

*St. Francis' Mission is:
To live by Faith, be known by Love, and be a voice of
Hope in order to give ourselves in service and better the
lives of others.*

August 21, 2016

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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For Sunday
August 21, 2016

Gathering 302
"Gather Us In"

Offertory 420
"How Great Thou Art"

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"One Bread, One Body"

Sending 187
"Go Make Of All Disciples"

Celebrant
Father
Victor Ray

All of us at St. Francis ECC want to take a moment to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who's visiting us for the first time this morning. Whether you're just having a look, or are searching out for a place to worship, we're delighted to have you here. Enjoy the rest of your worship time with us, and God bless you!



From The Desk of the Pastor

At the beginning of today's Gospel someone asks Jesus very pointedly "Lord, will only a few be saved?" To understand this question, we need to look at a little bit of Hebrew tradition and culture. This was not a trick question really, as we have seen in the last few weeks, but a question based on the traditional Jewish idea that all Jews would be saved, that is would have a share in whatever the Messiah was bringing them. The Pharisees, however, who were very conservative and strict observers of the law, were teaching that not every Jew would be saved. The age to come was only for a few select people. So this question, in a sense, was not about the Christian being saved or getting into the kingdom, as we often have applied it to ourselves today, frightening many Christians that they might not be able to get to heaven, and that God's saving grace was not meant for them, but about Jews being saved by a Messiah.

	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING/ INTERCESSION	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
August 21	Anthony George	Matt S	Cheryl V	Jim V	Ivy V
August 28	Nile Don	Mike M	Becky B	Deb F	Terry W
September 4	Mike H Mike M	Jim V Barb F	Mark	Cheryl V	
September 11	David B Anthony	Barb F	Emilie M	Deb F	Jim V

LITURGY SCHEDULE ABOVE:

- To view readings in advance, go to www.usccb.org
- If you cannot fulfill the duty for that day, Please swap with someone else.
- If you cannot make it due to illness or emergency, please contact Jim Villafana as soon as possible. His phone number is on the last page of the bulletin.

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Reading 1 = Isaiah 66:18-21
Responsorial Psalm = Psalm 117:1,2
Reading 2 = Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel Acclamation = John 14:6
Gospel = Luke 13:22-30

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ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY UPDATE:

- **Baptism:** Cheryl and Michael Velez grandson Jayceon Rudy Patrick Pabon. Saturday, August 27 at 2 pm, St. Francis ECC. All Are Welcome. See Calendar Page on Website.
- **Choir Practice:** Every Wednesday at 7 pm. Come and Join!
- **Name Tags:** Please sign up on the board if you would like one.
- **Survey Results** are posted on the Bulletin Board.
- **Pick up a copy** of the “Volunteer Soap Opera”.
- **Survey on line:** It’s part humor, but could also help newbie visitors to website understand “Ecumenical Catholic”. See it on the Website ADS/LINKS page under saint-matthew.org/quiz.php
- **New Website Reality:** Clicks/Hits promotes St. Francis. Increases interest/membership. Helps us with our mission.☺☺ Website has added a Latest Update below Father Victor’s Bio on the Home Page. Check it out for quick access as to what’s new.



Let Us Pray for



- ✚ Jim Hofmann friend Dawn R recovering from stroke. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ Cheryl/Mike cousin Tommy Conlon. Prayers for Healing and Comfort.
 - ✚ Parishioner DA Marx dealing with pain issues. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ Cheryl/Mike Friend, Brian Mahoney recovering from open heart surgery. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ Parishioner Lynette Kovar dealing with Health Issues. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ Cory Vincent's Mother Patou dealing with Health Issues. Also, a prayer for good relations with the family. Prayers for Healing and Love.
 - ✚ Cory Vincent's Father Robert Anniversary of his Passing. Prayers for Finding Peace.
 - ✚ Parishioner Dee Spano. Prayers for continued Healing.
 - ✚ Cheryl and Mike's friend. Jim Kash dealing with chemo treatments. Prayers for Healing
 - ✚ Parishioner Cookie Waters. Prayers for continued Healing.
 - ✚ Ivy's friend, Donna Miller. Prayers for Healing as she battles cancer.
 - ✚ Mark Talboom, dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ David Baughman dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ Cheryl Velez dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ Ivy Villafana recuperating. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ Lorraine and Christine as they battle medical issues. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ Mary Meier and Linda Ritchie dealing with Mary's cancer issue. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ George Ressler dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ Philip Champagne and Family, Leo's nephew for diagnosis of colon cancer. Prayers for Healing.
 - ✚ Larrv Roush's son Jason dealing with seizure and diagnostic procedures.
- ✚ Those dealing with unseen issues affecting the heart, mind and body such as grief, depression and anxiety.
- ✚ For the lonely, the dying, those who have entered God's Eternal Kingdom and those who are grieving them.

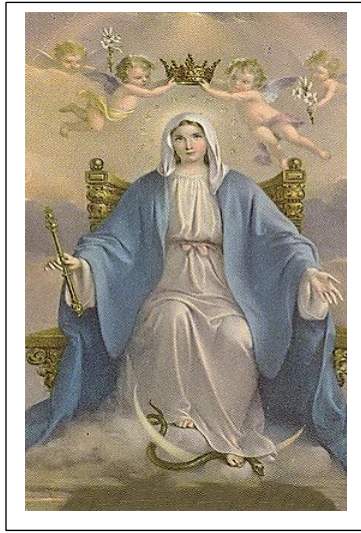
IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER PETITIONS, PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, REQUESTS FOR VISITATION OR MEETING WITH A PRIEST....

