



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce
and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of
your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning
of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

After Easter to December 28 ... 4:00pm
January 4 to April 12, 2025 ... 3:00pm & 4:30pm

SUNDAY

After Easter to December 29 - 8:00am & 10:00am
January 5 through Easter Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday.....8:15 am
Holy Days.....8:15 am & 6:00 pm

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

Monday - Friday 7am-4pm
Saturday 2pm - 5pm
Sunday 7am -11am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Winter - September 4 through May 31
Mon - Fri 9:00am -12:30pm, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Summer - June 3 through Aug 31
Monday through Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday after Mass 9:00am - 9:15am
After Easter to Dec 29 - Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Jan 4 to April 13 - Saturdays: 2:00pm - 2:30pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:15am †FRANCES BLAIR
by Laurie Solanics

Our Lady of the Rosary
Reading: Galatians 1:6-12
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:15am **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
SANDY GODLEWSKY!

Reading: Galatians 1:13-24
Gospel: Like 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:15am †TRISH BOYER
by Matt and Debbie Egan
Reading: Galatians 2:1-12, 7-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:15am †TRISH BOYER
by John and Martha Mingel
Reading: Galatians 3:1-5
Gospel: Luke 11:5-13

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:15am †JACK BARRETT by Mike Pizzi
Reading: Galatians 3:7-14
Gospel: Luke 11:15-26

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

4:00pm **FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00am †FRANK AND BETTY GUZZI
by Bob and Liz Barrett
10:00am †TERESA MAYER
by Matt and Debbie Egan
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading 1: Wisdom 7:7-11
Reading 2: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30



Gospel Reflection

Mark 10:2-16

In the first part of the Gospel reading, the Pharisees approach Jesus and test him by asking whether it is permissible under God's law for a married couple to divorce. Jesus quickly distinguishes between divorce, as allowed by Moses, and the permanency that God wills for marriage. Jesus clarifies that Moses permitted them to divorce

because of their "hard hearts." In other words, they had closed their hearts to God's will. The people placed their own desires before what God had commanded. Jesus recalled that from the beginning, God intended that marriage be a permanent, lifelong union between a man and a woman. Things are not all that different today. There continues to be a growing list of challenges to marriage. We all know someone or have experienced the pain of divorce in our families and among our friends. We are not called to judge but to bring compassion and offer prayers of support for all those affected by the breakup of a family.

Bringing their children

The reading continues with what seems to be a disconnected event. People begin bringing their children to Jesus, hoping he might bless them. As this happens, we read that the disciples "rebuked them." We can picture the disciples turning away people as they approach Jesus with their children. Perhaps they thought that the children might interrupt or annoy Jesus. Our young teens can relate to this scene all too easily. We can surely recall an experience where, as younger children, we were admonished to be seen and not heard. But it's not these young innocents who are bothering Jesus. The only thing annoying him now is his disciples turning them away. The Gospel tells us that Jesus became indignant. He instructs the disciples to let the children come to him, and he says that "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Accepting the kingdom

Then Jesus gets to the heart of the matter. He says, "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." So, first of all, we know this is important because Jesus begins by saying, "Amen, I say to you." This is Biblical code for "listen up because I'm about to drop a truth bomb!" What I find most interesting here is that Jesus says that we need to **accept** the kingdom of God. He does not say that we must work hard to earn it, only that we accept it, and we can only accept what is offered to us. The second part of the statement tells us how to accept the kingdom of God – like a child. Many child-like qualities would make us good candidates for citizens of God's kingdom, but the one that is possibly the most important is dependence. In verse 13, it says, "And people were **bringing** their children to him." These were not young school-aged children who could have easily run up to Jesus alone. The children that people were bringing to Jesus were babies – infants. These little ones were dependent on their parents for everything. In this Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that if we are to enter the kingdom of God, we must be completely dependent on Him, His love, and His Word.

Being Child-like

How do we become like children? I think it starts with recognizing that everything we have, and more importantly everything we need, comes from God. As we get older we like to think that we can handle things on our own. We don't like to think of ourselves as being needy, but that is exactly what we must do. Accompanying that understanding is trust. Little children trust that their parents will provide for them. We must place our trust in God that He will provide for our needs. And like little children, who know to turn to their parents for help, we must continually bring our worries, our concerns, and our problems, to our heavenly Father. Finally, we must be obedient, like little children, to God our Father, and His will for our lives.

