday** 12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Tuesday** 12:30 PM St Anthony Novena

**Wednesday** 12:30 PM Litany of St Joseph  
1st Wed of every month  
Queen of Peace Prayer Group  
6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

**Thursday** Pure in Heart Young Adults  
6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

**Friday** 12:30-3:30 PM Adoration  
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet



# SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions October 02 - October 08

## October 02 - Sunday

**9:00am** - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Gregory Scott Ryan, Jimmy Costa; Jerry McCormick

**10:30am** - Saint Theresa, Luigi & Ersilia Torra, Rocco & Filomena Pezzano, Maria DiBenedetto, Riccio family; Arnaldo Russo ; Jerry McCormick

**12:00pm** - **Italian Heritage Mass** -Cardinal Sean O'Mally; John & Josephine Reppucci; Donald Trump & Family; Jerry McCormick; In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## October 03 - Monday

**12:05pm** - Louise & Josephine Trodella

## October 04 - Tuesday

**12:05pm** - Maria Petruzzelli

## October 05 - Wednesday

**12:05pm** - Thaio & Ann Angiulo

## October 06 - Thursday

**12:05pm** - Cesare Angiulo

## October 07 - Friday

**12:05pm** - Michael Giudice

## October 08 - Saturday

**5:00pm** - Pasqualina & Salvatore Fantasia  
Donald Trump & Family; In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

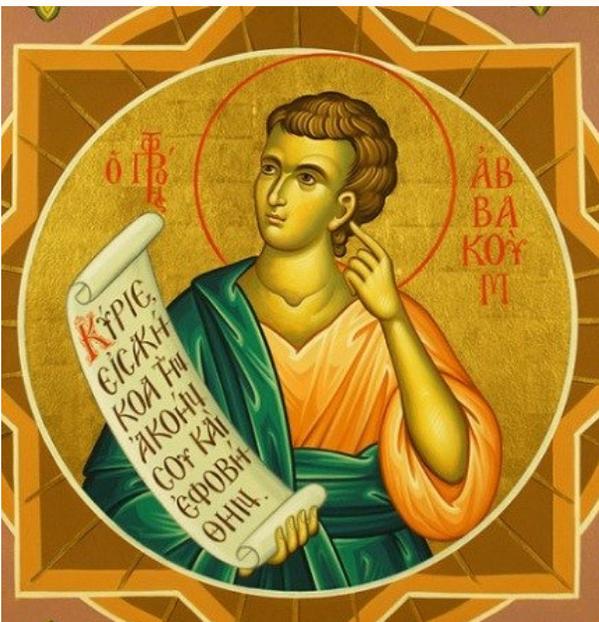


# REFLECTION

Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.

"If one of you had a servant plowing or herding sheep and he came in from the fields, would you say to him, 'Come and sit down at table'? Would you not rather say, 'Prepare my supper. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink afterward'? Would he be grateful to the servant who was only carrying out his orders? It is quite the same with you who hear me. When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty (Lk 17:7-10).'"

The first reading is taken from the the Prophecy of Habakkuk, 1:2-3, 2:2-4. This prophet wrote about 600 B.C. shortly before the Babylonian invasion of Judah and the capture of the city of Jerusalem. Political intrigue and idolatry were widespread in Judah and Jerusalem at the time. The prophet is arguing with God about this state of affairs— why should God allow these things to happen? God tells him, he has prepared a severe punishment for Judah and its wicked inhabitants but the just will be saved.