Prayer leaflets are available on the Community Table. Please complete and drop in the offertory plate or contact a Council Member.

Requests will remain on the Prayer List 30 days unless otherwise requested.

MASS CARDS - Sympathy Mass Cards are available by contacting the church office (727- 234-1380)

Bulletin Guy Inquiry: Please let me know who we need to pray for! The power of prayer works, but I need to know who we can all pray for.....



Virgin Mary – “Queen of Heaven”

Is a title given to the **Virgin Mary** by Christians mainly of the Roman Catholic Church, and also, to some extent, in Eastern Orthodoxy and Anglicanism. The title is a consequence of the First Council of Ephesus in the fifth century, in which the Virgin Mary was proclaimed "theotokos", a title rendered in Latin as *Mater Dei*, in English "Mother of God".

The Catholic teaching on this subject is expressed in the papal encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam*, issued by Pope Pius XII. It states that Mary is called Queen of Heaven because her son, Jesus Christ, is the king of Israel and heavenly king of the universe; indeed, the Davidic tradition of Israel recognized the mother of the king as the Queen Mother of Israel. The Eastern Orthodox Churches do not share the Catholic dogma, but themselves have a rich liturgical history in honor of Mary.

The title Queen of Heaven has long been a Catholic tradition, included in prayers and devotional literature, and seen in Western art in the subject of the Coronation of the Virgin, from the High Middle Ages, long before it was given a formal definition status by the Church.

August 22nd is the
Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Upcoming Anniversaries and Birthdays:

John Stokes Birthday 8/21
Michael Maurice Birthday 8/22
William Schwartz Birthday 8/24
Emilie Moore Birthday 8/27
Mark Talboom Birthday 8/28
Frank Frazier/Joe Ursitti Ann 9/1
Nile Merritt Birthday 9/6
Ray Gauthier Birthday 9/7
Cecelia Isaac Birthday 9/9



LOOKING AHEAD:

Aug 27 – Saturday – Baptism at St. Francis for Michael and Cheryl Velez grandson Jayceon Rudy Patrick Pabon
Aug 28 – Sunday - National Sandwich Potluck after Mass
Aug 28 – Sunday – Count due for Bowling at Dunedin Lanes
Sept 2 – Friday – 1st Friday Mass at 6 pm.
Sept 4 – Sunday – Money due for Bowling at Dunedin Lanes
Sept 10 – Saturday – Bowling Night at Dunedin Lanes.
Sept 13 – Tuesday – Council Meeting 7:30 pm.
Sept 18 – Sunday – Lunch after Mass at the Acropol Family Restaurant, Largo

October 1st is St. Francis day “Pet Blessing”. Don’t Forget!

SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CALENDAR PAGE

What Makes My Belly Laugh!

INFLUENCED by Wayne Rettke

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“My real estate agent found me this place. I said I wanted a home that requires no yard work, no painting, no snow shoveling. A place where the weather is perfect and neighbors never complain about my music...”

Thank You Jim Villafana!
He just sent me a bunch of cartoons.

ARE YOU SHARING?

R & R (Respect and Reverence)

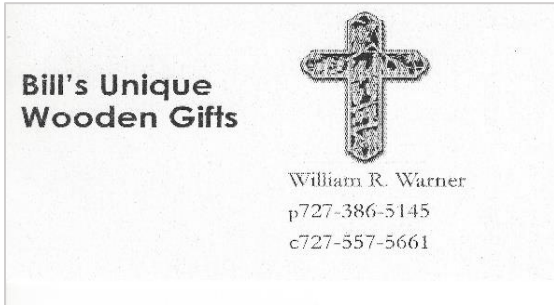
- **Housekeeping Note:** Please no food or drink in the Chapel area. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Times when not to bother a Priest:**
 1. Before Sunday service. He has a Homily to remember and practice.
 2. Immediately after Sunday service. **All** should be mingling with the Visitors so, that they feel at home.
Father Victor at present time has no office hours however, he will set up appointments or contact him by email or call him.
- **Respect Peoples Personal Space:** During our sign of peace tradition, we at St Francis are quite zealous with our affection. Please be mindful of those that aren't as comfortable with hugs and kisses and remember, a soft spoken word with an appropriate handshake or even an acknowledgement bow can go a long way!
- **Ministry Leaders:** People that have volunteered for this position are responsible for the Ministry and have full authority for the management of it.
- We are developing something new here at St. Francis ECC. We are now a PFZ.....a **Political Free Zone**. Please refrain from talking politics to anyone, especially through Facebook, E-mail and texting to someone.



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Followed by Coffee and Fellowship**

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*Father Victor Ray
Office Hours*

*Are Currently
By
Appointment Only.*

*Please use Contact Page
To Email Father Victor.*

Bulletin Guy Request:



HEY EVERYONE

*I NEED JOKES, COMIC STRIPS, FUNNY STORIES, RECIPES,
ETC. WHATEVER YOU GOT, THE BULLETIN NEEDS IT. HELP
ME OUT!*

THANK YOU!!!

Bulletin Submissions due by Thursday at Midnight.

Email to: media.stfrancis.ecc@gmail.com

or by calling Bill Schwartz at PH: 727-350-3778