

AS
THE
FATHER
HAS
SENT
ME,
I AM
SENDING
YOU.

John 20:21



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Inform the office when someone needs a visit from a Communion Minister or one of the Friars.

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WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY

A Period of Crisis – “Leaving the World”

“When I was in sin.... I delay a little and left the world.” (Testament of St Francis 1-2)

In the previous article about this period of Francis’ life we highlighted his experiences at the abandoned San Damiano chapel—especially his prayers before the cross—and how they seemed to lead Francis from a burdened and directionless existence to the first steps on the path to conversion. In this same time period, we also have the moment when Francis chose to “leave the world.” The order of the events in late 1205 and early 1206 are not clear and are the content of some debate within the Franciscan world. In other words, did Francis choose to “leave the world” and then have the San Damiano experience or vice-versa? When did his famous encounter with the leper occur with respect to these events (the topic of the next article)? Hard to say, so I will simply tell the stories as best I can.

After Francis’ pilgrimage to Rome, he seems to have taken some advice from Bishop Guido of Assisi and as a result began wandering the wild places—forests, caves, and uninhabited countryside. While this fits the notion of “Brother Sun and Sister Moon,” it was not Francis the lover of nature who wandered, rather it was a troubled soul who found no pleasure in nature in that moment. From the perspective of his family, Francis simply disappeared. After about a month, his father Pietro, found Francis at San Damiano—a haggard shadow of his once happy-go-lucky son. Thomas of Celano tells us that Pietro “learned that Francis was living in that place in such a way, he was touched inwardly with sorrow of heart and deeply disturbed by the sudden turn of events.” (1C10) Pietro sought the help of friends to return his son to Assisi, but Francis, hearing of the plan, hid for over another month. When Francis did appear in Assisi, he was so emaciated and unkempt that people threw mud at him and announced he was insane—caused by his excessive fasting and ascetic practices. Pietro “retrieved” his son from the streets—or depending on which account you read he “arrested,” “kidnapped,” or “forced” his son to return to the family home. There Pietro locked Francis in his room and spent several days arguing with his son in hopes of “bringing him to his senses” or as it says in 1C13, “bend him to his will.” I mention this ambiguity because as biographers are farther in time from the life of Francis, the portrait of Pietro becomes harsher and harsher moving him from a father with “sorrow of heart” to the persecutor and instrument of Satan trying to turn Francis from his destiny.



Eventually, Pietro left Assisi on business. During this time, Francis’ mother, Pica, released her son, whereupon Francis returned to San Damiano. All the accounts agree that Pietro went to San Damiano. All agree that Pietro left that place without Francis but with proceeds from Francis’ much earlier sale of merchandise (from the family business), a horse, and arms. All agree that his father went to the Assisi communal magistrates—and all agree that any pending civil action was quickly deferred to the ecclesial judgment of Bishop Guido. What scholars do not agree upon is what was at stake—nor the import of what happened next, and even the different accounts, e.g., Thomas of Celano (1C) and Legends of the Three Companions (L3C) don’t exactly agree.

In the Celano account, the matter at hand is not the proceeds from the earlier sale since that was already returned. What is at stake is the inheritance of the family business and resources. Francis dramatically strips naked and gives his clothes to the family (apparently dressed in finery), whereupon the Bishop wraps his episcopal mantle around Francis. In this early telling, Francis is renouncing worldly possessions to take on the role of a penitent under the protection of the bishop. (1C 13-14)

In the L3C account, Francis withdraws for a moment, removes the fine clothing, appearing in the hair shirt of the penitent hermit, and places his father’s clothes at the feet of his family. He announces, “Until now I have called Pietro di Bernardone my father. But, because I propose to serve God, I return to him the money on account of which he was so upset, and also the clothing which is his, wanting to say, from now on: ‘Our Father who art in heaven,’ and not ‘My father, Pietro di Bernadone.’” (L3C 19-20) In this account, Francis is dramatically (and in a saintly fashion) definitively “leaving the world”—in medieval Italy, an expression indicating entering religious life. In any case, Francis is now free and unencumbered to follow his own path as God wills.

St. Francis House Corner



St. Francis House an Outreach Program
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Items of the Month:

- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Tuna

If you or your family find yourselves in need, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. St. Francis House is open **Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity. For more information, please contact **Francia Salguero** at **703-221-6344** or francias@stfrncis.org.