The second reading is from the second letter of Paul to Timothy, 1:6-8, 13-14. This second letter to Timothy, Bishop of Ephesus, was written by St. Paul from his Roman prison where he was spending his second and last term. It was written about 66/67 A.D. and in it Paul is most anxious that Timothy should come to him in Rome. He does not forget to urge on his beloved convert the need to continue preaching and preserving the faith which he had learned from his father-in-Christ. The Gospel is from St. Luke, 17:5-10. Although Christ was speaking to the Apostles, His words apply to all of us, each in his own station in life. Following the example of the Apostles, we must all pray for greater trust in God. Most of us are inclined to forget God and his providence when our earthly affairs are going well. How often do we thank Him when we are enjoying good health, and when our home-life and business are going smoothly? How many of us Catholics make a novena of thanksgiving for all the gifts we have received and are receiving daily from God's providence. How many, rather, pat ourselves on the back for what we claim as our own successes? It is only when a storm arises in our lives that we think of Him. Remember that storm on the Lake of Gennesaret. The Apostles were rowing cheerfully across the lake. They were probably telling tall yarns about the size and the number of fish they had caught there in their day. They may have been striving against one another to show who was the strongest oarsman. They did not seem to notice that Jesus was sleeping soundly in the bow of the boat. They thought of Him only when the storm arose, and then when they realized that they were in danger they shouted to Him for help (Mk. 5 : 37). They didn't realize that both the calm and the storm were under His province.





Too many of us also, forget God and fail to give Him the thanks and the credit for our well-being which we owe him. We rush to Him only when trouble strikes. In His infinite goodness He often answers such panic prayers. If, however, we had thought of Him every day and realized His place in our lives with how much more confidence would we then approach Him in our hour of special need? If our own personal lives were stronger how much more readily would we accept the adversities and the trials that He sends us or allows to befall us for our eternal good? We can all ask God today to "increase our faith."

As regards our work for God's kingdom and for the salvation of ourselves and of our neighbor we are, like the Apostles, servants of God, and we should be proud of our status. We should be glad, that is, that He allows us to cooperate with Him in the building of His heavenly kingdom. Are we really dutiful servants in this regard? Let us ask ourselves seriously today: What have I done up to now to help to make God known to my neighbor who is ignorant of God and never thinks of what will happen him after death? I may not be able to put in words very clearly what I know and believe about God and the future life, but I can speak to Him far more convincingly by my way of living, by my daily actions.

The sincere Christian can find many ways to help to make Christ known to his neighbor without going on the foreign missions. There are pagans and unbelievers, often such through no fault of their own, and there are many lax Christians all around us. We should, and we can, have an effective influence on them and on their eternal future, if we ourselves live our Christian lives as Christ expects us to do. A quiet word, a charitable gesture, a truly unselfish interest in a neighbor's troubles, coming from a sincere layman can do more good than a series of sermons given by a renowned theologian in the parish church.

Look around you today. Think of your fellow-workers and those living in your own street. Many of them need help and need it badly. You can help them, God expects you to help them. It is His plan for getting you to help yourself to get to heaven. If you fail to cooperate with God by helping to bring His stray children back to Him, you may find that you will be a straying child on your day of reckoning. God forbid.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

**8:15 AM mass will be resumed on  
Monday October 3rd**

**Sunday Masses at Casa Maria will  
be resumed October 2nd at 1:30**

**Weekly adoration on Fridays will  
be postponed except during first  
Fridays until 2pm**

## St Leonard's Catholic Catechism

St Leonard's Church Catholic Catechism Instruction (Kindergarten through high school) will be- gan in person on October 16 and conclude in may, culminating in our first communion and confirmation celebrations. Classes will take place on Sunday morning at 10:30am.

If you would like your kid to participate this year please fill out the registration form on our web- site or contact Melissa or Cindy ASAP at CCD@tleonard.org

**The deadline is October 10 for registration**

**all intentions and holy cards found  
on the Saints will be brought once  
a month to the mass in offered up  
for the mass.**

**St Leonard Church will be closed for  
cleaning on Mondays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM  
& Thursdays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM  
Schedule subject to change**

## ST LEONARD PARISH SEPTEMBER OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 2,567

Week 2: \$ 2,880

Week 3: \$ 1,997

Week 4: \$ 3,639

September Monthly Budget: \$6,239

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## Need a meal, or a place to donate clothes?

St. Leonard will be partnering with **Haley House**, a soup kitchen and donation center in South Boston. Currently, they are most in need of men's clothing. Please check the link [haleyhouse.org/goods](https://haleyhouse.org/goods) for list of accepted items.

Donations can be brought to our parish office.



