

*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.*

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Jesus Christ Our Lord, King Of The Universe

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For Sunday
November 27, 2016

Gathering 573
"In The Day Of The Lord"

Offertory 594
"Christ Be Our Light"

Communion 332
"Song Of The Body Of
Christ"

Sending 383
"City Of God"

Pastor
Father
Victor Ray

First Sunday in Advent

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

As we begin today a new cycle of the church's year of grace, let us resolve to shun the doomsday paranoia on the one hand and reckless complacency on the other. Let us resolve to be always awake in the spirit by living a life of faith and love in service to the Lord so that whenever he comes we shall be ready to follow him into the glory of eternity.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING/ INTERCESSION	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
November 27	John Leo	Mike M	Bill S	Deb F	Terry W
December 4	Jon L George R	Barb F	Jim H	Ron L	Jim V
December 11	Anthony Florence	George R	Mark T	Cheryl V	Ivy V
December 18	Nile Don	Terry W	Emilie M	Jim H	Deb F

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.

First Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 = Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm = Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2 = Roman 13:11-14

Gospel Acclamation = Psalm 85:8

Gospel = Matthew 24:37-44

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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 6 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



- ✚ Leo and John's Neighbor Joe Marek for cardiac issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Cheryl and Mike's Daughter Jasmine Jarvis for health and well-being. Prayer for Healing.
- ✚ Dee and D.A. Marx Brother John dealing with stomach issues. Prayer for Healing.
- ✚ Cheryl/Mike Aunt Irene Boot- Prayers for her to rest in eternal peace and for the family at this time.
- ✚ Pat Reyes - family friend- health healing and strength while dealing with cancer.
- ✚ Brandon Brook's Son Cecil battling depression. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Cheryl/Mike cousin Tommy Conlon. Prayers for Comfort and Healing.
- ✚ Parishioner DA Marx for pain issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Parishioner Dee Spano. Prayers for continued Healing,
- ✚ Cheryl and Mike's friend, Jim Kash, dealing with chemo treatments. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Mark Talboom, dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing
- ✚ Ivy Villafana recuperating. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Lorraine and Christine as they battle medical issues. 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.....



The First Sunday of Advent Meaning

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin '*Adventus*,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year (in the Western churches), and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (which is November 30th), and so it will always fall somewhere between November 27th at the earliest and December 3rd at the latest. The liturgical color for this season is purple (Usually a deep purple as opposed to the lighter, red-violet shade of purple associated with Lent).

Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

As noted in the New Catholic Encyclopedia, during Advent, the faithful are asked:

- to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love,
- thus to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and
- thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.

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please contact William Schwartz
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Upcoming Anniversaries and Birthdays:



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Al Metzger Birthday 11/28
Frank Matzelle/James Meeks Ann 12/7
Maureen McGill Birthday 12/7
Todd Chase Birthday 12/17
Chris Warner Birthday 12/24



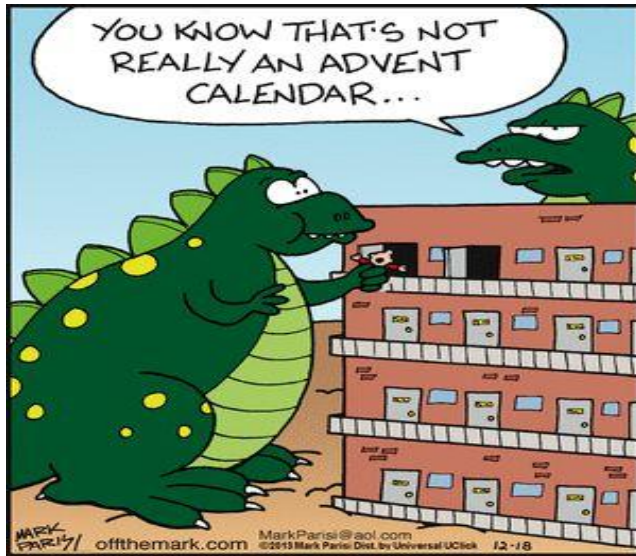
LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov 27 – Sunday - First Sunday of Advent
Dec 2 – Friday - Carols, Cookies and Karaoke 7-9pm
Dec 7 – Wednesday - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Dec 10 – Saturday - Tampa Bay AIDS Walk +5K Run at Vinoy Park
8am-4pm
Dec 13 – Tuesday - Council Meeting
Dec 14 – Wednesday – Gift Wrapping for 100 Kids. 5:30 – 8:30 pm.
See Calendar
Dec 24 – Saturday - Christmas Eve Mass with Buffet 7:30pm
Jan 6 – Friday – 1st Friday Mass
Jan 14 – Saturday – Dunedin Bowling Night 7-9pm
Jan 24-26 – Wed-Fri- Drop of items for Rummage Sale.
Remember all items received will not be returned rather donated to a
charity.
Jan 28 – Saturday – Rummage Sale – 8am-1:30pm

SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CALENDAR PAGE

What Makes My Belly Laugh!

