

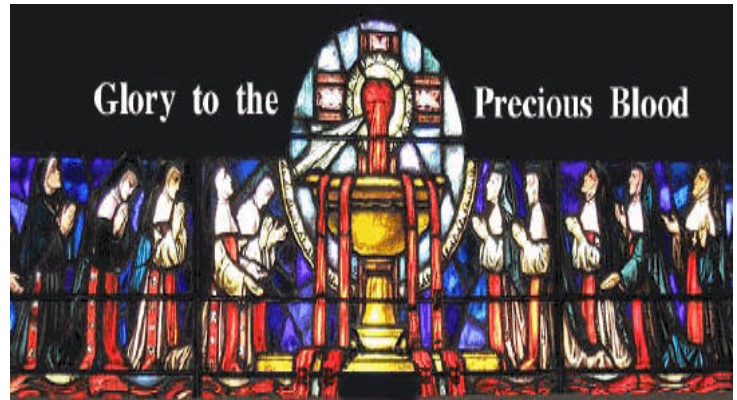
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Bulletin for : Sunday, July 17, 2022 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday

8:00 AM (English)

5:00 PM (Vigil, English)

7:00 PM (Vietnamese)

Sunday

6:45 AM (English)

8:30 AM (English)

10:30 AM (English) + Livestreaming

12:30 PM (Spanish)

5:00 PM (English)

Weekdays

6:30 AM (English)

12:10 PM (English)

Wednesdays & Thursdays

5:00 PM (Spanish)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays: beginning at 8:30 AM
until 9:30 AM or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month immediately
following the 12:10 PM Mass.

The Mission of St. Francis of Assisi Parish is to provide a safe, welcoming environment of Catholic worship, evangelization & fellowship, living in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

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CHRISTIANS: MARTHAS & MARYS

Jesus says in the Gospel of Luke, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Lk. 10: 42

Martha has become a symbol of action-oriented, responsible people who get the job done. Our world needs such men, women, boys, and girls, and so does the Church. How would the Church survive if not for the Marthas, Merlines and Arthuros who sing in the choir, Bryan, Isac and Leny run the altar; Pat, John, David, and others who work with the homeless, Perry and Jerry work with the youth, and build the Church? The Church could not exist without them. The same is true with the family. We need responsible people to do the work in the house: to cook, to clean, to keep the house operating, to pay the bills, to keep the cars running, not to speak of rearing the children and loving the spouse. Households can't survive without Marthas and Bills. Nor can offices, schools, or businesses. There is nothing wrong with being a responsible, action-oriented, get-it-done kind of person. But we must find time to listen to God speaking to us through His word, and time to talk to God. Jesus clearly said: **be hearers and doers of the word.** Jesus never reversed that order.

What we need to do is not to separate the **work of Martha** and the **prayers of Mary** but combine them. We should become Marthacized Marys. For example, a young father once said to me that he finds it difficult to make time for prayer. The children have so many needs. I mentioned to him that I am sure it is no little chore getting them ready for bed, having night prayers with them and telling them a story when they are little. I told him to let those night prayers be the beginning of your prayers for your children and continue them even after your children get older, at least you and your wife alone. When they are little and fast asleep, I told him to consider praying in their rooms with the background music of their sleeping.

Bro. Lawrence, OCD (17th century), who served as a lay brother and cook in a Carmelite monastery in Paris wrote;

"Lord of all pots and pans, since I've no time to be
A saint by doing lovely things, or watching late with Thee
Or dreaming in dawn light, or storming heaven's gates
Make me a saint by setting meals and washing up the plates."

The Lord expects us to be listening to the Word of God like Mary and doing the Word of God like Martha. let us be proud of our call as Christians.

Blessings,
Fr. Joe



PRAYER TO *St. Martha*

Saint Martha,
pray for us that we might
serve Jesus better.

Help us to overcome our
distractions and worries to
listen to his words and be
present to him this day.
Amen.



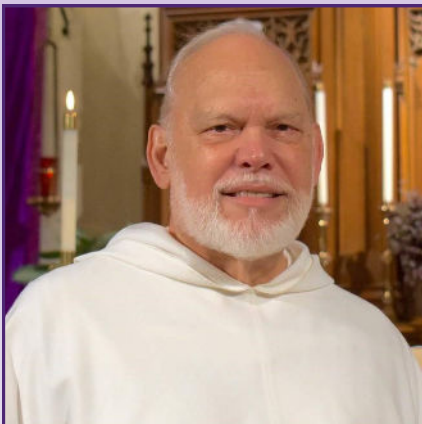
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Let the Children
COME TO ME
MATTHEW 19:14



*Registration
Is Open!*

**Registration for all sacramental classes has begun!
For further information please call the office.**



Guest Celebrant

Fr. Jude Eli will be celebrating Mass
July 16th at 5:00 PM,
July 17th at 6:45 AM & 8:30 AM.

All Are Welcome!



