



HYMNS

Gathering 460 "Eye Has Not Seen"
Offertory 474 "Christians, Let Us Love One Another"
Communion 324 "Gift Of Finest Wheat"
Sending 519 "Now Is The Time"

Pastor: Father Victor Ray



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.



From The Desk of the Pastor

Jesus did not come to get rid of the Law, but to reinterpret it to meet the needs and the understandings of the people of his day. In other words, the Law should not be an inflexible thing, but a fluid thing, reviewed as the human experience changes. By using the examples of Jesus, and by the Spirit which is always with us, we can gain true Wisdom in whatever situation meets us today. True Wisdom is seeing God's order, and applying it to the present situation, filled with the Spirit, and with the example of Jesus. Let us pray that this week we make wise choices in our dealings with others that lead to a loving relationship with God and an experience of his kingdom

**Liturgical Ministry
Schedule**

	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING/ INTERCESSION	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
February 12	Leo C John O	Terry W	Emilie M	Deb F	Ivy V
February 19	Nile Don	Barb F	Bill S	Jim H	Mike H
February 22		George R	Mary Lee	Mary Lee	George R
February 26	Terry W Deb F	Jim V	Ron L	Cheryl V	Anthony

St. Ignatius of Loyola
(Prayer after Communion)

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own.
 You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it.
 Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me. Amen

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 = Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm = Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18 ,33-34

Reading 2 = 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel = Matthew 5:17-37



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Meaning

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three-part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

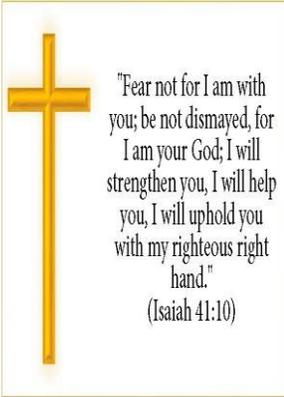
The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Some questions

1. In your life, do you always open to Jesus' request for a greater justice? Are you aware that they are not yet in full justice?
2. In the practice of justice, do you match it with the act of God? Do not you know that justice live in the human relations has been given to us? A confirmation you may find it the word of the Apostle Paul: "My righteousness is not having as one arising from the law, but that which comes from faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God based on faith"(Phil 3:9).
3. The expression of Jesus "but I say to you" it is for us an imperative or a theoretical commandment? Are we aware that the more and more great justice is nothing else that the continuous availability to be confronted with the existence of Christ, the only one just (fair)?
4. Our justice is engaged to imitate something of the justice of God, of his gratuity, his creativity? God renders us just, free us from the paralysis of the sin; once rendered free, we mutually transmit this liberation, practicing a justice that it does not judge, but always leaves opened, indeed it creates for the other spaces of a possible return to one authentic life.



Let Us Pray for



- ✚ Leo and John's friend Terri Lynn Tausinger undergoing surgery. Prayer for Surgeon Skill and Rapid Recovery
- ✚ Christine Noonan, spouse of Lorraine Kerr, passed away peacefully at the Suncoast Hospice on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Soar with the Angels, Christine Noonan, we love you!
- ✚ Angelos McDowell 111. He was born last night but is having seizures. He is in NICU at Tampa General. His parents are Tiffany and Doc McDowell. My daughter's sister and Brother in law! Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ A dear friend of the St. Francis community, Mary Meier (spouse of Linda Ritchie), passed away on Christmas Day. Give her eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on her forever.
- ✚ Leo and John's Neighbor Joe Marek for cardiac issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Mark Talboom, dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing
- ✚ D A and Dee dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Ivy Villafana recuperating. 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.....



Upcoming Anniversaries and Birthdays:

Ellie Ospina Birthday 2/12
Matthew Schnabel Birthday 2/13
Nancy O'Dell Birthday 2/29
Jon Laubscher/William Schwartz Ann 3/6
Sonny Griner Birthday 3/6
Lorraine Kerr Birthday 3/8
Patrick Ellingham Birthday 3/16
Jim Villafana Birthday 3/24

LOOKING AHEAD:



Feb 12 – Sunday – Lincoln Birthday. 2nd Annual Valentine Day Cook Off. Soup and Stews with prizes awarded
Feb 14 – Tuesday – Valentine Day. Council Meeting.
Feb 20 – Monday – Presidents Day
Feb 22 – Wednesday – Healing Mass at 7pm
Feb 24 – Saturday – Bingo at 7:30pm
Mar 1 – Wednesday – Ash Wednesday
Mar 3 – Friday – First Friday Mass at 6:30pm
Mar 12th – Sunday – **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** – Move clocks ahead 1 hour
Mar 14 – Tuesday – Council Meeting
Mar 15 – Wednesday – Clearwater Aids Partnership Client Dinner at 5pm

CHOIR PRACTICE IS NOW ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 6PM

AIDS Partnership – Who We Are

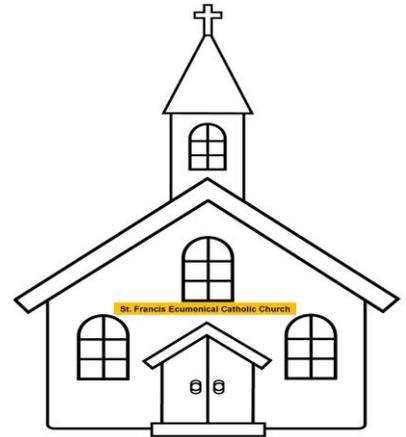
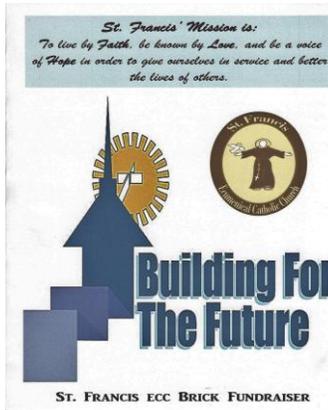
AIDS Partnership, Inc. is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) resource for groups and/or individuals. Founded in 1994 by an Episcopal Priest and a mother whose son died of AIDS-related illness, we work with AIDS Service Organizations, Faith Communities, and the community at large.

AIDS Partnership serves as a conscience to the community, reminding everyone that we are called upon to live our lives by reaching out to all our brothers and sisters, including those with HIV/AIDS.
(more text to come)

SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CALENDAR PAGE

REMINDER:

MOTIVATION (BUILDING AND IMPACT)
+ PRODUCT SALES (BRICK PROGRAM BI-FOLD)
= GOAL (St. Francis ECC Building)



St Francis Community Update

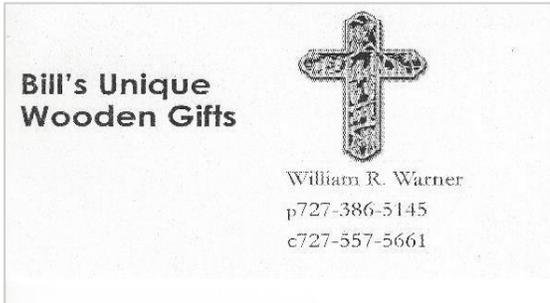
- **Housekeeping Note:** Please no food or drink in the Chapel area. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Precious Times for a Priest:** Please be respectful of our Pastor's time before and after Mass. At the present time Father Victor does not have office hours. If you wish to meet with him, you are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



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