

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 22-28

Monday, 22	8:30 am (SF)	For the People 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday, 23	8:30 am (SJ)	Rosemary Tulencik (CWC of Toronto) Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, 24	8:30 am (SF)	Barb Schroyer (Bill & Cathy Blankenship) Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, 25	8:30 am (SJ)	Agnes Vennitti (Jerry & Ginny Popson) Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday, 26	8:30 am (SF)	Susan Buckham (Linda Galaszewski) Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, 27	5:00 pm (SF)	Jane Zinno (Sister, Peggy) Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48 (Daily Readings)
Sunday, 28	9:00 am (SJ) 11:00 am (SF)	Fr. Mario Tizziani (Larry & Angie Fogle) Tim Maple (Family) Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY:	Vespers & Benediction – 6:00pm (SF)
FRIDAY:	Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm (SJ) Confessions directly following Stations
SATURDAY:	Confessions – 10:30am (SJ)
SUNDAY:	Vespers & Benediction – 6:00pm (SF)

As of 02/15/2021: Due to COVID-19, hospitals have restricted visitation, except for anointing the sick. Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.



We are entering the first full week of Lent! Now is the time to begin a deeper relationship with God by taking advantage of the opportunities available to assist the journey. There is **daily Mass** at 8:30am, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at St. Francis, Tuesday and Thursday at St. Joseph. On Friday, the **Stations of the Cross** begin at 6:00pm (SJ) with a time for **confession following immediately after Stations**. On Sunday, join parishioners for **Vespers and Benediction** at St. Francis, 6:00pm. Lent is not only about making sacrifices but making changes to strengthen your faith!



We have 2 birthdays to celebrate this week! **Marie Bernabei** will celebrate her 92nd Birthday on February 23rd and **Eugene Calabrese** will celebrate his 93rd birthday on February 24th. If you would like to remember them on their birthdays, please send greetings to **Marie Bernabei, 1005 Wentworth Ave., and Eugene Calabrese 1528 Ravine, both of Toronto.**



Change of Contact Information: Quite often, the parish office is not thought of when it comes time to changing your contact information. Please assist us to stay current by letting us know when you have changed your phone number or have moved. The information can always be emailed (sfsitoronto@sbcglobal.net) to the secretary or you may call the office during normal office hours. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

Thought for the Week:

“God's viewpoint is sometimes different from ours - so different that we could not even guess at it unless He had given us a Book which tells us such things....In the Bible I learn that God values us not for our strength or our brains but simply because He has made us.”

~ Corrie Ten Boom, The Hiding Place



CHURCH SUPPORT: **St. Francis:** Adult: \$2,441.00; Loose: \$75.00; Candles: \$33.00; Building: \$420.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: \$714.00; Loose: \$40.00; Candles: \$8.00; Building: \$72.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for February 14th:** Saturday 5:00pm: 65; Sunday: 9:00am – 57; 11:00am – 37.

MASSES: For Armando Mendez by Cheryl Vukelic.

 Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gary Hughes**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Hughes family. May Gary live in the eternal light of Christ.

***First Sunday of Lent
by The Faithful Disciple***

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: Even amid the forced slowdown of a pandemic, distractions abound: Netflix bingeing, online shopping, even positive pursuits like home organizing and personal fitness. I confess I indulge in all of these (except for home organizing). Lent challenges me to let go of the unnecessary distractions and dare to make friends with solitude, which can be a daunting proposition because it means keeping company with my own thoughts. Jesus, our human and divine Savior, faced the desert and was tempted by Satan. But he also emerged from the desert, and announced himself and the Gospel to the people of Galilee. He goes on to accept his death on a cross for the sake of our salvation, the fulfillment of the covenant between God and his people. As we enter Lent, as we enter our desert, we pray for the fortitude to forego temptation, opening our hearts to God's will for us, and ready to proclaim it to the world.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: What are you doing for Lent this year? I ask our kids that every Ash Wednesday around the dinner table, and one or more of us often scramble for a plan. "Umm ... candy! I'll give up candy except Snickers." "No Netflix!" Or we take the "do good" route: "I'll pray more." "I'll help with chores." "I'll volunteer or donate to charity." All good things. Whatever "the plan," however, today's Gospel challenges me to be quiet and listen. While a plan gives us accountability and can lead to growth, sometimes less truly can be more. This year, I'd like to spend less time planning and more time listening for God's voice in the silence, which I find personally challenging. For others, the desert may look quite different. However we decide to approach Lent, let us pray that these 40 days bring us closer to God and our lives more in line with his will for us.

PRAY: "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." The verse before today's Gospel caught my attention. What can I pare away from my daily life to make room for the word of God? For those of us whose minds tend to wander when praying silently, perhaps listening to the daily readings can be a good way to start or end the day.

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Franciscan Sisters, TOR Lenten Retreat 2021: The Franciscan Sisters, TOR are excited to invite you to our annual Lenten Retreat, held virtually on Saturday, March 27th. Our theme is Into Your Hands, Father, focusing on trust and abandonment to our Heavenly Father, seen in the life of Jesus and our own lives! The retreat will offer talks, testimonies, music, meditations, and optional small groups led by a sister. Our sisters will also share short video reflections during Lent, leading up to the retreat, on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. More information about the Lenten

Retreat can be found on our webpage, www.franciscansisterstor.org, under Events. Registration for both the small groups and the retreat itself will also be found at that link. There is no fee to register, but registration is required by Wednesday, March 24th for the retreat itself. If you are a part of a parish group, Bible study group, or prayer group, and would like your group to participate, see our Events page or contact Sr. Anna Rose at (740) 544-5542 x135. Individuals and groups of family and friends are also welcome!