**HALEY HOUSE**



Each day the friars of St. Christopher Friary pray for the intentions entrusted to them. If you would like your intention included in our prayers, please call the friary prayer request line: 617-742-4190 ext. 100. We are happy to keep you in our prayers.



### Transitus of St. Francis (October 4th)

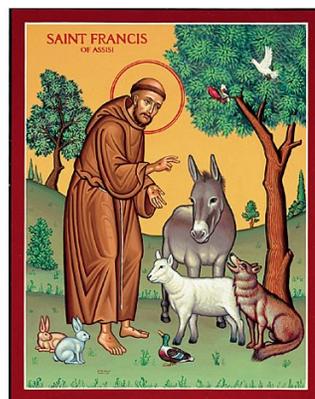


**October 4th** marks the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. To mark this solemn celebration of our seraphic father, Saint Leonard's Parish will celebrate his feast at the **12:05 pm Mass on Tuesday, October 4th.**

In anticipation of this great feast day, the parish will continue a long standing Franciscan tradition of celebrating the Transitus of Saint Francis. This is a commemoration of his death and transition to new life. It will consist of a short prayer service that will take place the evening before at **7 pm on Monday, October 3rd.**

We look forward to you joining us to celebrate this solemn feast with you!

### Blessing of the animals



Keeping in the Franciscan tradition, on October 2, 2022 after the 9:00am mass and the 12:00pm mass, Fr. Michael Della Penna will bless the animals in the Peace Garden  
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IT MATTERS NOT WHERE YOU GO, WHAT SHOES YOU WEAR, OR HOW FAST YOU MOVE, YOU DO NOT WALK ALONE



## PURE IN HEART



Each Thursday, the pure in heart young adult group meets at Saint Leonard Church beginning with the rosary at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm. All young adults 20s & 30s are welcomed.



**NOVEMBER 11-13** **PURE IN HEART AMERICA**

# BeLoved

"I am my beloved's and his desire is for me"  
Song of Songs 7:10

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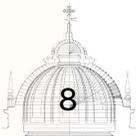
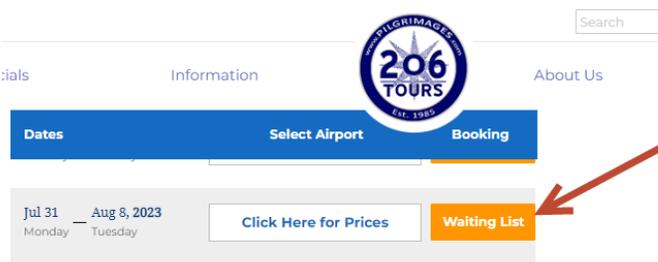


### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje July 31- August 8, 2023

The date for Youth Festival Medjugorje 2023 are July 31 - August 8 and Fr Michael Della Penna will be leading a Pilgrimage for St Leonard's Parish. All the information is posted on the website [www.pilgrimages.com/medj](http://www.pilgrimages.com/medj) July 31- August 8, 2023.

All parishioners are invited to sign to the pilgrimage. It is currently listed as Waiting List. It will be open next week and spots will then be first come first served.

Click on Waiting List and register under the pilgrimage. You will be confirmed as soon as you sign up.



# Giovanni Batista Scalabrini

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



## Early Life

Giovanni Battista Scalabrini was born July 8, 1839 in Fino Mornasco as the third of eight children to Luigi Scalabrini and Colomba Trombetta.

Scalabrini first attended the local state high school where he demonstrated a remarkable intelligence that made him a top student. He entered the Liceo Volta college in Como in 1857 where he often received prizes for his academic excellence. He studied Philosophy and Theology and also had interest in both science and foreign languages.

As a young man, he had a devotion to Saint Joseph and Francis de Sales as well as Charles Borromeo which extended for the remainder of his life.

## Religious Life

Scalabrini received the tonsure (shaving some of the hair as a rite of religious passage) on June 1, 1860. In 1863, he received his ordination to the priesthood from Bishop Carlo Marzorati. After being ordained he expressed a strong desire to join the missions in the Indies, but Bishop Marzorati had other ideas for him and said to him: "Your Indies are in Italy".

