



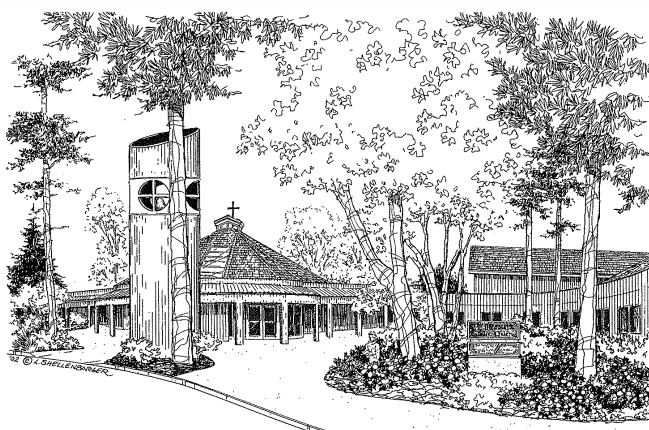
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**Mass is live streamed on Facebook:
Sunday 10:30 am**

**Reconciliation is Friday at 7:00 pm
and Saturday at 4:00 pm**

**Let us keep all people, the country and
the world in our prayers.**

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PUBLIC MASS SCHEDULE: Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30am; Saturday Vigil, 5:30 pm; Sunday, 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:30 pm. **** BY SIGN-UP ONLY **** (50 person maximum per Mass allowed.) You can sign up one of 3 ways for your preferences: Online at St. Francis website www.stfrancissherwood.org, Call office during office hours 503-625-6185, or Email Monica Conrow mconrow@sfsherwood.org. CONFESSION is 4:00-5:00pm on Saturdays.

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 31

Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

Tuesday, September 1

St. Giles

8:30 am Mass (Mike McWhirter – †)

Wednesday, September 2

Blessed John Francis Burté and Companions

8:30 am Mass (Fr. Tom McCarthy, SJ – †)

Thursday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great

8:30 am Mass (Fr. Patrick Ritter – †)

Friday, September 4

St. Rose of Viterbo

8:30 am Mass (Tom Clancy – †)

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Reconciliation

Saturday, September 5

St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 am Mass

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass (Teresa Gagatek – †)

Sunday, September 6

Blessed Claudio Granzotto

8:30 am Mass (People of the Parish – I)

10:30 am Mass (Mike McWhirter – †)

11:30 am Adoration

5:30 pm Mass

The key for the Mass intentions is as follows:

- Deceased – †
- Healing – H
- Thanksgiving – T, or
- Intentions – I

To request a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.

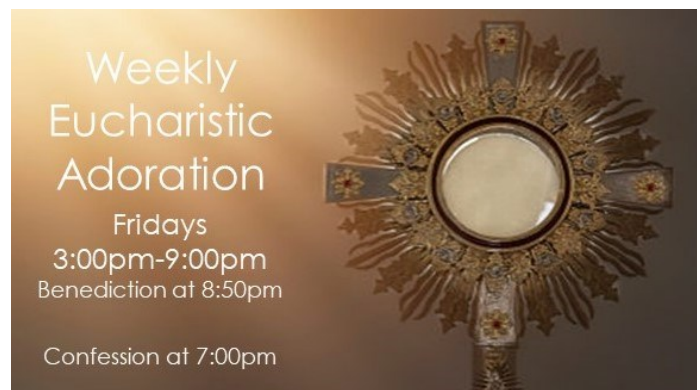
Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



Sacramental News

Congratulations to Grant Alexander, son of Gregory and Mayela Armour, who celebrated his baptism last weekend.

Financial News

Collection total:

Collection from Mass and mail	\$3,192.00
Online giving 8/17 – 8/23	\$3,499.00

From the Pastor

Weekend of August 29 & 30, 2020 (22 A)

Cross and Discipleship

With the threefold conditions in the pursuit of discipleship, Jesus makes it clear: 'deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me'. Jesus is not only disinterested in fulfilling the false hopes of people, including his own disciples, but he actually preaches about death as the doorway to life.

