

April 19, 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday  
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic worshipping community, dedicated to ministering to our members and to the greater community in the image given to us by Jesus. This ministry is centered on the Sacraments and our Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.*



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*What is Spiritual Communion?*

Spiritual Communion is the practice of desiring union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is used primarily by individuals who cannot receive Holy Communion, such as the ill, the divorced and remarried, and those who have not yet been received into full communion with the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him” at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive Him in Sacramental Communion.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

– Pedro de la Cruz



Mass Intentions Week of April 19, 2020

DATE	NO PUBLIC MASS	INTENTION / DONOR	READINGS
MON. APR. 20 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Patty Kozman Remembrance Friend Frank	Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8
TUES. APR. 21 <i>St. Anselm, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>		+Francis Fatula 39 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brother & Sisters	Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15
WED. APR. 22 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Albert Dadey, Jr. Birthday Remembrance Sister Bea Haggerty	Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21
THURS. APR. 23 <i>St. George, Martyr St. Adalbert, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>		+James W. Murray Steve & Cindy McAneny	Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
FRI. APR. 24 <i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest &amp; Martyr</i>		+Agnes Filo Jim Werner	Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15
SAT. APR. 25 <i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>		+Wanda Waligora David & Jean Livingston	1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20
SAT. APR. 25 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>		+Cornelius Schonvisky +Elizabeth Schonvisky Family	Acts 2:14, 22-23 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35
SUN. APR. 26 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>		Parishioners & Benefactors  +John & Helen Melikant Granddaughter Nicole, John, Aubrey Melikant	Acts 2:14, 22-23 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

*Families and the Gospel...* John 20:19-31 – “Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven,” means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today’s Gospel through merciful and forgiving demonstrations by their parents.

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS  
TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL. ☸☸☸

**GETTING CHUMMY WITH THE SAINTS  
WITNESSES TO THE FAITH AND COMPANIONS ON OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH**

**Tuesday, April 21 – St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church** – died 1109; Abbot of Bec in Normandy, later (1093) Archbishop of Canterbury; twice exiled for defending the rights of the Church; theologian and philosopher: *fides quaerens intellectum*; authored *Prosologion Cur Deus Homo*, and *The Procession of the Holy Spirit*; known as the “Father of Scholasticism.”

**Thursday, April 23 – St. George, Martyr** – Tradition holds that George was decapitated perhaps in Palestine sometime before the reign of Constantine; 12<sup>th</sup> century legends portrays him as a knight and dragon slayer; since the crusades, the patron of England and Constantinople.

**Thursday, April 23 – St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr** – died 997; born of a noble family in Bohemia; at age twenty-six elected Bishop of Prague; forced to leave his See twice due to violent political oppression; preached in Pomerania to the Prussians who murdered him on April 23, 997; buried in Gniezo, the first capital of Poland; patron of Bohemia, the Czech Republic, and Prussia; a patron of Poland.

**Friday, April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr** – died 1622 in Switzerland; from Swabia; known as the “lawyer of the poor” before becoming a Capuchin; preached in the canton of the Grisons; Protomartyr of Propaganda Fide.

**Saturday, April 25 – St. Mark Evangelist** – died 1<sup>st</sup> century; cousin of Barnabas; associated with Paul and Peter; the Gospel ascribed to him (cf Acts 12:12) is the oldest (written probably prior to the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70) and shortest; largely a collection of narratives that depict Jesus as being almost constantly active; presents Jesus as the Son of God whose ministry was marked by a series of mighty works, signs of God’s power and Kingdom; tradition holds Mark as the first Bishop of Alexandria; portrayed as a winged lion (cf. Ezekiel 1); patron of Egypt, of Venice and of notaries.

*WHILE WE FIND OURSELVES GETTING RESTLESS AND BORED:  
HERE ARE 20 LOVING BIBLICAL VERSES ABOUT FAMILY*

*This could be a family project to assist us – TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOD LOVES US – especially in the beauty of family living.*

Ephesians 4:2-3	1 Peter 4:8-11	Hebrews 10:24-25	Matthew 18:20
Galatians 6:2	3 John 1:4	Matthew 5:9	Luke 18:16
Col 3:20	Psalms 127:3-5	Proverbs 22:6	Col 3:13
Proverbs 22:6	Matthew 19:19	Proverbs 17:6	Proverbs 17:17
Exodus 20:12	Eph 6:4-5	Psalms 133:1	1 John 4:20

*Thank you Parishioners who are continuing to send in/bring in your offering envelopes. It is deeply appreciated! God Bless! fr. Anthony Francis*