On July 17, 1870, he was appointed pastor of San Bartolomeo church and remained there until 1876. He distinguished himself during a cholera epidemic in 1867 through his tireless efforts to alleviate the suffering of the victims. As the pastor of the parish he opened a kindergarten in the area and wrote the "Little Catechism for Kindergartens".

Pope Pius IX dubbed Scalabrini the "Apostle of the Catechism" and appointed him the Bishop of Piacenza on February 6, 1878.

## Bishop Scalabrini's Tenure

As Bishop, some of the things Scalabrini is credited with include the following:

Conducting five diocesan visitations of his 365 parishes (even though half were accessible

only by foot or mule); great was his desire to be with the people and review the conditions of each parish for himself;

Offering three diocesan synods;

Founding a "Deaf and Dumb Institute" to aid the hearing and speech impaired a

Ordering the catechism be instructed in all parishes throughout his diocese ;

Starting a diocesan newspaper; and,

Planning and presiding over the first National Catechetical Congress in 1889 which saw one cardinal, eleven bishops and 400 priests in attendance.

There were rumors in late 1903 and early 1904 that Pope Pius X was going to name Scalabrini as his successor as Patriarch of Venice. Scalabrini declined this, and a Cardinal appointment because of his advanced age.

## Ministering to Italian Immigrants

Scalabrini established a religious congregation to work with the millions of Italians forced to emigrate due to their dire conditions. He viewed migration as a social problem requiring urgent attention but also saw it as a chance to evangelize. He was nicknamed the "Father of Migrants"

On November 28, 1887 he founded the Missionaries of Saint Charles and later on March 19, 1889 dispatched Frances Xavier Cabrini and six others to go to the United States to tend to orphans and ill Italian migrants who had a concentrated cluster in New York City.

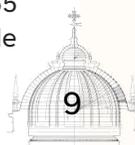
## Visiting Sacred Heart Church in Boston

Bishop Scalabrini travelled to America to tend first hand to Italian immigrants. He arrived in Boston on September 5, 1901. A huge crowd congregated at South Station and paraded the Bishop to the North End *where he visited Sacred Heart Church*. While there, he confirmed 870 candidates. He *visited Sacred Heart again* on October 27, 1901, just before returning to Italy

## Canonization

Bishop Scalabrini died at dawn on June 1, 1905 on the Feast of the Ascension; his last conscious words were: "Lord, I am ready, let us go". Pope Pius X cried upon hearing the news of the bishop's death.

Bishop Scalabrini was named Blessed by Pope Francis on May 21, 2022 and he will be canonized on October 9, 2022.





## 150<sup>th</sup> NEWS

### Collecting Stories and Taking Photographs

After Mass this Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be taking photographs for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and asking parishioners these questions:

How has your faith been impacted by the Franciscan presences?

Can you share with us a personal story about St. Leonards?



### Christmas Creche Sponsorship Available

In time for Christmas, and in conjunction with the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the tradition of a Christmas crèche started by St. Francis and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Leonard's, we will be creating a magnificent crèche in our Church. We are building this Christmas crèche from scratch with pieces coming directly from Italy. And, as a special opportunity for our parishioners, we are offering sponsorship of these pieces. Donors can have an inscription put on the statue.

Creche Piece	Sponsorship Amount
The Holy Family	\$2,500
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Gloria Angel	\$1,300
Shepherd	\$1,300
Lamb	\$ 200
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Ox	\$1,100
Donkey	\$1,100

There has already been great interest in sponsoring these pieces. To make it fair, beginning on St. Francis' feast day of October 4<sup>th</sup>, the pieces will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested sponsors can e-mail [celebrating150years@tleonard.org](mailto:celebrating150years@tleonard.org) or call Claudia Carroll at the Parish office at 617-523-2110 beginning on October 4<sup>th</sup> and continuing until all of the statues are sponsored. Please don't wait as this special opportunity won't last. Thank you for your interest and generosity.