2024 Youth Rally!

All students Grades 9 to 12 are invited to attend this year's Diocesan Youth Rally from 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday, November 16 at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. The theme for this year's Rally is "Ignite." This is a day dedicated to faith, fellowship, and fun, where all come together to have hearts ignited by the Lord Jesus, so that He can draw each person present into a deeper relationship with Himself.

The Diocesan Youth Rally will feature inspiring talks, uplifting music, and opportunities to connect with other youth from across the Diocese. The Registration form is in the bulletin and please fill out & return to the parish office or put in next week's Mass collection.

Over 2000 high youth and chaperones from our many parishes in the diocese attended last year's event. Some of the teen's reaction to the question, How was the Youth Rally? "Incredible," "Amazing," "Inspirational," "Awesome," & "Unforgettable".

The youth must be at our church hall promptly at 11am on Saturday, November 16. We will return to the hall at about 9:30pm. Make sure everyone eats at home before we leave. Snacks and Dinner will be provided at the Rally. IT WILL BE AN AWESOME DAY!

We will provide transportation and cover the cost for Registration. We reserved bus transportation, taking us to & from the conference center in Punta Gorda.



The poster features a dark blue background with a subtle pattern of small white stars. On the left, the words "YOUTH RALLY" are written vertically in large, bold, white letters, with "IGNITE" written vertically in large, bold, orange letters above it. In the top center is the circular seal of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. To the right of the seal are four portrait photos of speakers: Bishop Devane, Mari Pablo, Tanner Kalina, and Josh Blakesley Band. The text "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us ... Luke 24: 32" is centered in white. Below that, the date and time "Nov. 16, 2024 12:30 pm - 8:30 pm" are written in orange. At the bottom left, there is a small icon of a person and a location pin, followed by the website "www.dioceseofvenice.org" and phone number "941-484-9543". At the bottom right, the venue information "Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda FL, 33950" is listed.

YOUTH RALLY **IGNITE**




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TANNER KALINA


JOSH BLAKESLEY BAND

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Luke 24: 32

Nov. 16, 2024
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DIOCESE OF VENICE YOUTH RALLY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2024

12:30PM TO 8:30PM

LEAVING PARISH HALL AT 11:00 AM

ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
THERE IS NO COST TO OUR YOUTH. *(Note: Required for
youth preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation)*

**RETURN THIS FORM BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, at
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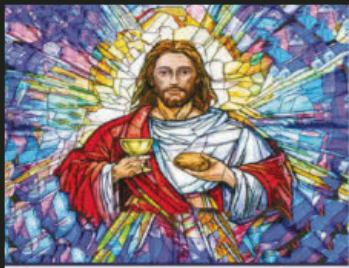
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2024

Catholic Faith Appeal 2024

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Goal: \$219,000

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A Message from Bishop Dewane



January 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Scripture it is written, "...faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (Jm 2:17), affirming that true faith is one of love and generosity. Living according to our faith means doing the good works the Lord calls forth from us - work that glorifies God, demonstrates love for our neighbor, and fulfills our call to serve.

Your contribution towards the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is a witness of living the Gospel more intentionally by supporting works of Mercy and Charity. Among the programs sustained by the CFA are evangelization initiatives, education for both children and adults in Faith, formation of future priests, and aid for religious sisters who serve those most in need. The CFA also includes funding housing for the homeless, seniors, as well as mothers and their children.

Diocesan ministries and programs funded by the CFA are highlighted in this brochure. It is my hope that you will put your "faith in action" through a generous gift to this year's Catholic Faith Appeal. Your on-going support is needed and deeply appreciated.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your desire to help those among us in need. I assure you of my continued prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida





2024 Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress

The Diocese of Venice will again hold Seven days of Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosary in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration, and prayer, from October 5-11, 2024. The Eucharistic Rosary Congress promotes the mission of the current National Eucharistic Revival, to renew our worship of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and to encounter His healing grace. The theme this year is *Do Whatever He Tells you*, Mary's last utterance in all of Scripture. These words (Jn. 2:5) were spoken by our Blessed Mother to the servants at the Wedding Feast at Cana.

