



ST. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

Administrator: Reverend Cyrain Cabueñas

**Apostolic Administrator of Diocese of Burlington:
Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne**

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday 9:30-10:30

Holy Days: As announced in the Bulletin

Baptisms & Reconciliation: By arrangement

Marriage: Couples please contact the parish six months in advance

Parish Contact

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New Parishioners are welcome and are urged to register with the Parish Office

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Weekly Message from Fr. Cyrain:

In our Gospel episode today, Jesus paints a very familiar picture from everyday agricultural life in Palestine and draws a lesson from it. He compares the word of God, which is intended to produce fruit in our lives to seed sowed in the earth by the farmer.

At baptism, the delicate and demanding seed of the word of God is first planted in our hearts. If it doesn't get our whole hearted attention by finding a home in our lives, it withers and dies. Often, when the Lord comes knocking on our door, we fail to make him welcome because we are preoccupied with the meaningless pursuits of the moment. To be a cultivator of goodness, we have to dig deep within ourselves. God does not want part-time or half-hearted followers. His word never blossoms alongside greed, snobbishness and the love of the easy life.

Growth in the life of Christ is not always a smooth, gradual, and straight forward process. The different types of soil can well be the varied response we make to his word, depending on the twists and turns our fortunes may take. When we meet setbacks and disappointments, obstacles may stack up against our good intentions and weaken our firm resolve.

The word of God has an immense and mysterious power to change us. The hard thorny patch that our lives may be currently experiencing, could be Christ's way of calling us to a deeper union with him.

The good news is, there is a good soil in every human heart, and given time and effort, and perhaps a considerable degree of pain, the Spirit of the living God will put down deep roots in our lives, assuring us of salvation.

Does Prayer make a difference?

In a world that values productivity, it can be easy to approach prayer a kind of exchange: we ask for something and God answers. But when prayer runs dry or doesn't seem to "be working", we may wonder if it's worth it (or if we are doing something wrong.) When this happens, it is helpful to remember that prayer is a relationship. We do not spend time with the people we love most because we want something from them, but because we want to be with them. Jesus wants to be with us on an infinitely greater scale. We can - **and should!** Share out needs and desires with Jesus. But Jesus also wants to introduce us to **his desires**. Little by little, he helps us grown in communion with him, and our hearts learn to move with his heart. In this sense, prayer always makes a difference, because it changes us. The question is, are you ready to be changed?

First Friday Adoration: Join us for Eucharist Exposition and Benediction in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Friday August 4, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for a special occasion, please contact the parish office by email, telephone, or drop a note in the collection basket. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and who is requesting the Mass. Let us know if you want a specific day. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Please include your contact information. The customary offering is \$10. Thank you

Offerings (Offerings report for FY 2022-2023)

Weekly Offertory for July 8-9 **\$2,387.00**

Includes: On line giving \$365.00; Mass Stipends \$20.00; \$55.00 coffee hour)

Weekly Offertory of July 1-2 **\$1,742.00**

Includes: On line giving \$394.00; Mass Stipends \$10.00; Peter's Pence \$10.00; \$63.00 coffee hour)

Weekly Offertory Goal **\$2,200.00**

Offertory Collected to date (for the year) TBA

Offertory Year to Date Goal **\$81,400.00**

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date) **\$14,722.00**

Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal TBA (by the Finance Council)

Thank you for your prayerful generosity

Please consider on-line giving. Contact Parish office for detail

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7/15/2023 6:00 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Linda Parker by the Carmichael family

Sunday 7/16/2023 10:30 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of baby Michael Piper by parents Graham & Lisa Marie Piper

Tuesday 7/18/2023 9:00 a.m.

For the health and well-being of our Seminarians, as they continue their journey to priesthood, by Jean Harlow

Thursday 7/20/2023 9:00 a.m.

For the health and well being of Amanda, Theo and Andy Shyne by Ireen Daigle

Saturday 7/22/2023 6:00 p.m.

For the parishioners and benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday 7/23/2023 10:30 a.m.

For the repose of the repose of the soul of Peter Toepfer by his family

Mass Attendance

June 4	93	June 11	118
June 18	141	June 25	95
July 2	99	July 9	88

Eucharistic Adoration

When we visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we are with the same Jesus who taught the disciples, healed the sick, restored sight to the blind, forgave the sinner, calmed the stormy sea and raised Lazarus from the dead. In Jesus, we see the God, who created us, calls us by name, baptized us into his family, loves us unconditionally, and thirsts for our love. When was the last time you went to see him? Realize that you gain more in a few minutes of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament than in all other spiritual practices of the day. **Join us for Adoration each Tuesday following 9:00 am Mass.**

Holy Father Pope Francis Announcement

The Vatican has announced that the Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed the Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, until now the Bishop of Burlington, as the Coadjutor Archbishop of Hartford when in 2024 the latter submits his resignation at the age of 75 in keeping with church law

Prayer Requests- Please remember in your prayers:

The Longacre family, Griffy Thompson, The Thompson family, Laurie Curtis, Jill Lord, Lisa Moeller, Cade Bagley, Logan Young, Elaine Marcegiani, Christine Rose, Martha Sass, Cindy DiNetta, Helen Michalowicz, Roberta Ferguson, Pat Lucarelli, Claire Harlow, Christine Zue, Scott McCandless, Amy Chesser.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Bill Dillon, Peter Toepfer, Ludwig Markert, Robert Leneau, Linda Parker, Loretta Gould, Lucia Cabuenas, Will Moeller, Cynthia Howe, Earl White Sr., Norman Piper, Mary Ann Notaro, Donna O'Neill, Jane Lynch, Anthony Rocchio, Bill Moeller, Ray Nedderman, Father Charles Davignon, Gina Kicinski, Anna Mary Noble, William Moore, Anne Hutchins, John Barth, Raymond Scott, Paul Wynn, Mark Curtis, Margaret Blake.

Volunteer Opportunities

Have you thought about singing in the choir, considered becoming an altar server or learning more about the lector ministry? Maybe you've thought about the ministry of hospitality as an usher? If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any member of the Parish Council or the Parish office for more information.

Parish Picnic

Mark your calendars for our annual picnic on Sunday, September 17. The Knights of Columbus will provide the grilled hamburgers, and hotdogs. A sign-up sheet will be available for pot luck dishes, desserts and volunteers needed for set up, clean up etc. More details to come. Ideas are welcomed.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

In St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, he writes, "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."

When you offer a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are fulfilling the call of discipleship by sharing the blessings you have received from our Heavenly Father. When you give, you are in support of raising critical funds needed by our 20+ statewide ministries, services, and programs at the heart of the mission of our Diocese. You also support the dedicated workers within these ministries who compassionately respond to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families through emergency aid, prison ministry, counseling, spiritual retreats, lay formation programs, and Catholic education. Please, prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2023 appeal by responding to the mailing you received or by a pledge card and envelope located in the entry table in Fellowship Hall.

2023 Bishop Annual Appeal St. Francis Parish Goal: \$15,969.

As of July 12, our parish giving is \$3,238.00, representing 20% of our goal.

As of July 12, the 2023 Bishop's annual Appeal has reached 59% of it.

To make a gift online visit: www.bishopsappealvt.org

Eucharistic Revival "For in the warmth of his presence, our lives change. Without him, everything would truly be gray. Adoring the Body and Blood of Christ, let us ask him with our heart: Lord, give me the daily bread to go forward. Lord, satisfy me with your presence!" Pope Francis Angelus June 19 2022