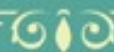


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SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time,
August 29, 2021

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sat	08/28	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	For the People †Sebastian Berumen, offered by Berumen family †Felipa Perez, & Ernestina Benitez Gallegos †Margarita Sanchez,, offered by Preciliana Alvarado
Sun	08/29	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	B-day intentions of Gerri Salazar, offered by Mom & Dad Special intentions of Ljubica Brekalo, offered by Ljubica Brekalo †Evelyn Soukup, offered by Tom & Rita Sulak Special intentions of Mila Misura, offered by Ljubica Brekalo †Evelyn Soukup, offered by Harry & Debbie Grmela †Manuel Aurelio Torres Jasso, offered by Adriana Torres Linaje de Maria Luisa Alba y Linaje de Leocadio Hurtado, offered by Family Macias †Evelio Tamayo, †Serafin Tamayo, †Demecio Meza, †Juana Villegas, & †Margarita Sanchez, offered by Heriberto Tamayo
Mon	08/30	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues	08/31	8:00 am	Birthday intentions of Gabriela Vela, offered by SFOA Staff Special intentions of Ivan Sipic, & Ivan Brekalo, offered by Ljubica Brekalo Healing intentions for Elisa Gallegos, offered by Diana Diaz
Wed	09/01	6:30 pm	Elfega Vivanco, offered by Elfega Vivanco
†Thurs	09/02	8:00 am	Special intentions of Ljubica Brekalo, & Mila Misura, offered by Ljubica Brekalo Healing intentions of Elisa Gallegos, offered by Diana Diaz
Fri	09/03	8:00 am	Special intentions of Ivan Sipic, & Ljubica Brekalo, offered by Ljubica Brekalo Healing intentions for Elisa Gallegos, offered by Diana Diaz

Sunday offering 08/22 \$5,477.00
Building Fund 08/22 \$1,190.00
We Share online 08/22 \$1,121.30
Thank you all for your support of the parishes operational expenses. For Online donations of Sunday offering and Building Fund visit: www.stfrancislancaster.org.

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sun: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Observances for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sun: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPI

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	English	5:00 PM
	Spanish	7:00 PM
Sunday	English	8:00 AM
	English	10:00 AM
	Spanish	12:00 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon.-Comm. Ser.	English	8:00 AM
Wed.	Spanish	6:30 PM
Tues, Thurs, & Fri	English	8:00 AM

Rev. Manuel Sabando, *Administrator*—Cell-214-934-3228

Deacon Sergio Carranza—Cell -214-515-2239

Deacon Lawrence P. Seidemann, III—Cell-214-546-3598

Deacon Ben Rodriguez—Cell-972-921-4508

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Gabriela Vela, *Religious Education*—Office-972-227-0770

Email: sfre@swbell.net

English Bible Study with Deacon Larry—Are you Saved? How are you Saved? Why are you Saved? These questions will be answered when Lectio Salvation begins in person classes on Tuesday September 7 at 10 am and 7 pm in the St. Augustine classroom. The workbook is \$15 and you can come by the office to pick up your copy during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 9 am to 12 pm and 1 to 4 pm.

**St. Vincent de Paul Help line —
972-218-6605**

**Food Pantry—During the Pandemic, please call
the helpline # above for food distribution times.**

Fall Festival plans are underway, and more details are coming soon! The days for this Festival are October 2 and 3.

We have some generous donors so far for raffle prizes. If you are able to help, you may bring your cash donation to the office during business hours, or place in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope earmarked for the festival.

**1st prize is \$2000,
2nd prize is \$1500,
3rd prize is \$1000,
4th prize is \$750,
5th prize is \$500,
6th prize is \$250.**

Raffle tickets are available for pickup before all the weekend masses, by coming by the office during normal business hours, Monday – Friday 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm, or give us a call at 972-227-4124 and we will mail them to you.

You may also return your raffle tickets in any one of the three ways mentioned above also. Thanks for your support!