Eucharistic Adoration

Mary's Chapel is open after the 6:30 AM
Mass weekdays until the benediction at
5PM. All our invited to spend some time
in quite prayer with the Lord.

St. Francis Parish Church Announcements

Community Choir Rehearsal is now on Thursday evenings at 7PM

Anointing of the sick is Friday, August 5th at 12:45

Note to self...
"You are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one"...sit at the feet of Jesus and spend time with Him.
Luke 10:41-42

Fr. Theo is due back in early August! :)

LOST & FOUND
If you have left behind an item in the chapel or the church. Stop by the office to claim it.

FELLOWSHIP & MINISTRY CELEBRATION

AUGUST 20 & 21 | BEFORE OR AFTER MOST MASSES IN PARISH HALL

PLEASE JOIN US IN RECONNECTING WITH OLD FRIENDS, MAKING NEW ONES, AND SEE WHAT MINISTRIES ARE DOING AT OUR PARISH!

Infant of Prague Novena

George Christianson and a small group meet once a month for a 9 day novena in Mary's Chapel. At 5:15 PM weekdays and 3:00 PM weekends. If interested please call the office.

It is our distinct honor to announce that a group of adult candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next week at the Vigil Mass. Please be aware that several pews will be reserved for those candidates and their sponsors. Please plan accordingly and we ask that you keep them in prayer.

Confirmation

DIVINE MERCY

IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

The Divine Mercy Cenacle Group will be viewing the 10 part DVD series "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told", with Fr. Michael Gaitley, the first and third Tuesday of every month, next meeting is 6PM, JULY 19th in the Youth Center, Room 1.

Drop by, no reservation necessary. All are invited to join us to learn why Christ's message of Divine Mercy is considered the Second Greatest Story Ever Told. We hope to see you there.

Jesus, I Trust in You!

St. Francis Parish News & Announcements

GETTING TO KNOW YOU – DEACON JOE

By Joi Bourne

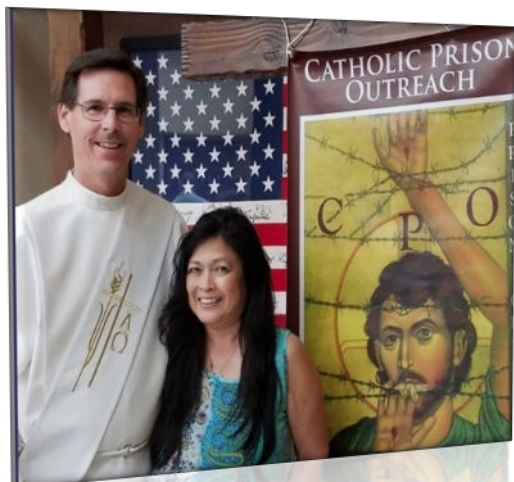
It's always interesting to follow a life that is lived close to God. Very often, when you think you know the direction you are going in, God suddenly takes a right turn. If you train yourself to hear Him, you will always end up in the best place and when you look back, will always see that all the twists and turns you took and experiences you had, have helped God mold you into the best version of yourself so far!

When you meet Deacon Joe, he makes you feel important and at ease right away. The first thing you notice is his smile and you somehow know that whatever you share with him, he takes to heart. Along with a wonderful sense of humor, Joe Lubatti has always had a servant's heart. As a young boy, he could often be found erasing blackboards, passing out and collecting papers, straightening up chairs and desks after school or performing all sorts of duties to help the priests before and after church services as an altar boy.

Joe began his working life in the grocery business, in which he was involved for 20 years. Then he wanted more of a challenge. He had always loved everything to do with aviation, so he studied and became an aircraft mechanic, while at the same time passing all the requirements to get his private pilot's license. He was a mechanic, for 16 years. Now most men might seek retirement after two successful careers, but God had other ideas. He wanted Joe to use all his talents and go to work for His Kingdom. 6 years ago in October, Joe was ordained and 5 years ago, Deacon Joe became a Chaplain in prisons, first in Wasco Prison and now he is employed as Chaplain of Tehachapi Prison.

God also completely changed his personal life. Joe and his wife, Florlyn met after both had gone through divorces and annulments. They met through Joe's sister-in-law and her sister who worked with Florlyn. It seems it was a match made in heaven! From the very beginning, the couple found that they had a lot in common: both were enthusiastic Catholics and committed to sharing their faith by volunteering in RCIA classes and in juvenile detention, in fact their second date consisted of going to Juvenile Hall and singing Christmas carols. They are friendly, fun-loving, caring individuals who love animals and the Dodgers! Geography might have been an obstacle because Florlyn lived in Huntington Beach and Joe was in Bakersfield, however they did not let that impede their relationship. She belonged to St. Vincent de Paul parish in H.B., where Joe would join her some weeks and he belonged to St. Francis of Assisi, where she would join him. They dated for 4 years and have been very happily married for 14 years. When you spend any time with this couple, you can experience God's joy, love and warmth.