INFLUENCED by Wayne Rettke



Life Is an Advent Season

CONNECTIONS, 11-28-93

"Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience.

"The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us—as one of us—give us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

"May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives."

R & R (Respect and Reverence)

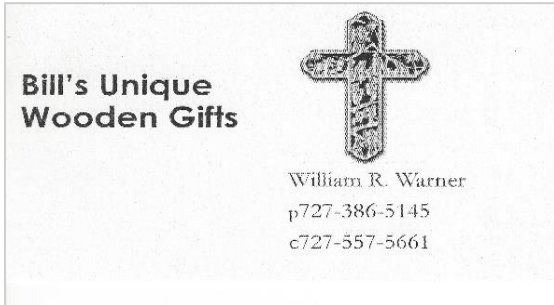
- **Housekeeping Note:** Please no food or drink in the Chapel area. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Times when not to bother a Priest:** Please be respectful of our Pastor's time before and after Mass. At the present time Father Victor does not have office hours. If you wish to meet with him, you 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.



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MASS Each Sunday at 10:30am
Followed by Coffee and Fellowship**

2016 Community Council

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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



We are now Professional!

- 20 Character/Spaces per line except with Graphics
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- We have a Payment Program for St. Francis Parishioners Only
- We are now available through the Website for Ordering

PICK A GIFT



FOR OUR ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

+ CHOOSE A SNOWFLAKE FROM OUR TREE

+ PURCHASE THE GIFT LISTED ON THE SNOWFLAKE

+ IF YOU WOULD LIKE, WRAP THE GIFT

*+ PLACE THE SNOWFLAKE BACK ON THE GIFT –
SO, THEY KNOW IF IT IS FOR A BOY OR GIRL*

*Please have all Snowflakes and Presents
Back by December 11th, so we can distribute them.*



2nd Annual Cookies, Carols & Karaoke

Friday, December 2nd, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Please bring cookies to share with one another as well as your voices and/or dancing shoes. You are welcome to bring family and friends to join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

We encourage you to wear your Christmas attire (shirts, sweaters, socks, hats, pajamas etc.)

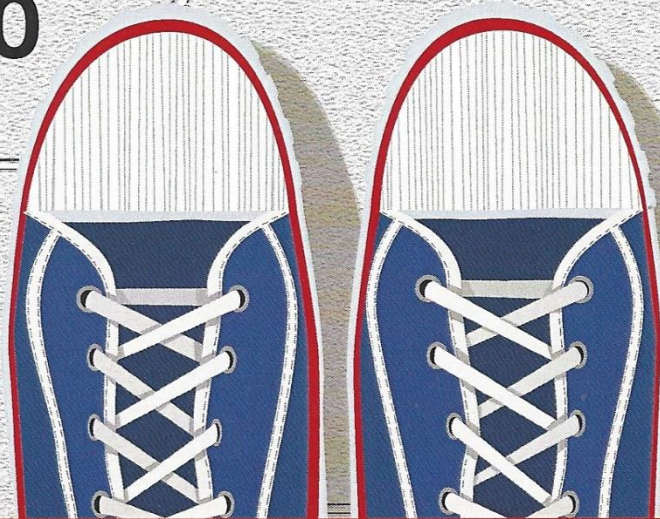
*** you are not required to bring cookies for you to attend. Everyone is always welcome!!!!



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+ 5k Run

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December 10
2016

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CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING FOR 100 KIDS

SPONSORED THROUGH THE DREAM CENTER OF PINELLAS COUNTY

Where: 4020 58th Avenue North, Lealman, near Lealman United Methodist Church.

Date: Wed., Dec. 14th, from 5:30-8:30pm.

What to bring: A favorite pair of scissors - all other items will be supplied. Snacks & beverages will be provided.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you'd like to help that night. Also, if you have any spare Christmas wrapping paper or package tags just hanging around the house that you might like to donate, please give to Barb Fichter.