Ray Alva — Chairperson.

Los planes del festival de otoño están en marcha, tendremos mas detalles pronto. Las fechas del festival son el 2 y 3 de octubre.

Tenemos algunos donantes generosos hasta ahora para los premios de la rifa. Si puede ayudar, puede traer su donación en efectivo a la oficina durante el horario de operación o colócala en la canasta de recolección en la misa en un sobre destinado al festival.

**El primer premio es de \$ 2000,
El segundo premio es de \$ 1500,
El tercer premio es de \$ 1000,
El cuarto premio es de \$ 750,
El quinto premio es de \$ 500,
El sexto premio es de \$ 250,**

Los boletos de la rifa están disponibles para recoger antes de todas las misas de fin de semana o pasando por la oficina durante el horario de operación normal, de lunes a viernes de 9 am a mediodía y de 1 a 4 pm, o nos puede llamar al 972-227-4124 y se los enviaremos por correo.

También puede devolver sus boletos de la rifa en cualquiera de las tres formas mencionadas anteriormente. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

Ray Alva -presidente

If you have not received the Covid 19 vaccine and would like to we have several opportunities coming up here in the parish of St. Francis.

Company	1st dose	2nd dose	Brand
Concilio		9-5-21	Pfizer
Blue Cross Blue Shield	9-19-21	10-10-21	Moderna
Concilio	10-3-21	10-24-21	Pfizer

Please call the office at 972-227-4124 to schedule your vaccine.

Requirement to return to Mass postponed in the Diocese of Dallas

In light of the recent surge in COVID cases and concern about the spread of the Delta variant, Bishop Edward Burns has postponed reinstating the requirement for Catholics to attend Mass in person in the Diocese of Dallas. The dispensation which waived this requirement had been scheduled to end on Sunday, August 15, 2021. Masses will continue to take place; however, the obligation to attend remains lifted.

Bishop Burns went on to remind those who decide to attend Mass in-person that masks are expected to be worn, especially in Dallas County.

El deber de regresar a Misa se pospone en la Diócesis de Dallas

En vista del reciente aumento de casos de COVID y la inquietud por la propagación de la variante Delta, el Obispo Edward Burns ha pospuesto restablecer el deber de los Católicos de asistir presencialmente a Misa en la Diócesis de Dallas. La dispensa que suspendió este deber estaba programada para terminar el domingo 15 de agosto de 2021. Las Misas seguirán celebrándose, sin embargo, el deber de asistir continúa dispensado.

El Obispo Burns prosiguió recordándoles a quienes decidan asistir presencialmente a Misa que se les solicita usar las cubiertas faciales en la iglesia, especialmente en el Condado de Dallas, sin embargo.



Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

†**Geraldine Burns**

Mother of Bishop Edward J. Burns

May She Rest In Peace

Please keep the sick members of our Parish family in your prayers: Tillie Beltran, Zeferino Ledezma, Christina Pavalas, Philon & Phi Nguyen, Dolores S. Gatpandan, Francis Miramontes, Alexander Rodriguez, Baruch Escalante, Stephen Juneau, Johnny Martinez, Sara Raines, Esteban Lira, Pete Romero, Thomas & Yolanda Diaz, Raquel Baiza, Kenneth Cruz, Jr., Richard Oishei, Kenny Gunderman, Margie & Sam, Jesus Aguilar, Rosendo Lopez, Julia Lopez, K C Pena, Leah Pena, Lillie Munoz, Oscar Guerrero, Isidra Reyna, Enemencio Jaso, Alveno & Ruby Dickson, Mary Brown, Catalina Gonzalez, Brianna Dean, Nicolas & Angelo Florido, Rosa Maria Santos, Yolanda Diaz, Josefina Aguero, Laurie Williamson, Osvaldo Mendoza Jr., Abigail Renata, Jerry Donoho, Abraham Perez, Luis Maldonado, and all those who are not listed and still are in need of our prayers. If you have a person to add on this prayer list, please call the office at 972-227-4124. You can also write the names of your sick loved ones in the notebook on the stand in the Narthex.

