



Seventeenth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 28, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Gospel of the Seventeenth Sunday leads us up on the mountain to witness another miracle through which our Lord feeds “*about five thousand*” men. What does this miracle tell us about? It is a foreshadow of the Eucharist which Jesus will institute at the Last Supper before He offers Himself for our salvation, so that we will continue to be fed by the Lord, not with bread and fish, but with His Body and Precious Blood, which will bring us to eternal life.

You and I are insistently invited by the Lord Himself to come to His Holy Banquet to be fed, nourished and become like the Lord in our words and actions.

Let us never stop praising and thanking God for the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. With faith we “*see*” our Lord in this sacrament; with love we are “*touched*” and we touch the Resurrected Lord.

May we always strive to prepare ourselves worthily, at least having no mortal sins in us, to receive our Lord into our “*own house*.” If one realizes that there is mortal sin in him/her, one should reconcile with God and His Church first through the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion. It is better to not receive Jesus than to receive Him with mortal sin because one will commit another mortal sin!

Additionally, we will also fast one hour from eating, except water and medication, before we receive Holy Communion, and we will have a “*good intention*” for embracing Jesus into our soul.

Beside these, dressing modestly is another issue that we, as Catholics, do not really pay attention to. Maybe we do not have faith at all in the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist; or we do not know what we are doing at Holy Mass or why we are at Mass. The Holy Mass, offered at the Holy Altar of God in Church - the House of Prayer, the Sacred Place - is the Holy Banquet of the Lord, the Divine Liturgy, and the Wedding Feast of the Lamb of God. The Holy Mass is NOT a show; the Church building is not a theater, a bar, a social hall.

By dressing inappropriately when we come to the Holy Banquet of the Lord, we place our Lord *below* the President, Governor, Mayor, or others in authority. In other words, God is less important than a human being (a human being is God's creature)!

May you and I have a true, sincere love and profound respect for the Lord - our Creator, particularly when we come to celebrate the Holy Eucharist where our redemption is renewed for us. Amen.

Peace, Fr. Tien



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.
Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m.
and benediction till noon.
Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass;
and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.





Fr. Tien will be away this week. There will be no daily Masses. Next weekend, August 4th and 5th, we will welcome Fr. Robert E. Nee from Cross Catholic Outreach.

Deacon Ramsey will have a Communion Service this Friday, August 2nd, at 9:00 a.m. followed by 24-hour adoration, Benediction on Saturday at 8:45 a.m. and a Communion Service at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas in July St. Francis Youth Group needs your help. This year our youth group will be participating in Catholic Relief Services Box of Joy Christmas shoebox gift outreach. Box of Joy is an annual Christmas Shoebox gift ministry by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups across the United States and facilitated by CRS. Participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. Beginning this month, our youth group will be collecting toys, school supplies, candy and gum, apparel, accessories, home necessities and other useful items as well as monetary donations to purchase gift items or to help cover shipping costs. Youth will be available after Masses to collect donations or donations can be left in drop off boxes in the church lobby and office. For more information, talk to youth after Mass. Thank you for your support.

YOUTH GROUP



The Parish Office hours will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of this week.

If you forget to get a bulletin one weekend or were unable to come to Mass, you can go to our website - stfrancisassisifranklin.org. A copy of the bulletin, along with other information and pictures, is always available! Check it out!



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Rick Conner, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellere, Wayne Hirsch, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:

Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriguez, Elizabeth Scoon



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 27

5:00 P.M. † Charles Hoefeyzers by Rosalie Perreault

Sunday, July 28

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Kristin, Josette, Wanda & Robert
† Damaso Daniel Acevedo by Acevedo Family
11:30 A.M. † David Ruiz-Ordaz and † Maria Cruz
by Heladia Cruz
† David Ruiz and † David Colmenares
by Julian Cruz

Monday, July 29

Saint Martha, Mary and Lazarus
NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, July 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
NO DAILY MASS

Thursday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
NO DAILY MASS

Friday, August 2

First Friday

9:00 A.M. Communion Service/24-hour adoration

Saturday, August 3

First Saturday

8:45 A.M. Benediction
9:00 A.M. Communion Service
5:00 P.M. † Beverly Cutter, † Chuck Perreault
by Rosalie Perreault

Sunday, August 4

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Kristin, Josette, Wanda, and Robert,
Amairany Diaz
11:30 A.M. † David Ruiz-Ordaz and † Holy Souls
† Raquel Ortiz-Merlin, † Francisco Ortiz
† Serafina, Misericordia Group