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**DOUBLE ISSUE**  
**July 30, 2017**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Aug 6, 2017**  
**Feast of Transfiguration**

**Ascension of Our Lord + St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Churches**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**Monday** - 12:00 noon Ascension  
**Tuesday - Friday**, 7AM St. Francis

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday Reconciliation:** 3-3:40PM  
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM - Ascension  
**Sunday Masses:**  
8:00 AM - Ascension  
10:30 AM - St. Francis

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** - Call parish office  
**Marriage** - Call at least six (6) months in advance to schedule  
**Care of the Sick** - For emergencies please call 225-590-7930.  
**Funerals** - Call parish office.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**July 29, 2017 4:00 pm Vigil mass SFA** Maria Taeok Sun, Joseph Kim, Leo & Martha Poirrier, Marianne Webre, Cedric Usey, Emile Spano, Alvin & BB Richard, Terrance Aucoin, Sr., Louis Preacher Schexnayder, Robert Schexnayder, Anabel Torres, Mercedes Mistretta, George Arceneaux, Teddy LeBoeuf, Marjorie Griffin, Roy Latino, Lois deBessonnet, Leo Poirrier, Janet Capone, M/M Wyaye Lee, Mary Soroka, Virges LeBlanc, Matthew Weil

**July 30, 2017 8:00 am SFA** James Schexnayder, Emile Spano, Danny Barry, Bobby Miglicco, Roland Ourso, Norbert & Laura Schexnayder, Joe & Helen Cavalier, Helen Michel, Kay H. LeBlanc, Vernon Coon Schexnayder

**July 30, 2017 10:30AM SFA** Sherry L. Ourso, Ronnie Morris, Rocky Morris, Raphael & Mary Juneau, Myrtle Ourso, Francis & Clare Dubis, Cory Oubre, Gerald Alexander, Stella Levins, Joan Repp, Charlie Doescher, Aimee Ourso Webb, John & Dot Richard, Gwen Boudreaux, Anthony Trepagnier, Albin Zeringue, Jo Ann Grisaffe

**August 1, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Jordan Brignac fly, Chris Matassa, Emile Spano

**August 2, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Virges LeBlanc

**August 3, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Virges LeBlanc

**August 4, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**August 5, 2017 4:00 pm vigil mass SFA** Howard & Totee Denoux, Maria Taeok Sun, Joseph Kim, Concetta Dinino, Dozillia & Marie Hymel, Marianne Webre, Emile Spano, Gerald Alexander, Louis Preacher Schexnayder, Anabel Torres, Terrance Aucoin, Sr., George Arceneaux, Marjorie Griffin, Roy Latino, Marie Ninie Pizzolato, Leo Poirrier, Janet Capone, M/M Peter Au, Mary Soroka, Matthew Weil, Jackie Mistretta, Lois deBessonnet, Harry Millien, Wilfred Ourso

**August 6, 2017 8:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Martha, Leo & Louis Poirrier, Robert Schexnayder, Danny Barry, Bobby Miglicco, Marjorie Dill, Anthony & Jennie Dato, Roland Ourso, Alexander Lee, Norbert & Laura Schexnayder, Joe & Helen Cavalier

**10:30 am SFA** Sherry L. Ourso, Kathleen Gomez Garrene, Ronnie Morris, Rocky Morris, Raphael & Mary Juneau, Raymond Decareaux, Fay Decareaux, Jerry Decareaux, Allen Decareaux, Myrtle Ourso, Hilda Landiache, Cory Oubre, Stella Levins, Anthony Trepagnier, Joan Repp, Ronald & Margaret Carbo, Mercedes Mistretta, M/M Lynn Simoneaux, Jr., Stanley Simoneaux, Aimee Ourso Webb, John & Dot Richard, Gwen Boudreaux, Charlie Doescher

**August 8, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Chris Matassa, Emile Spano

**August 9, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**August 10, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Marjorie Griffin

**August 11, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**August 12, 2017 4:00 pm vigil mass SFA** Maria Taeok Sun, Joseph Kim, Marianne Webre, Emile Spano, Odette H. Kastner, Salvador & Annette Grisaffe, Eddie Esneault, Jr., Paul & Heloise Grisaffe, Amelica & Leah Gravois, Eddie & Lilly Esneault, Camille & Josephine Esneault, Theophile & Anna Landry, Gerald Alexander, Louis Preacher Schexnayder, Loretta Pizzolato, Wilfred Ourso, Robert Schexnayder, Anabel Torres, Terrance Aucoin, Sr., Mercedes Mistretta, George Arceneaux, Marjorie Griffin, Roy Latino, Janet Capone, Mary Soroka, All Souls, Vernon Coon Schexnayder, Matthew Weil, Harry Millien