This year, St. Francis of Assisi will again participate. We will have 24 hours of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning with 8:15 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, October 8 and completing with Mass on Wednesday, October 9. We have been asked by Bishop Dewane to pray the Rosary once per hour with the stated intention of defeating Florida Amendment 4. We will need a minimum of two Adorers per hour, but the more the merrier. Sign up is available electronically from the Parish website or at the Main entry to the Church. Contact Beth Hammond for more information.



St. Francis of Assisi
Youth Group

October Meetings:

October 6
&
October 20

Upcoming Events:

October 8: Adoration
7 pm – 8 pm

November 16– Youth Rally
11 am – 9:30 pm

Youth Group is for teens ages 14 –17.

All October Meetings will take place in the Parish Center

**6 pm: Dinner
6:30 – 7:30 pm: Activities & Discussion**



*Saint Francis of Assisi
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Parish Pasta Dinner

Thursday, October 17

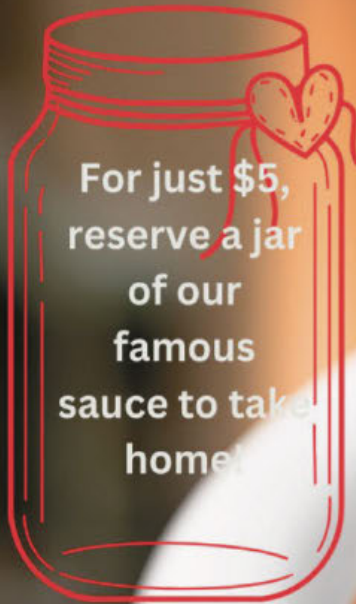
4:00 to 6:30 PM

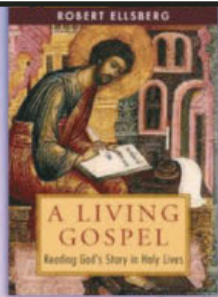
\$14 includes penne pasta, meatballs, sausage, bread, salad, dessert and beverage!

Kids Eat Free!

Carry Out Available! All are Welcome!

To register for the pasta dinner, go to our website at www.sfoachurch.com | Parish Forms | Parish Pasta Dinner Registration Form or call the Parish Office at 941-697-4899





Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Book Club

Begins Thursday, October 10, 2024

6:00pm-8:00pm In the Parish Conference Room

We will be starting *A Living Gospel* by Robert Ellsberg

Please Read Chapter 2

In a number of award-winning books, Robert Ellsberg has reflected on the lives of saints, prophets, and spiritual masters, drawing particular attention to models of holiness that speak to the needs of our time. The message of such figures, as he shows in this new book, is found not only in their writings but in the “text” they wrote with their lives. Among the particular figures he examines are Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, and Flannery O’Connor. He especially holds up the example of holy women, who charted their own path, and those who exemplify a “holiness of the everyday.” In learning how to read the “living gospel” in their stories, he shows how we may learn to read our own lives in the same light. <https://orbisbooks.com/products/a-living-gospel>

All are Welcome to Join! Call Martha Mingel with any questions 941-697-4899

Knights of Columbus Council 7672

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday

October 13, 2024

8:30am - Noon

in the Parish Center

All are Welcome!

\$10 includes

pancakes, eggs,

sausage, biscuits and

gravy, juice and

coffee. Kids eat free!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Women's Guild
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Thrifty Treasures and Boutique Sale



WEDNESDAY • Oct 23 • Drop Off 9am to 3pm

THURSDAY • Oct 24 • Drop Off 9am to 1pm

THURSDAY EARLY BIRD SALE \$5 entry 3pm to 5pm

FRIDAY Oct 25 • Regular SALE 9am to 2pm

SATURDAY, Oct 26

BROWN BAG SALE \$5 9am to 12 noon

PLEASE NOTE:

Unfortunately, we cannot accept mattresses or large furniture.

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Thrifty Treasures and Boutique Sale

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

These are the VOLUNTEER hours that need to be filled.