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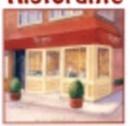
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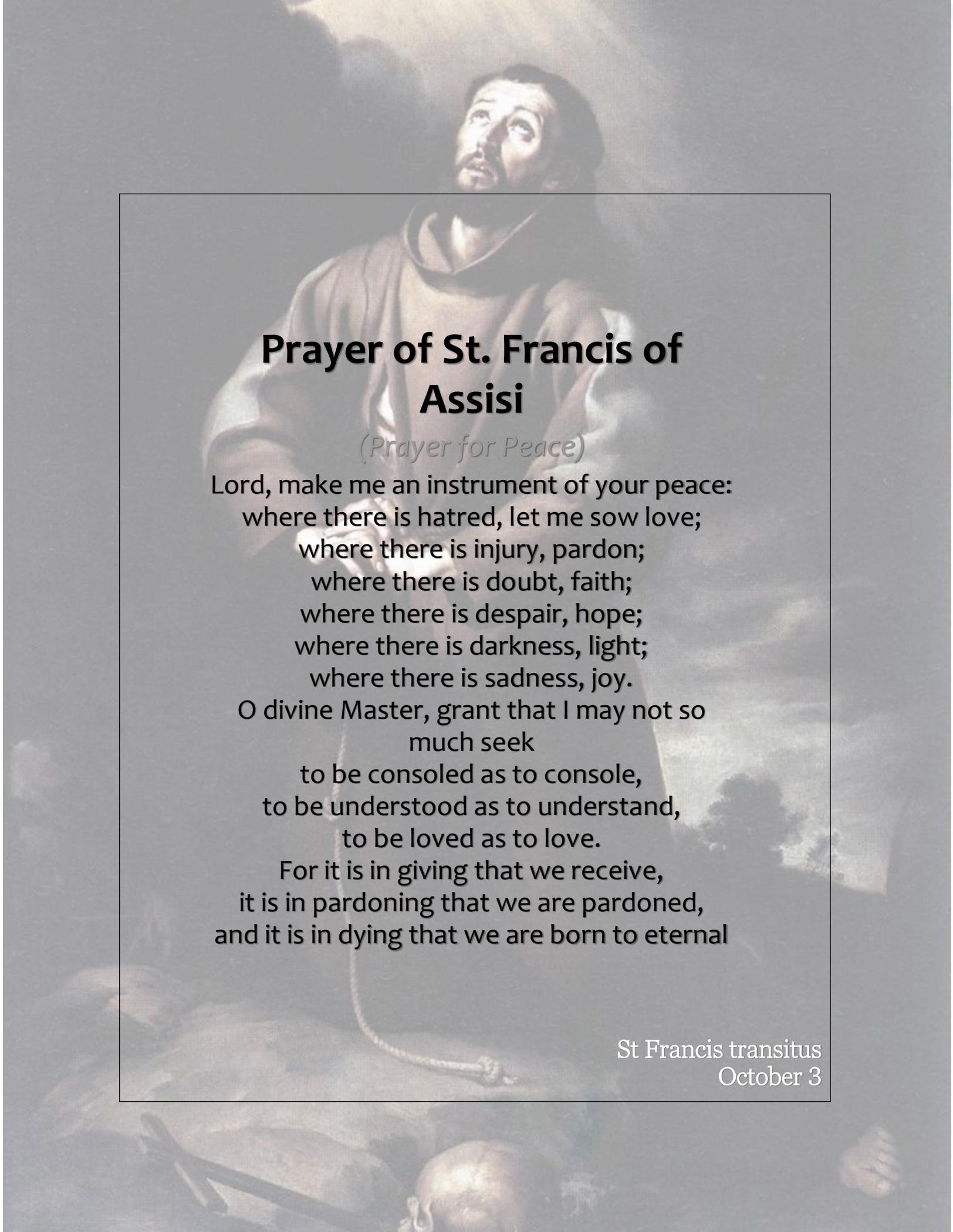
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## Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

*(Prayer for Peace)*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so  
much seek

to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal

St Francis transitus  
October 3