



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Zacchaeus, come down
quickly, for today I must stay
at your house.” And he came
down quickly and received
him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Baptisms

2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month @ 12:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Marriages

Please contact the office to set up an
appointment at least 1 year in advance

Adoration/Confession

November 7– 6:00pm-7:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Mass Times - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

8AM, 4PM & 10:30 AM are livestreamed each week
from the St. Francis Website)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at **8:30 AM**.
There will be NO daily Mass on Wednesday.

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00—2:00 Friday: Closed

October 30, 2022

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Mission Statement

Our mission at St. Francis of Assisi is to faithfully fulfill the teachings of Jesus Christ. Centered in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Catholic Church, we strive to create an atmosphere of spiritual development. By reaching out and welcoming others, our faith community continues to provide dignity and improve the quality of life for all those we serve.

Mass Intentions for the Week Ahead



Saturday, October 29

4:00 pm Margaret Shcramm

Sunday, October 30

8:00 am Mary Geoffroy

10:30 am Geraldine Wyrwa

Jack Keefe

Fredrick Dewsnap

Monday, October 31

8:30 am

6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, November 1-All Saints Day

8:30 am Deceased Parishioners

Wednesday, November 2

No Mass

Thursday, November 3

8:30 am Patricia Witts

Friday, November 4

8:30 am All Parishioners experiencing illness, anyone undergoing surgery and all special intentions

Saturday, November 5

4:00 pm Andrew & Annette Chartrand

Sunday, November 6

8:00 am Roger Bigold

10:30 am Dorothy Turcotte

Virginia Facendola,

and Mr. & Mrs. Warren Pettengill

Geraldine Wyrwa

Maurice Daigle

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can be directed to
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Cookie Walk Bakers

Baker Sign-ups begin in the lobby on **Nov. 5 & 6**. You'll be asked to include name, email, and approx. dozen you plan to bake. We don't need to know the type yet!

Friday FAMILY Fun 3pm-7pm

Cookie Walk — Raffle Rooms — Kid's Corner Raffle — Grand Raffle — Knights of Columbus Hot Dog Supper — Free Family Photos "at the Nativity" — Live Music

Free Children's ART Activities: make a Christmas card for nursing home residents; decorate a Nativity-themed gift bag; color a Baby Jesus in the Manger poster

Saturday 9am to 2pm

Cookies while they last! — Grand Raffle — Raffle Rooms — Kid's Corner Raffle — Children's Art Activities — Family Photos by the Nativity

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

Our business/family sponsors to date; which help with free children's activities and more:

**Linda Trouville — Elizabeth Mackey —
— William F. Mackey Jr. —**

Xpress Rent-a-Car (Lowell/Methuen)

If you have a business, please consider sponsoring our family event. You'll help us out a great deal while being included on our Sponsorship Board and in social media. \$100 per sponsorship — email info@saintfrancis.net.

A Welcome beyond St. Francis

We are blessed to have people from within and outside the parish involved in making this a success. Feel free to invite the help of family and friends who may want to experience the FUN of participating in a St. Francis Parish Cookie Walk and Raffle!

Proceeds benefit a parish whose ministries reach well beyond the boundaries of our church grounds daily, helping those in need outside our parish in countless ways.

Another Advent-URE to win! Dinner with Deacon & Dani Tompkins — Home-cooked meal at their home (yum!) and a tour of Deacon's Wine Making Operation!

THANK YOU to Advent-URE donors to date: Fr. Kevin — The Tompkins — Caroline Zuk — Colleen Garry — Jerry & Merri Serra — Cheryl Bosia — Women's Connection — Ray Carolan — Rebecca Duda (Dracut Historian) — *please send ideas for more Advent-URES!*

CHRISTMAS GIFT Raffle Room

Thank you to those donating theme baskets/other: Louis Rousseau — Laura Rivezzi/Stephen Baxter — Laurie Albano — the Serras — the Tompkins — Life Teen — Funeral Ministry — Dracut Garden Club — Pouliot family — Helen Rosenberger — Cindy Westhoff — Nancy Noyes — Sandy Mackey/Charlene Farley — Stephen Ministry.

More groups, individuals, couples or families encouraged to help fill our Raffle Room with theme baskets and other gifts for lucky winners!

Grand Gift Card/Tix Raffle

Thank you to our gift card donors to date: Fran & Jon Boss — the Marion Family — Talk of the Town Hair Salon — Collette & Don Piche.

If you have a gift card you're not using or know a business willing to donate one, email info@saintfrancis.net or bring the card or scratch tickets to the parish office. Thanks!

Weekend Readings & Mass Prayers

A Reading From the Book of Wisdom

Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things;

and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?

But you spare all things, because they are yours, O LORD and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things!

Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O LORD!

The Word of the Lord. ~ Thanks be to God

R. (cf. 1) **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a "spirit," or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

The Word of the Lord. ~ Thanks be to God

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Your words, O Lord, give joy to my heart, your teaching is light to my eyes.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

A Reading From the Gospel according to Luke

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy.

When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

The Gospel of the Lord.

~ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

COOKIE WALK & RAFFLE

Thank you to those who have stepped up already to volunteer at the Cookie Walk & Raffle.

We invite more to join us! Help needed:

During the afternoon on Thursday, Dec. 1, and Friday morning, Dec. 2 — We'll be packing cookies into cellophane packs (about 3 cookies per pack depending on cookie size). This way the cookies are protected during the Walk.

Volunteers will be asked to wear a mask and gloves while making the cookie packs. Email info@saintfrancis.net if you are able to help.

Help also needed during the event:

Friday 3pm to 7pm

Saturday 9am to 2pm

Introducing the Event Team

Grand Raffle Steering Committee: Sharon Coram, Sharon Chelton, Linda Carolan

Cookie Walk & Raffle Steering Committee: Donna Bigold, Ann Lessieur, Laura Rivezzi, Joyce Kulig, Debbie Hovanasian

Knights of Columbus #4225: Hot Dog Dinner served from St. Martha's Kitchen (Friday)

Mike Langlois & Bob Conroy, live music (Friday)

Life Teen volunteers, children's activities

Event Volunteers now signed up

Gloria Carpentier, Pauline Nutter, Lorraine Frechette, Pam Moloney, Yvette Goulet, Suzanne Conroy, Christine Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Anna Johnson, Lisa Maib, Lauren Tompkins, Jennie Paretti, Christine Puopolo, Dawn Bastien, Nancy Noyes, Dani Tompkins

Please email info@saintfrancis.net to volunteer or see any member of the committee.

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COMMUNICATIONS

GETTING YOUR MESSAGE OUT

If you need help promoting your ministry, group, meeting or event, please be sure to send your information to two staff members, as follows:

Christine Puopolo, Bulletin Editor:

cpuopolo@saintfrancis.net

Debbie Hovanasian, Communications

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This will ensure your promotion is featured in the bulletin as well as Constant Contact, Facebook, Bulletin Boards, etc.

OCTOBER 30, 2022



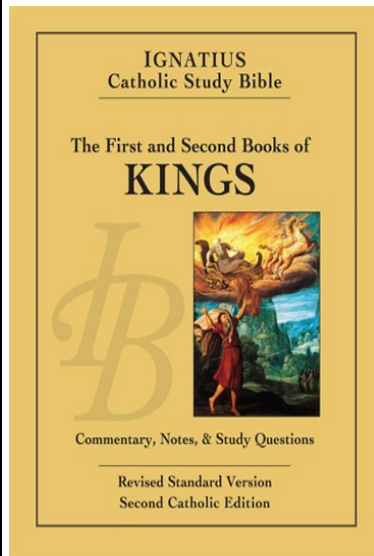
All are welcome to join us beginning on **NOVEMBER 9th at 10 AM** as we restart our Wednesday morning Bible study.

This year we will be working on the First and Second Book of KINGS.

We have been meeting on zoom for the past couple of years and now plan to offer both an in-person as well as a zoom format for those who are not able to meet in person. This is a relaxed and informal study group with lots of meaningful and lively discussions. We will be meeting in the St. Dominic Classroom.

If you would like to join us or need more information please contact Sharon Coram shacoram@comcast.net

Zoom meeting information will be emailed to all who would like to join.



The First and Second
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(Ignatius Catholic
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HEALING MASS

With Anointing of the Sick



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CHURCH**

LOWELL, MA

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2, 2022

4:00

ALL ARE WELCOME

TEACHER NEEDED!

If you are interested in becoming a teacher and sharing your faith, please contact Dawn. We are looking for a **4th Grade Faith Formation** teacher on **Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:45**.

Please contact Dawn at 978-453-4460 if you are interested.



EXPOSITION · ADORATION · CONFESSION

The next date for
Adoration/
Confession will be
November 7,
from 6:00-7:00



Every Other Monday 6pm-7pm

The bread and wine donation this weekend was given by **Paulette Burke** in loving memory of her husband **Edward Burke.**



WORD OF LIFE

“The mystery of the redemption of the human person is rooted in the loving involvement of God with human suffering. Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because “remaining” by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”



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Saint Francis Masses for ALL SAINTS DAY are on Monday, October 31st at 6:00pm and Tuesday, November 1st at 8:30am.

Saint Michael's ALL SAINTS DAY Masses in Lowell will be on November 1st at 7:00am, 9:00am and 7:00pm.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.



Mary Geoffroy

*Loving Mother , Sister, Aunt,
Godmother and Friend*

Theresa Pinette

*Loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother and
Great-Grandmother*

The **second** collections **for October** are as follows:

October 1 & 2 — Missionary Efforts

October 15 & 16— Stability Fund

October 22 & 23—World Mission Sunday

October 29 & 30—Hurricane Ian Relief

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of October 15th/16th	Fiscal Year To Date	Fiscal YTD Aver. Per week
Offertory and Stability Needed	\$ 10,231	\$163,696	\$ 10,231
Actuals Received (mass, mail, online)	\$13,230	\$168,511	\$10,532
Shortfall/ Overage	+\$2,999	+\$4,815	+\$301