**KNIGHTS OF COULUMBUS
DEACON JOSE HERNANDEZ 18th ANNUAL
OPEN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

WHERE: Country View Golf Course, Located at 240 West Beltline Road, Lancaster, TX, phone # 972-227-0995.

WHEN: Saturday, 11 September 2021, 1:00 PM, Shotgun Start.

COST: Will be \$85.00 per golfer, which will include green fees, cart fees, practice range balls, trophies, door prizes and Hamburger dinner at the conclusion of tournament PLAY. Non-Playing family members or friends of golfers are invited to the 5 PM dinner and prize awards presentations. (Dinner cost for nonplayers will be \$8 per person).

TOURNAMENT FORMAT: Modified Florida Scramble, (best ball) four person teams.

ALL PROCEEDS will go to K of C College Scholarship/Grant fund. **DONATIONS:** Donations to the Scholarship/Grant fund are appreciated and will be recognized by sponsorship of a tournament hole of play. Donations can be made by an individual, business or corporate sponsorship. Make sponsorship checks and registration fees payable to Knights of Columbus Council #12484.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR: Frank Hernandez, Phone (972) 998-8357. Registration forms will be emailed on request by contacting Frank Hernandez, e-mail, vendorsxpress@yahoo.com. All Registration forms and team/player payments must be received not later than 3 September 2021.

**COME JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF GOLF, FUN,
FOOD, PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIP.**

Stroke Scan Plus

Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings at St. Francis Catholic Church on September 25 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. You can call Stroke Scan Plus at 832-437-7355 to make an appointment or schedule your appointment the weekend of September 18-19 at weekend masses when. Appointments are limited due to our COVIC safety procedures,

The total discounted package for these 8 screenings is \$149, including Stroke Risk, Thyroid, Gall Bladder, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Liver, Kidneys, & Atrial Fibrillation. Screening preparations are

- Wear a two piece comfortable outfit.
- No big meals or caffeine 4 hours prior to screening.
- If you are diabetic, make sure to eat a light meal.
- If you are taking medication, continue to take it.

Exámenes de ultrasonido de bienestar vascular y de órganos en la iglesia católica St. Francis el 25 de septiembre de 8:30 am a 3:30 pm. Puede llamar a Stroke Scan Plus al 832-437-7355 para hacer una cita o programar su cita el fin de semana del 18 al 19 de septiembre en las misas de fin de semana cuando. Las citas son limitadas debido a nuestros procedimientos de seguridad COVIC,

El paquete con descuento total para estos 8 exámenes es de \$ 149, que incluye riesgo de accidente cerebrovascular, tiroides, vesícula biliar, aneurisma aórtico abdominal, hígado, riñones y fibrilación auricular.

Los preparativos para la detección son

- Use un conjunto cómodo de dos piezas.
- No se permiten comidas copiosas ni cafeína 4 horas antes de la evaluación.
- Si es diabético, asegúrese de comer una comida ligera.
- Si está tomando medicamentos, continúe tomándolos.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – Estamos viviendo un contexto social muy difícil, muchas personas, a estas alturas del año, todavía no tienen trabajo y su salud es muy precaria. Las injusticias están a la orden del día. Gracias a la Palabra de Dios que nos guía, nuestro corazón se fortalece en la esperanza. Litúrgicamente, hoy regresamos al Evangelio de Marcos, ciclo B, después de haber escuchado el capítulo 6 de San Juan, donde se da el discurso del Pan de Vida. Iniciamos la lectura de Santiago, después de haber escuchado la de los Efesios. Hoy las lecturas apuntan a una misma dirección. ¡Hacia la coherencia en la propia vida! Hacer y vivir lo que decimos es una tarea de todos los días. Seguir los mandamientos con fidelidad es lo que pide el Señor. La enseñanza de Dios de vivir moralmente es el objetivo desde la creación del mundo.