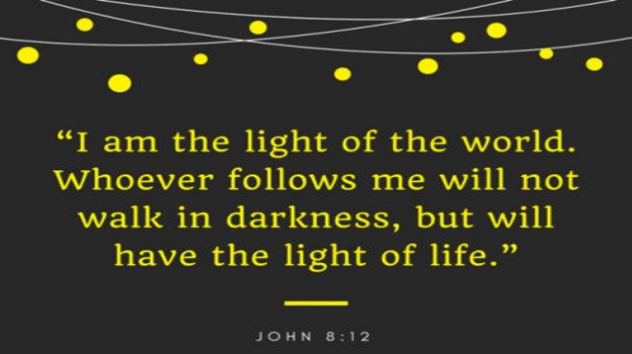
One thing that remained constant throughout his life was Joe's relationship with Jesus. Every week he would go to Adoration from 2 to 3 a.m. on Thursday mornings. This is where Joe heard God call him to become a deacon. One of the wonderful, life-giving things about deacon formation (diaconate formation) is that the couple joins fully in the experience together. Since our first vow is to each other, that commitment is honored and elevated, in fact the wife has to "give permission" for the husband to receive Holy Orders. In other words, she must agree to sharing him with the church.



Deacon Joe is an integral member of Deacon Scotty's CPO prison ministry. Of course, he also performs the various diaconate duties at St. Francis of Assisi parish: baptisms, convalidations, weddings, and assisting at gravesides, and serving at Masses. If you have heard any of Deacon Joe's homilies, I know you have been blessed. Florlyn's lovely face is familiar too. She's often helping out. By the way, she is the drummer at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, where Deacon Joe is a member of the choir. Along with his busy day job, Deacon Joe's involvements at St. Francis parish also include: Head of the Finance Committee and Director of the Annulment Process.

If you haven't met him personally and if you can catch him, stop and say hello. I know it will be a treasured experience. He's truly one of a kind.

St. Francis Parish Ministries



**"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not
walk in darkness, but will
have the light of life."**

JOHN 8:12

In memory of parishioners who have been given the gift of eternal life in the month of June 2022 with services through St. Francis:

Mike Olivieri, Luis Munoz, Raymond Ortiz, Octavio Torres, Ophelia Gamino, Adela Orozco Munoz, Jennifer Briggs, Manuel Marquez, Peter Russell Simpson, Carolyn Powell, Vicky T. Behill, Alfred Ontiveros Gomez, Barbaro Gomez, Barry Potter, Vincent Bakich, Barbara Kleier, Veronica Richards Orozco, Daisy Garcia Padilla, Erna Thomsen, Robert Alipaz, Carlos Dinarte & Robert 'Bob' Byrne

Our funeral team wishes to accompany those who are grieving and to show the light of Jesus Christ risen to those whose hearts are broken. Our Parish embraces all who are mourning and gives direction for funeral services. We give thanks to God for the deceased's life and hold family and friends close in prayer as they travel through a most difficult time.

If you or a family member needs assistance with the funeral process or pre-planning, please contact Roylene through the parish office, ext. 123.



thank you

THE MAIN OFFICE HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE HARDWORKING AND CARE ABOUT THE PARISH TO GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS. GOD BLESS THEM!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 17, 2022

6:45 am: + Manuela De Noyola
8:30 am: Int. Betty Spencer & Family
10:30 am: + Sebastian
12:30 pm: + Frank Fonceca
5:00 pm: + Benito Fuentes

Monday, July 18, 2022

6:30 am: + Raymond Bourbon
12:10 pm: Int. Marcella Helen Archuleta

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

6:30 am: + Paul Rodriguez
12:10 pm: + Genaro Hernandez

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

6:30 am: + Erma Buoni
12:10 pm: + Anna Hattie Stricklen
5:00 pm: + Poimitivo Holguin Talamantes

Thursday, July 21, 2022

6:30 am: + For the soul of Bienvenido Francisco
12:10 pm: + Clemente Hernandez Family
5:00 pm: Int. Marianita Sanchez Valdovino

Friday, July 22, 2022

6:30 am: + Carmelita A. Albano
12:10 pm: + Donald Eugene Archuelta

Saturday, July 23, 2022

8:00 am: + Kay Sinclair Family
5:00 pm: + Gene Garibalde
7:30 pm: Int. of All Souls

Sanctuary Lamps

Prayers for the living loved ones, relatives, friends & pets of Elsa & Zsa & Prayers for the departed loved ones, relatives & friends of Elsa & Zsa.

Isabelle Church,
Michael France,
Walt Widhalm &
Carmelita Albano



Last Month's Weekly Collections

May 22, 2022-
May 28, 2022

Total: \$11,570.00

May 29, 2022-
June 4, 2022

Total: \$12,381.00

June 5, 2022-
June 11, 2022

Total: \$12,145.00

June 12, 2022-
June 18, 2022

Total: \$11,589.00

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Those who seek the Lord
lack no good thing.

Psalm 34:10

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