Meals for the Shelter

During this time of need, St. Francis of Assisi Church is continuing to support our homeless brothers and sisters by providing meals. **From Saturday, April 4th until Saturday, October 31st**, our church will be providing breakfast every Saturday. Due to the Coronavirus we have to do things a little differently than we used to do. Below you will find the sign-up information for the of items that you can donate to contribute to the meals for the shelter:



If you would like to provide support for the homeless shelter, please visit the following **Sign-Up Genius link**:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094EA5A622A3FD0-shelter>.

For more information or to support our meal program for the shelters in Prince William County, please visit us at www.stfrncis.org and sign-up in the **shelter sign-up Genius** or contact the **Director of St. Francis House and Meals Coordinator, Francia Salguero** at francias@stfrncis.org or 703-221-6344.



We invite all Catholic men, at least 16 years of age and of Irish birth or descent, to join the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), which is America's oldest Irish Catholic fraternal organization. For membership and other information about the Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM, AOH Division at St. Francis, please contact **Tom Kelley**:

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- salsa de espagueti
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Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad. Para obtener más información, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros al **703-221-6344** o francias@stfrncis.org.

Readings for the Week of October 24, 2021

Monday	Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday	Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday	Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30
Thursday	Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Friday	Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6
Saturday	Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34



There is a book located in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel** next to the Tabernacle for you to write your own prayers of petition. During the *Prayer of the Faithful* during weekend liturgies, an intercession will call to mind those prayers in a general way. In this manner, the public prayer of the church is bound to the many

prayers of the faithful who live in the body of Christ!

Votive Candles

Envelopes are provided for candle money. **Please place them in the boxes located on the wall (next to the candles) in the church.**



Don't forget...

Most important in life; God. Most beautiful attire; a smile. Greatest asset; Faith. Most powerful force; Love. Greatest weapon; prayer. Best one-to-one ministry; Stephen Ministry. Please contact **Kathy Walker** at kwalker@stfrncis.org for more information on what we do.



Faith Formation Office

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Friday: **Closed**

Religious Education for 2021-2022

Oct. 24	Sunday RE Session
28	Thursday RE Session
31	Sunday RE Session
Nov. 4	Thursday RE Session
7	Sunday RE Session
11	NO RE—Veterans' Day Weekend



At this time, all sacramental parent sessions will be held virtually. There are three opportunities provided to attend for each, but you need only choose one. If you have not received prior email communication regarding these sessions, please contact **Sheila Noble** (snoble@stfrncis.org). Please see the schedule below:

Year I Confirmation Preparation, Candidate and Parent Session:

Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00pm (English)
Sunday, October 31st at 12:30pm (English)
Sunday, October 31st at 2:00pm (Spanish)

Year II Confirmation Preparation, Candidate and Sponsor (or Parent) Session:

Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00pm (English)
Sunday, November 21st at 12:30pm (English)
Sunday, November 21st at 2:00pm (Spanish)



High School Youth Ministry

REAL Youth Ministry is getting ready for the new school year!

REAL Online Halloween Party!

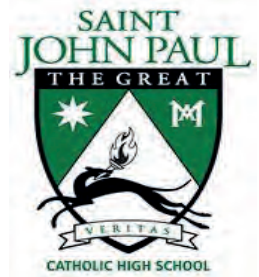
Sunday, October 24th—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
All Teens Grade 9-12

Sign-up for text messages to get information on Fall Activities!

Text @sfacym to 81010 to receive texts with meeting information.

Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at bjubar@stfrncis.org.

Fall Open House—Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School—October 24th



Join Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School for their Open House on Sunday, October 24th from 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.! Learn what JP has to offer your child—robust academic programs including STEM, DE courses and Bioethics, vibrant student life and House System, competitive athletics, faith community steeped in Dominican tradition, and more! To R.S.V.P. in advance (and to receive a JP gift!), please use this link: https://ipthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

Additional Upcoming Events at John Paul

November 6th—Girls Basketball Clinic, open to 6th-8th graders, please use this link: <https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>

November 13th—JP5K, please use this link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Dumfries/JP5KRunWalkforOptions>

December 3rd-5th—Drama Club Fall Play



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Faith Formation has been helping to be good stewards of our earth by recycling. With your contribution of used ink cartridges, we can help care for the earth and it is so easy to do.

Please do not drop the cartridges in the Catch-All Slot.
(No laser cartridges.)

