

*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.*

October 23, 2016

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HYMNS

For Sunday
October 23, 2016

Gathering 302
"Gather Us In"

Offertory 680
"Give Me Jesus"

Communion 457
"Eye Has Not Seen"

Sending 625
"We Are Called"



Pastor
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

Believing in God does not really save anybody. James tells us that the devil himself believes in God and trembles with fear (James 2:19). Rather, what really matters is what people believe about God and how their faith in God affects their view of themselves and of others. The Pharisees believed in a discriminating God who loves good people and hates bad people. People behave like the God they believe in. So the Pharisees quickly learn to love only good people like themselves and look down with contempt on bad people and sinners like the tax collectors or those who do not hold the rules and law to their highest esteem. Jesus told this parable against the Pharisees because they “trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt” (verse 9). The tax collector, or the sinner, on the other hand, trusted not in himself or in anything he had done but only in God’s mercy. Standing far off, he would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and prayed, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” (v. 13). This is the man who went home at peace with God and not the self-righteous Pharisee.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING/ INTERCESSION	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
October 23	Bill S Jon L	Mike M	Mark T	Cheryl V	Mike H
October 26		George R	Mary Lee	Barb F	George R
October 30	John O Leo C	Barb F	Emilie M	Deb F	Terry W
November 6	Anthony Florence	Terry W	Cheryl V	Ron L	Ivy V

LITURGICAL 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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 = Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Responsorial Psalm = Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

Reading 2 = 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Acclamation = 2 Corinthians 5:19

Gospel = Luke 18:9-14

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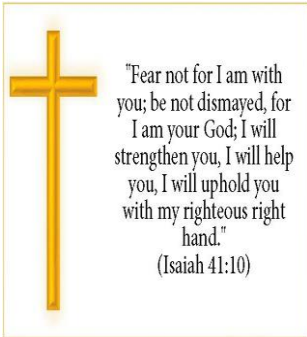
Or visit the Website on the CONTACT Page at www.stfrancis-ecc.org and click their button.

St. Francis Community Update

- Prayers for Healing: Florence Jean–Pierre will offer Prayers after Mass in the Chapel and before Mass by appointment only. Subject to her availability.
- Choir Practice: Every Wednesday at 7 pm. Come and Join!
- Name Tags: Please sign up on the Bulletin Board if you would like one.
- Survey On Line: Quiz - What is an Ecumenical Catholic? It's part humor, but could also help newer members to understand the "ECC Way". Go to our Website, ADS/LINKS Page, under saint-matthew.org/quiz.php
- New Website Reality: Clicks/Hits promotes St. Francis. Increases interest/membership. Help us with our mission to touch the lives of 5,000! 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.
- **Pass It On:** If you like something on Facebook or YouTube, **PLEASE PASS IT** ON. The more that see it, the more interest we might generate.



Let Us Pray for



- # Irene Boot- my Aunt for strength and healing with health issues.
- # Pat Reyes - family friend- health healing and strength while dealing with cancer.
- # Brandon Brook's Son Cecil battling depression. Prayers for Healing.
- # Cory Vincent's Uncle Paul undergoing a medical treatment. 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 Dee Spano. Prayers for continued Healing.
- # Cheryl and Mike's friend. Jim Kash dealing with chemo treatments. Prayers for 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.
- # 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.....



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Meaning

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

**HAVE YOU NOMINATED
YOUR FUTURE
COUNCIL MEMBER YET?
NOMINATION CLOSES
NEXT SUNDAY!**

BUY ME

BRICK FUNDRAISING

The program is in full swing. Forms and information are available in the lobby or consult Financial Ministry at financial.stfrancis@gmail.com



Upcoming Anniversaries and Birthdays:

Wayne Rettke Birthday 10/31
Lynne Foster Matthews Birthday 11/2
Leo Champagne Birthday 11/10
Dee Spano Birthday 11/15
Al Metzger Birthday 11/28
James Meeks Ann 12/7
Maureen McGill Birthday 12/7
Todd Chase Birthday 12/17
Chris Warner Birthday 12/24



LOOKING AHEAD:

Oct 26 – Wednesday – Healing Mass at 7pm – Last one for this Season
Oct 30 – Sunday – Celebrating Mass for All Souls
Oct 30 – Sunday – Council Nominations Close
Oct 31 – Monday – Halloween (time to wear a real costume)
Nov 1 – Tuesday – All Saints Day – Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 30th.
Nov 6 – Sunday – Daylight Savings Time Ends. **Clocks Fall Back 1 hour.**
Nov 8 – Council Meeting
Nov 8 – Presidential Election Day – “Give Us Strength”
Nov 6 thru 20 – Holiday Food Drive
Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day
Nov 13 – Sunday – Fellowship Luncheon at SpEGGtacular Restaurant, Largo
Nov 18 thru 20 – The ARC Tampa Bay Foundation’s Festival of Trees
Nov 20 – Sunday – Community Meeting with Council Elections. Time to Vote Again.....

SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CALENDAR PAGE

What Makes My Belly Laugh!

INFLUENCED by Wayne Rettke

There was a little old cleaning woman that went to the local church. When the invitation was given at the end of the service, she went forward wanting to become a member. The pastor listened as she told him how she had accepted Jesus and wanted to be baptized and become a member of the church.

The pastor thought to himself, "oh my, she is so unkempt, even smells a little, and her fingernails are not clean. She picks up garbage, cleans toilets - what would the members think of her." He told her that she needed to go home and pray about it and then decide.

The following week, here she came again. She told the pastor that she had prayed about it and still wanted to be baptized. "I have passed this church for so long. It is so beautiful, and I truly want to become a member."

Again the pastor told her to go home and pray some more. A few weeks later while out eating at the restaurant, the pastor saw the little old lady. He did not want her to think that he was ignoring her so he approached her and said, "I have not seen you for a while. Is everything all right?"

"Oh, yes," she said. "I talked with Jesus, and he told me not to worry about becoming a member of your church."

"He did?" said the pastor.

"Oh, yes" she replied. "He said even He hasn't been able to get into your church yet, and He's been trying for years."

Thanks Jim Villafana

R & R (Respect and Reverence)

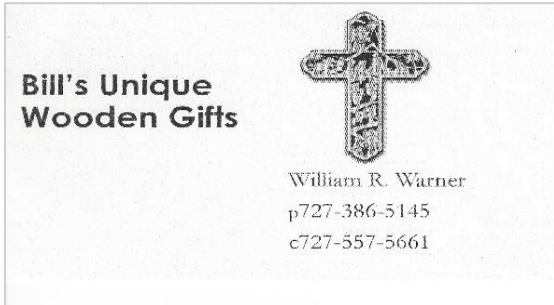
- **Housekeeping Note:** Please no food or drink in the Chapel area. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Times when not to bother a Priest:** Please be respectful of our Pastor's time before and after Mass. At the present time Father Victor does not have office hours. If you wish to meet with him, you are most welcome to email or phone him to arrange an appointment. Our Website contact page is setup for that purpose
- **Respect People's 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:** Those who have volunteered for these positions are responsible for their Ministry and leading other who volunteer to assist within their ministries.
- **PFZ Zone:** 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, while at Church or through Facebook, E-mails and texting.



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**BULLETIN AND WEBSITE ADVERTISING
IS NOW AVAILABLE....
CONTACT THE BULLETIN GUY VIA CONTACT PAGE ON
THE WEBSITE UNDER MEDIA MINISTRY!**

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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