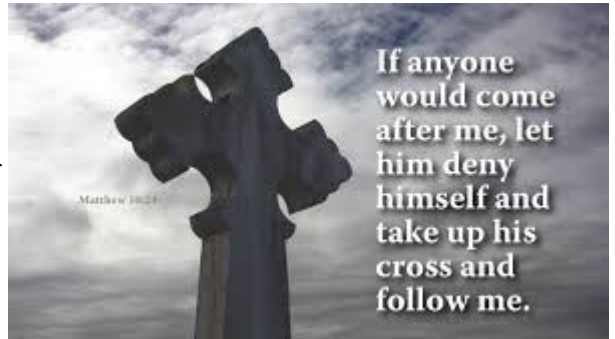
Peter, in particular, took offense at the words of Jesus, and by trying to pull him away from the path to Calvary, he blinded himself from seeing the glory through the cross. Anything that is anti-Calvary is anti-Christ and deservedly deemed devilish. The path to glory is through suffering and death with cross being the throne and the crown filled with thorns.

How do/can we think the way God does? Man's way is self-seeking, God's way is self-sacrificing; man seeks to be loved and served, Jesus seeks to love and serve; man seeks justice through law, God does it through mercy and love. Worse, man's ways are always at cross-purposes with the Cross-path of Jesus. Thus, man brings doom and death, but the Cross leads to life and liberation.

The second part of the peace prayer by our patron, St. Francis aptly and poignantly echoes this theme:

O Master, let me not seek so much
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 self-forgetting that we find
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned and
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Fr. Amal



Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship - Continued

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

Laymen should also know that it is generally the function of their well-formed Christian conscience to see that the divine law is inscribed in the life of the earthly city; from priests they may look for spiritual light and nourishment. Since they have an active role to play in the whole life of the Church, laymen are not only bound to penetrate the world with a Christian spirit, but are also called to be witnesses to Christ in all things in the midst of human society. Bishops, to whom is assigned the task of ruling the Church of God, should, together with their priests, so preach the news of Christ that all the earthly activities of the faithful will be bathed in the light of the Gospel. All pastors should remember too that by their daily conduct and concern they are revealing the face of the Church to the world, and men will judge the power and truth of the Christian message thereby.

(Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, no. 43)

In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. "People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 220). The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person. As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (nos. 1913-1915).

Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protec-

tion of the weak and the vulnerable. As Pope Francis reminds us, "Politics, though often denigrated, remains a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good. . . . I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are genuinely disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor!" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 205). The Catholic call to faithful citizenship affirms the importance of political participation and insists that public service is a worthy vocation. As citizens, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. When necessary, our participation should help transform the party to which we belong; we should not let the party transform us in such a way that we neglect or deny fundamental moral truths or approve intrinsically evil acts. We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a civilization of truth and love.

15. Clergy and lay people have complementary roles in public life. We bishops have the primary responsibility to hand on the Church's moral and social teaching. Together with priests and deacons, assisted by religious and lay leaders of the Church, we are to teach fundamental moral principles that help Catholics form their consciences correctly, to provide guidance on the moral dimensions of public decisions, and to encourage the faithful to carry out their responsibilities in political life. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Church's leaders avoid endorsing or opposing candidates. As Pope Benedict XVI stated in *Deus Caritas Est*,

The Church wishes to help form consciences in political life and to stimulate greater insight into the authentic requirements of justice as well as greater readiness to act accordingly, even when this might involve conflict with situations of personal interest. The Church cannot and must not take upon herself the political battle to bring about the most just society possible. She cannot and must not replace the State. Yet at the same time she cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice. (no. 28)

As the Holy Father also taught in *Deus Caritas Est*, "The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful" (no. 29). This duty is more critical than ever in today's political environment, where Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and too few candidates fully share the Church's comprehensive commitment to the life and dignity of every human being from conception to natural death. Yet this is not a time for retreat or discouragement; rather, it is a time for renewed engagement. Forming their consciences in accord with Catholic teaching, Catholic lay women and men can become actively involved: running for office; working within political parties; communicating their concerns and positions to elected officials; and joining diocesan social mission or advocacy networks, state Catholic conference initiatives, community organizations, and other efforts to apply authentic moral teaching in the public square. Even those who cannot vote have the right to have their voices heard on issues that affect their lives and the common good.



Come & See Catholic Inquiry Session

Sunday, Sept. 13th
1:00pm-2:30pm

St. Francis Catholic Church
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Are you interested in joining the
Catholic Church?