**August 13, 2017 8:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Danny Barry, Roland Ourso, Norbert & Laura Schexnayder, Leo Poirrier, Lois deBessonnet

**10:30 am SFA** Sherry Ourso, Ronnie Morris, Rocky Morris, Raphael & Mary Juneau, Francis & Clare Dubis, Myrtle Ourso, Cory Oubre, Joseph Grezaffi, Johnny Bourgeois, Robert Guillot, Stella Levins, Joan Repp, Charlie Doescher, Aimee Ourso Webb, John & Dot Richard, Gwen Boudreaux, Anthony Trepagnier

### Liturgical Minister Schedule for July 29-August 13, 2017

<b>July 29, 2017</b> <b>4:00 pm vigil mass SFA</b>	E. Abadie L F. Aucoin C	J. Abadie B1 E. Burns B2 S. Bessonnet B3	J. Marchand W J. Burns W	A. Landry J. Landry
<b>July 30, 2017</b> <b>8:00 am SFA</b>	L. Boudreaux L B. Boudreaux C	J. Hidalgo B1 D. Sagona B2 M. Bergeron B3	G. Landry W G. Landry W	A. Charlet
<b>10:30 am SFA</b>	B. Bonadona L S. Theriot C	A. Chiquet B A. Capone B	S. Bourg W L. Pfister W	G. Diez Schexnayder
<b>August 5, 2017</b> <b>4:00 pm vigil mass SFA</b>	L. Carter C D. Lemann L	D. Weil B1 P. Carter B2 G. Mistretta B3	L. Rome W T. LeBlanc W	B. Gautreau Ella Landry
<b>August 6, 2017</b> <b>8:00 am SFA</b>	L. Eure C D. LeBlanc L	R. LeBlanc B1 H. Rodrigue B2 C. Savoia B3	J. Savoia W G. Robert W	E. Lemann
<b>10:30 am SFA</b>	J. Maher C J. Theriot L	K. LeBlanc W M. Maher W	L. Templet B D. Safford B	T. Bourg W. Bellina
<b>August 12, 2017</b> <b>4:00 vigil mass SFA</b>	S. Mitchell L P. Guillot C	L. Shaheen B1 J. Burns B2 E. Burns B3	N. Mitchell W B. Mistretta W	Lemann
<b>August 13, 2017</b> <b>8:00 am SFA</b>	J. Mistretta L B. Landry C	K. Landry B1 T. Ewen B2 M. Bergeron B3	G. Landry W G. Landry W	J. Laiche M/T Landry
<b>SFA 10:30 am</b>	K. Acosta L E. Abadie C	H. Jumonville W S. Jumonville W	J. Abadie B L. Pfister B	S. Pfister L Thibodeaux



## **"Can He Speak..."**

**By Fr Joe Vu**

As I was standing in the back of the dining hall at Assumption Nursing Home, I was putting on my alb (the long white robe that priests/deacons wear under their vestments) all the while staring down the vestments hanging up in the front and waiting for the ladies to finish the rosary before I

could come up to retrieve it.

After the rosary was over, I walked up and got the vestments. While I was up there, I also checked on a few things - the setup of the altar to make sure I knew where everything was positioned, the readings for Mass, and also to get an idea of how communion was to be handled. A short moment later out of my peripheral vision, I saw a lady walk up to me, she placed her hands on my arm and whispered to me, "Father, I just wanted to let you know that one of the residents asked me, 'Can he speak English?' Well, I told her, 'Of course he can,' but you might want to give them a little background of yourself." We both chuckled and prepared ourselves for Mass.

A little bit during the homily and after Mass, I said, "To the person who asked, 'Can he speak English?' The answer is 'Yes, I can.'" I also added, "I am an Asian, but also a 'Cajun,' because I was born and raised right in Baton Rouge." The room broke out in laughter.

The "Plattenvillagers," "Napoleonvillagers," and "Labadievilleagers" are loving me as much as yall did here in Donaldsonville. They are still learning my asian-cajun background. I am quite the "odd one out" in the area, let me tell you. Parish work-wise, I stay quite occupied during the week, but I often think about yall in D'ville. My time there was such a blessing, and the experience there definitely prepared me for what was up ahead. I really appreciate all the prayers, farewell cards, and visits that yall have given me during the farewell reception and following. My prayers will continue for yall as I continue to learn how to be a country boy. Please also continue to keep me and all of our priests in your prayers. Thank you!

(who, although maintains his atheism), knelt in silence in front of St. Francis's tomb in Assisi for more than 30 minutes in 2008. Today more biographies exist of the Little Man of Assisi than of any other saint and new studies appear every year. Now, for the first time, we have a pope that has chosen the name 'Francis'. Why do so many people go after St. Francis of Assisi today?