You can drop the cartridges off in the basket on the table in the vestibule or stop by the Faith Formation Office.

Thank you for your continued support!

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End of Life Care

It's natural to be a little hesitant to talk about the end of life. No one wants to talk about death, not our own or that of a loved one. We are doing all we can to promote life to its full length. We want our loved ones to have full and happy lives; but faced with the inevitable end, a prolonged illness or the sudden onset of circumstances that will end life sooner than we hoped, what then? Then you accompany your loved one through illness and death. It can be a singular, unique experience of grace. It is an opportunity to love. For love *"bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."* (1 Cor 13:7-8) Surround them with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives." (To Live Each Day with Dignity, USCCB). It is being fully pro-life as natural death looms just ahead. Here are some ways to experience and provide the love of God to your loved one.



Invite God In: Pope Francis has said that "praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter" to sustain the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection. Ask God to accompany both of you.

Listen in order to know how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It may well be very different from what you would want. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.

Be knowledgeable about your loved one's wishes for ordinary or proportionate treatment. Listen for the natural fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Know the basics of health care directives, hospice care, how to provide basic needs and providing comfort. Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome.

Be Steadfast in Compassion. Compassion means 'suffer with'. Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.

Help Them Achieve Closure: Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.

Provide Opportunities for Resolution: "I love you," "I'm sorry," "I forgive you," and "Thank you" can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as viaticum and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. You do not need to wait "for the last minute".

Tell stories and get them to share. Reminiscing is a way to let people realize what a wonderful life they were given and all the graces God showered upon them. Don't underestimate the power of aromas and sights of their favorite food—even if they are unable to share in them. Think of other small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.

Be a Peaceful Presence. There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage, praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.

Show Tenderness: Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one's hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.

Bear Their Transition Patiently: Your loved one is slowly becoming another person, especially in cases accompanied by dementia/cognitive impairment. You will witness changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the "how" and "when" of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, "I love you. It's okay to go home now."




Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	October 23—Weekday
4:00 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Alice Tippet †Michael John Trudnak, Sr. †John Francis Carpino
SUNDAY,	October 24—30th Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	†Joseph Piorkowski †Enrique Cuellar Ferreira †Cookie Senno
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †John Martin Wade †Servanda DePuna and †Constancio Huayta
11:00 AM	†Manuela Andaya †Barbara Borthwick †Anita Faye Kapper
12:30 PM	†Percy Antonio Sosa †Jose Barbaro Veliz
5:30 PM	People of the Parish Cathie Maris
MONDAY,	October 25—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Jerri Gall †Michael Slade
TUESDAY,	October 26—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Jerri Gall †Harry Ravert
WEDNESDAY,	October 27—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	October 28—Sts. Simon and Jude
8:45 AM	†Eileen Bolen
FRIDAY,	October 29—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Deja Cheek †Eileen Patricia Lewin
SATURDAY,	October 30—Weekday
4:00 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Alice Tippet †Dr. Robert Hales †Robert Hargett

Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 31, 2021

8:00 AM	†Alice Piorkowski †Helen L. Prince
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Laurie Zeiszler †Franklin Andres
11:00 AM	Eileen Bolen
12:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish †Debbie Brueckheimer †William and †Margaret Ignatuck




Bilingual Mass


Our Lord
of Miracles
Feast Day

Sunday
October 31st, 2021

12:30pm



Join us for this
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Please Pray For All those who are sick: Jeff Dietze; Tomas Bernardo; Mark Cramer; Harry Wahl; Chad Burns; Bill Myers; Sue Long; Aaron Childs; Gary Ward; Richard McClevey; Ted Zamerski; and Aurea Simbulan.

And for those recently deceased: Kaaren Lowder (wife of James 'Al' Lowder); and Emeranciana Bernardo.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Leo N. Company; and S. Defibaugh.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish will observe the commemoration of the faithful departed with a Mass that will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 2nd at 8:45 a.m.**

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Gospel Today

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 10:46-52

The blind man, Bartimaeus, continued to call out to Jesus, even as the crowd told him to be silent. Bartimaeus had courage, faith, great hope and belief in Jesus.

Year B

"Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Mark 10:52



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
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or diagonally.

Blind
Bartimaeus
Belief
Waiting
Sizable
Crowd
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Heard
Jesus
Approaching
Call
Faith
Courage
Sprang
Forth
Begging
Healing
Master
Replied
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Son
Great
Hope
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