

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 17, 2018

Homesick

Homesickness afflicts students away at school, workers on business trips and even families on vacation. It is exciting to travel but going home is always the best part. Home is just that—a place we call our own, a place where we are most ourselves, a place of comfort, a center. It's pleasant to see something else, but after a while it's hard to be away.

Paul, the apostle, had ambivalent feelings about "home". He was a missionary, after all, so he spent a good part of his adult life traveling and taking up different residences thanks to the kindness of strangers. Paul thought more deeply about the meaning of "home". For him, it was not just a place, it was the very body we inhabit. "We are at home in the body."

Even so, Paul was not at home with that home. At home in the body meant "we are away from the Lord." And for Paul, that was the real home: being in the presence of God forever.

The homesickness we experience when we are away is a symptom of the "sickness" we feel throughout our lives. Something is always missing. Love doesn't work out exactly as we'd hoped. Our skills are never quite as good as we'd like. Even our prayer is often disappointing. What we are missing is what we will experience when we "all appear before the judgment seat of Christ"—a home with the Lord.

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Masses / Sacraments

Sat: 4:30 pm, Sun: 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Span.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30 - 4:15, or by appointment

Baptism/Marriage Please contact the parish office.

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Fr. Juan Areiza

Deacons

Dcn. Larry Casey

Dcn. Paul Dietz

Dcn. JP McGuire

Dcn. John Barone

WHERE TO FIND GOD – Going through a dry spell? Look for God through love. God is love. We can say this so often that we become blind to its meaning. Think about it this way: when we experience love in a close relationship or an unexpected moment of love among a group of friends, we are seeing God. We also see God in those who need to know God's love. Jesus tells us that we see God in the poor and weak, and especially through experiences of compassion and care for them.

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Mass Intentions
Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
June 17 – June 23, 2018

Sat	4:30 p	†	Father's Day Novena <i>by St. Francis of Assisi</i>
Sun	8:30 a	L/†	Father's Day Novena <i>by St. Francis of Assisi Parish</i>
Sun	11:00 a	†	Patricia Terrana <i>by Agnes Crews</i>
Sun	1:00 p	L	Sergio, Lluvia & Luna Salazar <i>by Elena Salazar</i>
9a	Mon	†	Dcn. Bill Diehl <i>by Marie Diehl</i>
9a	Tue	†	Rita De Lorme <i>by Jean & Lew Caputa</i>
9a	Wed	†	Deceased Knights <i>by Knights of Columbus</i>
9a	Thu	†	Preston de Ibern <i>by Glenn & Carole Harahan</i>
9a	Fri	†	Dell O'Neill <i>Jean & Lew Caputa</i>
9 a	Sat	†	Dcn. John Wainscott <i>by Ron & Joan Koerber</i>
4:30 p	Sat	L	People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>



Thursday, June 21 is the feast of St. Aloysius. Not an everyday name but Aloysius is the patron of teenagers. Born in an aristocratic family in 1568, he died of the plague at the age of 23 after contracting the disease from a patient. Aloysius' father wanted him to be a military leader. Aloysius wanted to be a Jesuit. He was still in formation at the time of his death. A holy youth who refused to follow the ways of sin, St. Aloysius, pray for us.

Please Pray For

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| ✓ Abby Wall | ✓ Roger Grewe |
| ✓ Rita Casey | ✓ Betty Mendenhall |
| ✓ Mathew Manzo | ✓ Jenny Cooper |
| ✓ Myron Grizio | ✓ Joan Tufford |
| ✓ Barbara Lewis | ✓ Lorene Glenn |
| ✓ Bethany Aull | ✓ Jeanne McConnell |
| ✓ Madeline Rousseau | ✓ Sam Reina |
| ✓ David Drake | ✓ David Drake |
| ✓ Your spiritually adopted baby | |

Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light



burns this week for the healing of
Lorene Glenn
 requested by
Judy Baldwin

Pope Francis June Prayer: That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Fr. Juan's Calendar at St. Francis of Assisi

Last Weekend Masses: June 23-24, 2018
 Last Daily Mass: Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Fr. Gaurav Shroff at St. Francis of Assisi

First Daily Mass: Wednesday, June 27, 2018
 First Weekend Masses: Jun 30-July 1, 2018

ONLINEgiving

<https://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ynvrsi89>

First Collection

\$8,277.00

Door Collection

\$3440.00

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June 10, 2018



Next Week Second Collection:

None

Thank you for your generosity!

Women's Guild Spring Luncheon

Tues, June 19th @ 11:30

Whether you are new in the parish or an old-timer (defined as "I can name ~~fifty~~ twenty-five other parishioners.") and you are a woman, let's have lunch! Join your future friends at Brothers Restaurant in Young Harris in the upper room (entrance in back) for a delightful social. Sign up at information table or email Joanne at jmatricard@aol.com. You will soon be an old-timer!

Regular and Important this Week

- Tues: 10a: Mom's Group. Free childcare
- Tues 12:15: Light Weigh
- Wed 10a: Prayer Group
- Thu 6:30p: Men's Group, Marian Hall
- Fri 10a: Divine Mercy Cenacle
- Fri 7p: Spanish Prayer Group

Church Gift Shop Music- Our parish gift shop features local artists as well as more commercial products. Our own **Ron Gaucher**, organist and pianist for many of the weekend Masses at St. Francis of Assisi has produced CDs with easy listening, traditional and Christmas music available in *Our Father's Place* gift shop. CDs are available under his stage name of Ron E. King. Pick up a set today!

Memorial Day Parade Winner – Our entry into the Blairsville Parade designed by Hugh McGuill was a first-place winner. Congratulations Veterans!



Everyone knows that extraordinary parable of the Prodigal Son, or better yet, the Merciful Father (Luke 15:11-32). What dignity and what tenderness there is in the

the expectation of that father who stands at the door of the house waiting for his son to return! Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; pray, and wait with patience, gentleness, magnanimity, and mercy... Pope Francis, Feb 4, 2015

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La mayoría de los cristianos fuimos bautizados en nuestra infancia o niñez en nombre de la Santísima Trinidad; es por eso que continuamente hay que recordar y aceptar nuestro bautismo y el reto de vivir según el Espíritu de Jesús como hijos e hijas de Dios. Esto se hace cada vez que nos persignamos o santiguamos con la señal de la santa cruz. Así mismo, nuestra fe y religión cristiana esta fundamentada en la Santísima Trinidad y cada persona que entra en nuestra familia tiene que pasar por la cruz y la resurrección.

La señal de la cruz la trazamos en nuestro cuerpo desde la frente hasta nuestro vientre; del hombro derecho al hombro izquierdo— poniendo nuestro corazón casi al centro de este misterio. Muchos latinos terminan la señal poniendo el pulgar sobre el índice en forma de cruz y besándola confirmando el amor que nosotros tenemos por la cruz de Jesús y el hecho que cargamos en nuestros cuerpos el efecto de esa cruz, la reconciliación con Dios. Recordamos con esta señal nuestro bautismo muriendo a una vida de pecado y renaciendo por el Espíritu a una vida nueva en Cristo, para la gloria de Dios Padre. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos Glz, OFM, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Spanish Bible Study se reunirá los miércoles en junio.

Vayan . . . y enseñen a todas las naciones,

bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre

y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

— Mateo 28:19

St. Francis of Assisi Church Mission Statement

Grounded in the gospel of faith, bonded as a Catholic Eucharistic Community, committed to walk as Jesus did, united we reach out to one another in love, extend our hand to all in need, and worship in a spirit of reverence and celebration.



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