Born into a rich merchant family, Francis left his material wealth to seek wealth with the Lord. Taking the Gospels as his way of life, Francis worked and lived with the poor. Part of his charism is his very ordinariness, his closeness and accessibility to the average person. His influence spread, and soon followers came to be with him, to live as he did. These we call Franciscans. Today, and in today's world, they try to re-live the life of St Francis who was a rich witness to the life of Christ.

Francis, the Church's most popular saint, was a person who lived out the Gospel better than anybody! Taking the Gospel seriously and living it passionately, he followed the footprints of Jesus Christ religiously, becoming an extraordinary example of Christian living in our world. He lived an extremely radical, counter-cultural lifestyle which included poverty, prayer, fasting, and preaching. He believed in the physical as well as the spiritual imitation of Christ (Imitatio Christi). This radical Christian lived a simple, humble and poor life yet the effect of his life on others and his impact on society and the church was extraordinary. He was a giant in Christian goodness, a great figure in the church known especially for connecting with fellow Christians and many people outside the Christian family; a powerful social and religious reformer. Giving up his own self, he "got dirty" in the messiness of human living to bring peace, understanding and love to follow Christ radically to become the "Mirror of Christ", a vivid reflection of Jesus Christ. There are many people who claim to be Christians but not many are willing to live according to Christ's teachings.

Francis, one of the best known saints of the world, was very much a man of action. He gave away all his worldly possessions and lived a life of radical penance, manifesting itself in a deep spirit of poverty, simplicity and humility. His life of penance was evangelical in its fervor and purpose, namely, to lead people to God in Christ. For Francis, a life of penance was a way of life, involving a radical self-emptying and self-surrender, open to constant change under the daily guidance of the Divine. It was also a life of service to the poor, the disabled, and the marginalized in society. Francis believed that deeds were more important than creeds. He said, "It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching." He exhorted his brothers: "Preach the gospel at all times and use words when necessary." Francis 'the poverello' was a brother to everyone. He saw the Divine not only "in all the peoples of earth" but also in all created things, and he sought a reconciliation of all creation with both humanity and with God. He said, "Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society." Part of Francis' love for and appreciation of the environment is expressed beautifully in his Canticle of the Sun (The Pope's encyclical "Lodato Si" is an inspiration from this Canticle). He saw himself as part of the ecosystem. He talked lovingly and personally to the stars,

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## **FRANCIS OF ASSISI - RELEVANT SAINT FOR OUR TIME**

**Fr. Steve Rodrigues OFM Cap.**

The figure of Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), whose feast we celebrate on October 4, has always captured the imagination of people from all walks of life: Christians and Muslims, royalty and prime ministers, rich and poor, intellectuals and workers, philosophers and theologians, poets and novelists, artists and filmmakers, historians and sociologists, peacemakers and environmentalists, people of all religions. Lenin is supposed to have said "If I had 10 Francis of Assisi I could convert Russia". Francis of Assisi has captured the attention of billions of people attracting admirers among atheists and believers of other faiths. The last communist leader of the USSR, Mikhail Gorbachev

# Back to School

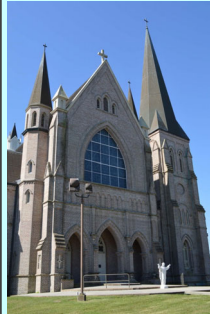
## Ascension Catholic Open House

Open House for Pre K 3 and 4 and for Kindergarten will be on August 3rd at 6:00 pm at the Primary School.

First day of school will be Wednesday, August 3, 2017

## Pew and Flooring Fundraiser for AOL

There will be an organizational meeting for the Ascension Church fundraiser for the pews and floors on Wednesday, July 26th at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to



help, but cannot make this meeting, please contact Marvin Gros at 225-717-3280 or call the church office at 225-473-3176.

*The fundraiser is scheduled for October 28, 2017 at Ascension Catholic High school gym.*

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trees, birds and animals etc. and referred to all creatures and created things as “brothers” and “sisters” and therefore all of the environment is worthy of respect. How very appropriate in these trouble days of environmental crisis. In 1979 Francis was proclaimed by Pope John Paul II as the patron of ecology, as was cited by the Pope as “an example of genuine and deep respect for the integrity of creation.”

What makes Francis special and gives him his universal appeal is his genius of living out in his actions the essence of his Christian convictions. The love of Christ led naturally for Francis to a love of the Church and the Pope, for it is through the Church that the Holy Spirit continues Christ's saving work. To the voice of Christ speaking to him from the crucifix “Francis, go and repair my church”, Francis acted promptly and repaired the church as a whole. It was not that Francis did not see the Church's weaknesses or infidelities, but for Francis the way to combat these was not aggressive criticism but constructive example. An example converts much more powerfully than criticism!

