

ST. FRANCIS ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Priest - Fr. Patrick Wenrick Assisting Priests – Fr. Tom Wilt, Fr. Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer, Deacon Bob Pragano MASS Each Sunday at 10:30 am. ALL ARE WELCOME – NO EXCEPTIONS We Celebrate Unity in Diversity

St. Francís' Míssíon:

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

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"EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME"

(Prayer after Communion)

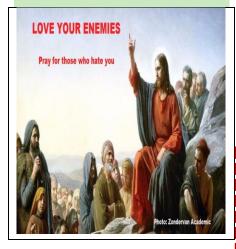
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE: IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER PETITIONS OR PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING. (727) 234-1380)







EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

BE CONSCIOUS OF YOUR WEAKNESSES AND FAULTS

First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
Sirach 27:4-7	1 Corinthians 15: 54-58	Luke 6:39-45

Jesus gave teachings that remind us to look at ourselves more than others. Once we do that and free ourselves of evil ways, we will bear much fruit.

Thus, bearing good fruit begins with making ourselves good. This requires much selfreflection, self-examination, and a ton of humility. And that is always the hardest part. We all have tendencies to look at everyone before we look at ourselves. It is the other who must be wrong or wanting. We have eagle eyes for the mistakes of others while being blind and neglectful of ourselves. We give ourselves all the benefits of the doubt. Understanding, patience, and mercy are always available to self. Change, if needed will not happen. Why? Because the other who is the object of criticism is also looking at us and is doing the same. In other words, we see each others' defects, but we do not see our own. And when we do not see our own defects, change will not happen. Change begins with self. Rarely does one change because of the other. In most cases, we are offended. When we admit our defects, change comes very gradually or minimally. But if we focus more on ourselves, change will be immediate and widespread. If I look at myself, see my defects, admit their presence in me, understand the need to change them, and finally decide to address them, change will happen. If everyone is doing the same approach, change happen to everyone quickly. Learning to humble ourselves opens ourselves to the concern of others. The combination of self-criticism and fraternal correction is a perfect recipe for becoming a good person. "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good..."

Gods Blessings

DATE	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	INTERCESSION
Mar. 2nd ^d	Julia Z	Lani A.	Tony Mc	Jim H.	Deacon Bob
Mar. 9 th	DJ A.	Debi I.	Tony Mc	Dawn A.	Deacon Bob

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

St. Francis' Ministries

Music Ministry, Susan Stroemel Hospitality Ministry, John Swatek / Julia Zolfo Comm. Care Ministry, John O'Grady / David Baughman Financial Management Ministry, Larry Roush Fundraising & Development Ministry, Lorraine Kerr **Outreach and Growth Ministry, Sharon Meade**

Let Us Pray for ...



Interfaith Food Pantry Currently in need of Coffee & Tea bags & Cereal



Helen Heavey, one of our out of town friends, who will have a heart catheterization soon. Prayers for healing, peace, comfort and a return to full health. 2/23 Don Townley, a friend of Ross Pickreign who was recently diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. For peace and comfort for him and his family. 2/16 Jeanne Pickreign, Ross's sister-in-law, who is in rehab and learning to walk again. May God grant her strength, peace and comfort with her struggles. 2/16 Angela DiNapoli, aunt of Julia Zolfo who is hospitalized with a broken leg and pneumonia. Prayers for healing, comfort and a return to full health. 2/9 Sophia Kotras, who was hit by a truck on Christmas morning. She had surgery and she is recovering well. Prayers for peace comfort and a full recovery. 1/5 Nancy Hall, Deb Imbach's Mom who has been diagnosed with stage four kidney disease. Prayer for peace and comfort for her and her family. 1/19 Connie Cuebas who is back home again after suffering a fall. Continued prayers for healing, peace and comfort for her. She is up for visitors. 2/23 Ashley Jarvis, daughter of Cheryl & Mike Velez, dealing with severe health issues. Prayers for peace, comfort, healing and a return to full health. 12/22 Karen Vanvyve, friend of Debi Imbach, dealing with new medical issues that have risen 10/27

Jeannie Christie and her husband who are both dealing with health challenges. May God's healing touch be upon them with peace and comfort. 9/22 Tom O'Grady, John's brother had spinal surgery and is still dealing with severe back pain. Prayers for healing, comfort and relief from his pain. 12/25 Fr. Martin, a friend of Fr. Pat, he is recovering from heart surg in Sept and is looking for a new place to live. Prayers of healing, and comfort for him. 11/24 Luanne Jolly, a friend of DJ & Deb, who is experiencing severe health issues. Fror peace and comfort for her, we pray. 8/25

Matthew, John Swatek's 32 y/o nephew who is coming out of a coma after a tragic car accident. Prayers of peace & comfort for him and his family. 1/19 Fr. Tom & Marge Wilt, who are now home and doing somewhat better. Prayers for strength, healing and comfort and a return to full health. 12/25 Michael Ureichuck, who is undergoing more medical testing. Prayers for healing, peace, comfort and a return to full health for him. 2/23 Charles Harshbarger, a friend of St. Francis who has been moved to long-term care. Continued prayers of peace and comfort for him. 12/08

Marion Gregory, aunt of Sue Wenrick, who is in rehab and dealing with dementia and other medical issues. Continued prayers for peace & comfort. 9/1 Deacon Bob and Deb Imbach, as they begin their studies to the priesthood and diaconate. May the Holy Spirit enlighten their minds and fill their hearts. For those who have been affected by the California wildfires, many of whom have lost everything, may God comfort them and help them to find peace. For the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, that the wars will end soon, and they can begin the process of piecing their lives and & countries back together. For those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. May God's healing touch be upon them and comfort them in their loss. We will see them again !!! For those who have been killed, injured, or affected by the continued mass shootings in our country. Let us pray for sensibility and peace. For those who are dealing with mental illness and addictions, and for their families, may God's healing touch be upon them. CARDS – Sympathy, Mass Cards are available at the church.



Mar. 5th Communion Service 12:30 PM Live & Via Zoom Mar. 9th Sunday Morning Mass 10:30 AM Live & Via Zoom Mar. 12th Communion Service 12:30 PM Live & Via Zoom Mar. 16th Sunday Morning Mass 10:30AM Live & Via Zoom

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Charles Lester BD 3/05 Sonny Griner BD 3/06 Marge Wilt BD 3/07 Lorraine Kerr BD 3/08

May the work of the Church as a messenger of God's hope bear good fruit in an unbelieving world. We Pray for the Church, Francis our Pope and Michael our, we pray to the Lord... That injustice everywhere may be brought to light and remedied; we pray to the Lord... That all who serve the poor may bring both glad tidings and material assistance; we pray to the Lord... That all who are imprisoned may find freedom in Christ's forgiving love, we pray to the Lord... That victims of domestic violence and human trafficking will find support and a means to freedom, we pray to the Lord... For all who have died, may they dwell secure with the Lord forever, we pray to the Lord...we pray for own needs and the special intentions of others, to the God who promises to return for those who live in his love... Help us to live as your chosen people, blessed by and filled with the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.