TUESDAY. Oct. 22 • 10:00am to 2pm Setup

WEDNESDAY Oct 23 • 8:30am to 3pm Setup/Price

THURSDAY Oct 24 • 8:30am to 1pm Setup/Price

THURSDAY Oct 24 EARLY BIRD SALE

2:30pm to 5:30pm

FRIDAY Oct 25 • 8:30 am to 2pm SALE

SATURDAY Oct 26 BROWN BAG SALE

8:30 am to 12 noon (cleanup 12-2)

CONTACT: *women's guild 941-697-4899 ext, 6;
ckmitch1@aol.com; kathy6150@aol.com;
with days & hours available*



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Ministry Week for Saint Francis of Assisi Church

	Start	End	Event - Location
Mon Oct 7	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	10:00am	Parish Stewardship Ministry - Church
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Rosary Makers - Room 6
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina Gospel Prayer - Church
	6:00pm	8:00pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting - Parish Conference Room
Tues Oct 8	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:50am		24 hours Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church
	9:30am	11:00am	Parish Women's Guild Director/Coordinators Meeting - Parish Conference Room
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Women's Bible Study - Parish Conference Room
	5:30pm	6:45pm	Religious Education (K-8) - Parish Center
Wed Oct 9	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:50am		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church
	9:00am	11:00am	Parish Women's Guild Membership Meeting - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	7:00pm	8:00pm	AA - Parish Hall
Thurs Oct 10	7:00am	8:00am	That Man is You! - Parish Center
	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:00am	9:15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Hooks and Needles - Parish Conference Rooms
	5:30pm	6:30pm	OCIA - Parish Conference Room
	6:00pm	8:00pm	Parish Book Club - Parish Conference Room
Fri Oct 11	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	9:15am	10:15am	OCIA - Parish Conference Room
Sat Oct 12			Recalling and Renewing our CONFIRMATION
	3:00pm	3:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	4:00pm	5:00pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
Sun Oct 13	8:00am	9:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	8:30am	12:00pm	Pancake Breakfast - Parish Center
	10:00am	11:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church

The prayer of Saint Michael will be said at the conclusion of all Masses until election day to help ensure the defeat of Amendment 4.



Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen



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David R. of Venice, FL was facing such a fate.

"I stopped golfing. I wasn't taking walks on the beach with my wife. I was living on gabapentin and antidepressants and everywhere I went; my doctor, the specialists, the pain institute, told me there was no cure. How are you supposed to live your life knowing that everyday brings pain and suffering?"

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves, commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet.

This causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

Most peripheral neuropathy sufferers experience a heightened sensitivity to touch making it almost impossible for those diagnosed to even wear shoes, much less enjoy life.

"It was like walking on sharp river rocks. I barely left my recliner," shares David, whose experience is not uncommon for those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy.

That is until he found Lauren Milligan of Sage Point Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine. Dr. Milligan and her staff have pioneered a cutting edge, medical solution to treat neuropathy, eliminate or greatly reduce its symptoms and give people their lives back. Best of all, they're doing it without the use of prescription medications and invasive surgeries.

"Acupuncture is incredible at restoring blood flow and stimulating damaged

nerves, preventing them from dying off," tells Dr. Milligan. "We take our treatments a step further by integrating ATP Resonance BioTherapy which targets specific nerves in the body using microcurrent. ATP therapy is like watering a plant. This treatment will stimulate the blood vessels to grow back around the peripheral nerves and provide them with the proper nutrients to heal and repair."

Three months later David is thrilled with his progress, "I can walk barefoot on the beach again!"

Success stories like David's are not atypical for the staff at Sage Point AIM. "We have a 87% success rate in treating neuropathy," shares Dr. Milligan.

The number of treatments needed to allow the nerves to fully recover will vary from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed

neurological and vascular evaluation. So long as you have not sustained more than 90% nerve damage Sage Point AIM offers hope where there once was none.

While David's peripheral neuropathy was idiopathic, meaning the cause is unknown, Dr. Milligan's treatments can also help people whose neuropathy is caused by diabetes or chemotherapy.

"We have seen tremendous success in treating neuropathy of all types through very personalized treatments, specifically tailored to treat each individual case."

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