The new Pope, like St. Francis, is a man of reform calling the church “back to basics”, and back to the Gospel. He reminds the church and the world ‘not to forget the poor’, and to be vibrant ministers of mercy and compassion. Surprising the world by taking the name of St. Francis of Assisi, the name which symbolizes poverty, humility, simplicity, peace, love for creation and rebuilding the catholic church, the pope of surprises and genuineness, reminds the church and the world of today to follow the model of the humble and joyful St. Francis to ‘repair the church’ and to heal the broken world. The Pope did stress on these aspects when he last visited USA.

May the inspiration of St. Francis of Assisi help us keep ever alive a sense of ‘fraternity’ by walking the path of dialogue, peace, openness, poverty and reverence for nature.

# Confirmation

registration for this year's Confirmation will be held at the Ascension Activity center on August 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm. AT

least one parent or guardian must attend, students are not required to attend.

If your candidate was baptized at another church parish other than Ascension or St. Francis, please bring a copy of their Baptismal certificated to the meeting.

This will be the only meeting to register. If you absolutely cannot attend this meeting, please call Susan Jumonville at 776-4131, so we can set a time that you can bring the information to the office.



Fr. Steve giving Padre Pio Talk

**Fr. Steve Rodrigues, O.F.M.Cap.**

Welcome to Online Giving Website for Ascension of Our Lord and St. Francis of Assisi Churches



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**Will you spend an hour with Jesus?**

Please contact Brenda Richard if you are interested in spending an hour at the Adoration Chapel. Brenda @ 717-0466.



**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD/ ST FRANCIS**  
*Prayer Line*

Please pray for the sick of our parish: *Carey Andermann, Will Ray Berot, Allen Bellina, Cynthia Blanchard, Maryella Bradford, the family of Cade Michael Brown, Russell Bujol, Brent Burgess, Yvonne Caballero, Martin Cancienne, Janet Capone, John Capone, Margaret Carbo, Charles Cassard, Calvin & Frankie Casteigne, Joseph Cavalier, Meggie Clifton, Alton Daigle, Beth Daigle, David Daigle, Sr., Penny Dearman, Lois De Bessonnet, Betty Defiore, Andy Diez, Chasely Diez, Bobby Esneault, Barbara Ghiradi, Harvey Giroir, Roberta Giroir, Debbie Gomez, the fly of Courtney Guidry, Landry Guillot, Tommy Guillot, Carol Hernandez, Heath Hernandez, Natalie Hill, Tommy Hood, Jr., Brenda Landry, Diana Landry, Kathleen Landry, Amelia Lanoix, Brooks Ory LeBlanc, Jessica Madere, Chris Martinez, Jennifer Martinez, Joe Matassa, Kayla McLaughlin, Tripp Miglicco, Rosalie Mistretta, Bishop Robert Muench, Natalie, Aline Doll Oswald, Mabel Ourso, Nicole Owers, Betty & Nolan Poirrier, Frances Poirrier, Hazel Poirrier, Edie Rodrigue, Lorraine & Phillip Rodrigue, Dennis Rome, Phil Rome, Ronnie Rome, Jr., Eula Ruggeiro, Annie LeBlanc Russo, Maria Russo, Brandy & Brenda Sanchez, Jackie Schexnayder, George Shaheen, Cliff Sherman, Earline Simoneau, Sue Solar, Lucy Belle Sotile, Bonnie Templet, Brandt Theriot, Allie Zeringue*

If you have family or friends who need prayer, please call Sandra Mistretta at 473-4341 or Becky Bellina at 473-6654 or 717-1734. Please also call when you would like their name taken off of the prayer line.



Fr. Steve blessing with Padre Pio's relic

**Stewardship of your Finances**

Ascension of Our Lord

July 15-16, 2017  
Church Support \$ 4,811.00  
Maintenance \$ 1,971.00

July 22-23, 2017  
Church Support \$3,656.00  
Maintenance \$1,587.00

St. Francis of Assisi

July 16, 2017  
Church Support \$ 1,767.00  
Maintenance \$ 314.00

July 23, 2017  
Church Support \$1,237.00  
Maintenance \$76.00

*First Eucharist and First Reconciliation Registration*

Registration for First Eucharist will be on Sunday September 10, 2017 at Ascension of Our Lord Activity center at 6:00 pm. At least one parent must attend the



meeting. Any children who were not baptized at Ascension or St. Francis, please bring a copy of your baptismal certificate.

**When are we moving our masses to St. Francis for Pew and Flooring Project?**

Starting Saturday, July 29, 4PM Vigil, all the masses will be held at St. Francis Church until our pew project is completed at the end of September. We will most likely resume celebrating mass at Ascension Church on Saturday, Oct. 1

Sheriff officers will be directing traffic on Highway 1 at all masses: 4PM (Saturday), 8AM (Sunday), 10:30AM (Sunday)



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