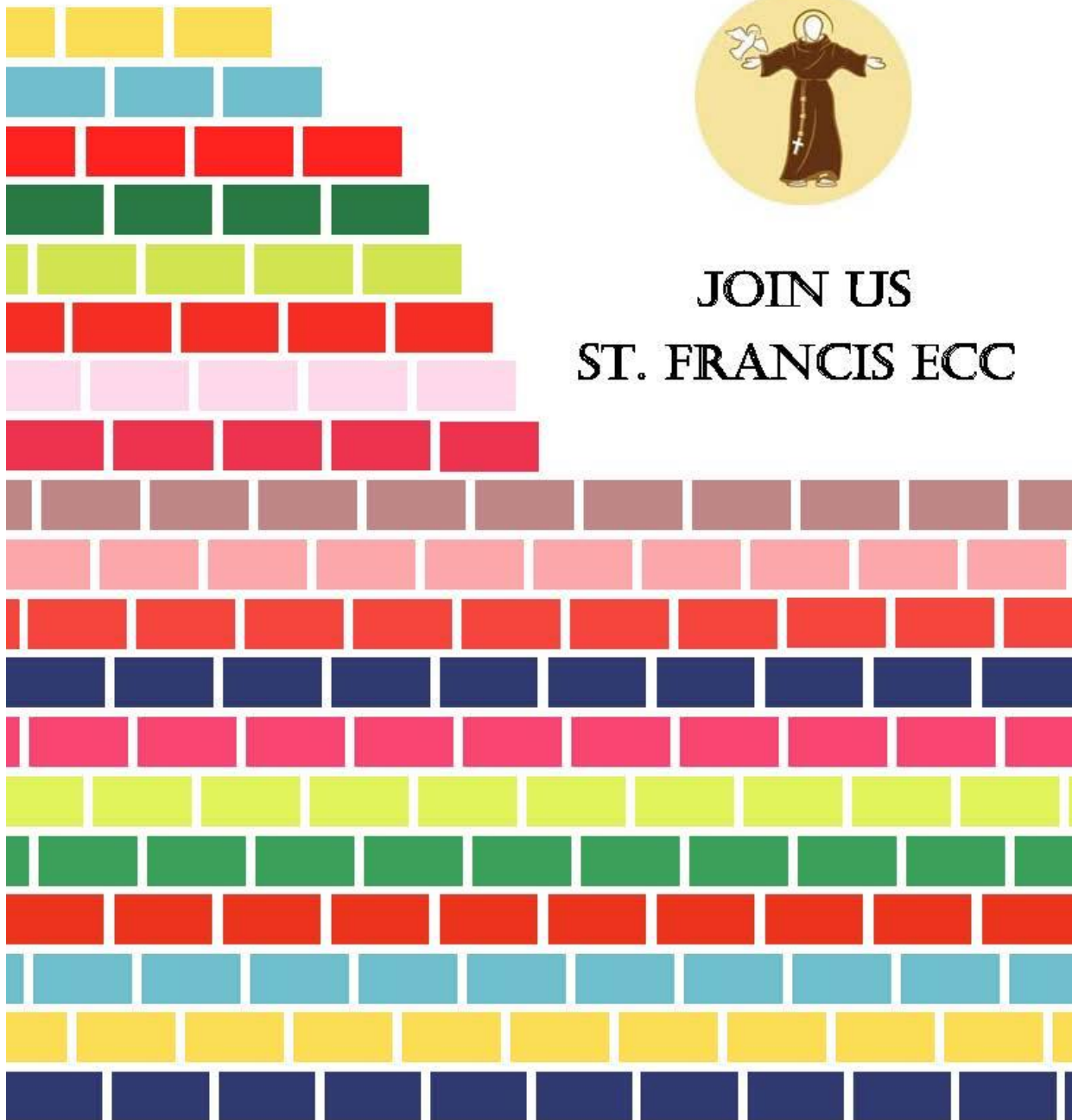
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AS WE BUILD THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

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“PASS IT ON”

Please HELP ME!



I have started a new Catch Phrase –
“PASS IT ON”

FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE, USE WORDS, WEBSITE
use was “Share”! I think that this had some psychological hidden meaning behind it forbidding us to share some detail about ourselves. If I share something to the world, what will the world think of my position in life?

SO, ***“PASS IT ON”***

We have all heard of the “Pyramid Business Structure”. This is where one becomes two become six, etc. There are families, children and people that need to experience what we all take for granted. Why are we keeping it from them?

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Does everyone within a 20 mile radius of St. Francis ECC know we exist?
2. Wouldn't it be nice to see some new faces every now and then so you don't have to keep seeing mine (Bulletin Guy)?
3. Would it help our Mission?
4. Am I really denying other people from feeling what my Spirituality feels like?

SO, ***“PASS IT ON”***

HOW:

- “Check In” on Facebook when you enter the Church!
- If you see a Post about St. Francis ECC, just ***PASS IT ON***. If you don't want to make a comment, then don't. This way others won't know your position in life.
- Log on the Website every now and then. If you don't want to visit it that's fine. Just the fact you logged on for a Second Counts. If you want improvements on the Website let me know.
- Every media format has a visible number associated with it. People will view that particular post or video **immediately** when the number is high just to see what others are looking at. On Facebook it is a Greyish Number to the bottom left of the post. On Youtube it is a Blueish View Number at the bottom of the description. On the Website it's the monthly stats I get.

There are living souls out pass those doors
that need us!

The simplest and basic way that you can help is to

“PASS IT ON”

****NOV. FOOD DRIVE SHOPPING/WISHLIST****

<< No Glass Jars, Please >>

- SAV-A LOT Gift Cards
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter – jars or single servings
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Tomatoes Items: Crushed, Puree, Sauce, Paste
- Mac 'n' Cheese (Boxed)
- Pasta (boxed) – All kinds, including wheat & gluten-free
- Canned Meats: hams, SPAM, chicken breast,
tuna, salmon, beef stew
- Canned Fruits – cans or indiv. servings
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Instant stuffing mix
- Hamburger Helper and similar-type meals
- Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, Spaghetti
- Jello (boxed or indiv. servings), incl. sugar free
- Pudding (boxed or indiv. servings), incl. sugar free
- Canned vegetables – all kinds – large or small cans
- Canned beans- all kinds, incl. Pork n' Beans
- Dried beans – all kinds
- Canned soup – all kinds
- Rice
- Boxed cereals – all kinds and Single-Serving Cream of Wheat or oatmeal
- Raman Noodles – cups or packages
- Baby Food
- Single Serving Canned or Boxed meals, incl. microwave meals