“Y ahora, Israel, escucha las normas y los mandamientos que yo te enseñé, para que los pongas en práctica” (Deuteronomio 4:1). La Carta de Santiago lo describe de la siguiente forma: *“Hermanos muy queridos, no se equivoquen: son las cosas buenas y los dones perfectos lo que proceden de lo alto” (Santiago 1:16).* Y en el Evangelio, Jesús lo pone más claro todavía explicando la manera de ser coherentes: *“Ninguna cosa que de fuera entra en la persona puede hacerla impura; lo que hace impura a una persona es lo que sale de ella” (Marcos 7:15-16).* Jesús habla un lenguaje desconocido para la gente de su tiempo, muchos de ellos eran muy apegados a la ley. Por lo tanto, no podían comprender lo que es la verdadera pureza. ¿Tú lo comprendes? ¡Vivir como Dios manda es lo ideal!

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†**Guadalupe Gonzalez**

*Mother of Maria C. Gonzalez-Esparza,
Rodolfo, Jr., & Elizabeth Gonzalez, Gerardo,
& Kelly Gonzalez, Elizabeth Gonzalez
Adrianna & Rolando Cazares,
Graciela Gonzalez, Mario Gonzalez, Sr., and
Son in Law Frank Rodriguez*

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Religious Education

GOSPEL MEDITATION - Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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Open Registration began July 6. There is still enrollments for grades 1 to 6. Fee is \$50.00 per student; families must be registered-active members of our parish (using Sunday’s offertory envelopes). 1st Year Confirmation is closed.

ATTENTION PARENTS PLEASE RE-ENROLL YOUR CHILDREN FOR THEIR SECOND YEAR FORMATION. THEY ARE NOT REGISTERED AUTOMATICALLY. FEE IS \$50

All students will need a 2” Binder.

Tuesday’s Start Date 9/7/2021 6:30PM to 8PM

Wednesday’s Start Date 9/8/21 6:30PM to 8PM

Sunday’s Start Date 9/12/2021

First Session @ 8:30 AM To 9:30 AM

Second Session @ 10:50 AM to 11:50 AM

La inscripciones se abrieron a partir de julio 6. Todavía hay cupo en grados de 1º a 6º. Inscripción es de \$50.00 por estudiante; la familia del estudiante deben ser miembros activos registrados de nuestra parroquia (usando sobres del ofertorio del domingo). Inscripciones de 1º de Confirmación estan cerradas.

ATENCIÓN PADRES DE FAMILIA, FAVOR DE RE-INSCRIBIR A SUS HIJOS PARA SU SEGUNDO AÑO DE FORMACIÓN. CUOTA \$50.00

Todos los estudiantes necesitan una carpeta de aros de 2”.

Inicio de clases en Martes 9/7/21 6:30PM to 8PM

Inicio de clases miércoles 9/8/21 6:30PM to 8PM

Inicio de clase dominicales 9/12/2021

RCIA: Any adult 18 years an older that would like to complete his/her sacraments of initiation: Baptism, and/or Communion and/or Confirmation, please send an email to sfre@swbell.net with your personal information and what sacraments you are lacking. **I encourage any candidate to Become Parish Members of St. Francis of Assisi.**

RICA: Adultos mayores de 18 años interesados en completar sus sacramentos de iniciación católica: Bautismo, Comunción y o Confirmación. Por favor de mandar un correo electrónico a sfre@swbell.net con su información personal y que sacramento necesitan. **Se les invita a registrarse como Parroquianos de San Francisco de Asís.**

Volunteers Needed: Have You Considered Volunteering To Help in the Religious Education Program? If interested, please send me an email to : sfre@swbell.net

Se Necesitan Voluntarios: ¿Usted ha considerado ser voluntario para ayudar en el programa de educación religiosa? Si está interesado, por favor envíeme un correo electrónico a: sfre@swbell.net