Come and bring your questions
for a casual and friendly discussion as to
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Confirmation Information Meeting

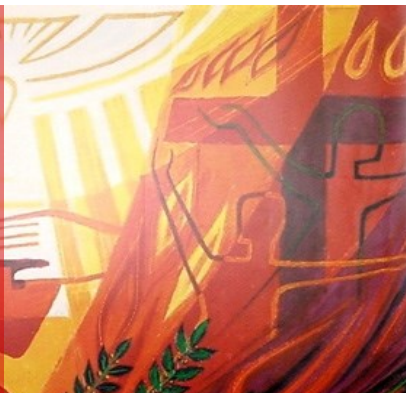
WHEN: Sept. 13 at 3:30pm OR Sept. 16 at 7:00pm

WHO: 9th-12th graders (and parent of teen) seeking
the Sacrament of Confirmation

WHERE: St. Francis parish hall

WHAT: Come hear about why you should be Confirmed
and the program that will help you pre-
pare to receive this invigorating Sacra-
ment.

RSVP: Due to COVID restrictions, please sign up
online at stfrancissherwood.org or email
mconrow@sfsherwood.org



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Wednesday 5 PM - 7 PM
Thursday 9 AM - 11 AM

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~Fr. Thomas Merton was an American Trappist monk, writer and theologian



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Catholic Corner

Who is God? God is the all-perfect supreme Being, the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, and who keeps everything in existence.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...(Gn. 1:1).

Next week: How do we know that God exists?



WE CELEBRATE OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Despite the circumstances at hand, our First Communicants have waited patiently for Our Lord — and He for them. This past summer, we spread out our First Communion Masses as we celebrated these young ones. Please keep these precious ones and their families in your prayers so that they nurture the desire for union with Christ throughout their lives.

July 9, 2020

Kailyn Shea
Dylan Marshall
Grace Stai

July 31, 2020

Isabella Pinto
Clara Overton
Nola Roos

August 13, 2020

Ama Cobbinah
Natalie Nanson
Joey Huber
Nate Knickerbocker

August 27, 2020

Emily Brockman
Iyanna Vito
Brody Karamanos
Brooklyn Lynch

July 23, 2020

Katherine Speidel
Coen Krause

August 6, 2020

Dylan Zreik
Lauren Hinchliff

August 21, 2020

Selene Sagrero
Finley Garver
Quinn Edwards

Please join us virtually for an all new livestreaming event



18th Annual St. Francis
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Saturday, October 17th, 2020

Save the Date

<https://www.stfrancissherwoodschool.org/events-2>

Announcements

Parish Announcements:

Our bulletin printer company has updated the process for accessing our online bulletins. The online bulletin is now located on the left side of the home page in the box labeled **Our Weekly Bulletin**. Access will be available through both the new and old way for the next 3 weeks. Then the bulletin can only be accessed through the **Our Weekly Bulletin** link.

Are you tired of being locked up in the house?
Are you looking for a night to share fellowship with your brother Knights?
Do you want to contribute to the St Francis Parish?

Have you come by the parish lately? Take a look at the area outside the chapel. It is beautiful, but there's much more to do.

Come join us for WWW (Wednesday's Weed and Wine) as the St Joseph's Tool Box (SJTB), sponsored by the Knights of Columbus council #9137, and make God's home in Sherwood a beautiful place.

Join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM for one hour of weeding followed by some relaxing fellowship with your fellow parishioners. Let's try and get our parish grounds a place we'd be proud to present to our Lord by Labor Day. Please bring your families to join in as well.

Bring a folding chair to relax in as well as your garden tools (weed eater/trimmer, leaf blower, tree pruners, etc).

See you there,

In Christ,

Chris Roth
Grand Knight
St Francis in Sherwood OR
Knights of Columbus council #9137
GrandKnight9137@gmail.com
503-925-9259

The Knight of Columbus are looking for garage sale items for their annual sale, September 11 & 12. Drop off your donated sellable items on Wednesdays or Thursdays at the Old Hall, 15659 SW Oregon St., next to the little white Church. Please do not bring any mattresses, televisions, or clothes. **Please leave donated items by the red table in front of the Old Hall. Call Paul Mayer 650-315-8239 to arrange delivery/or pickup of large items such as furniture.** Thank you for your charitable contributions.

The Knight of Columbus are offering a special limited time membership promotional offer. The offer is for free membership for the first year (regular dues are \$30/year.) The offer is good through 11:59 pm on Monday, August 31. Visit kofc.org/joinus and enter code MCGIVNEY2020.

Out of Parish:

CYO Sports cancelled: There will be no CYO sports this fall. We will closely monitor opportunities for upcoming sports and if possible, conduct them. CYO will begin the first sport that is possible and any sport we have had to pass up, such as fall sports, will not be offered.

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