



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY – JULY 15, 2018



Dear Friends in Christ,

The beginning of this month, I began my eleventh year here at Saint Francis of Assisi Church. Again I will continue to ask you to keep me in your daily prayers as your Pastor. I always pray for you in my morning and evening prayers and also at Mass.

Looking back to last year, I say thanks to God for everything that He has done for us in this faith-filled community. Saying this does not mean that everything has gone as smoothly as you and I wanted it to. Life is tough, isn't it? So it is the same in our spiritual life/our journey to our heavenly home.

We are still under God's protection and guidance (God never abandons us; He is with us to the end of time). The spiritual life of our community continues to grow and mature with your awareness: to maintain the unity and harmony with one another; to develop our relationship with God and the Church; to stand up with the Church and her members to protect our religious freedom; to contribute your time, talent and treasure as our thanks to God for His countless generosity . . .

We continue to pray to God day in and day out: "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation" as we hear in the responsorial psalm of today. God's kindness to us never ends; God's love endures forever; God's mercy never stops shining; God's salvation is ready; God's peace is in our reach. However, do we want to embrace all these graces/blessings? We have to PROVE to Him through our words and deeds and thoughts. Yes, we do!

Unfortunately, we do not always keep our words: "Do we?" God's kindness, mercy, love, salvation, peace ... have been at the door, but we say "No"; we do not welcome them; we ignore them. The priests - chosen by Jesus Christ - receive the mission and authority from Jesus Christ through the Church to bring these gifts to people and the world. If the world and its people do not want to welcome/accept or listen to them, there is/are consequence(s) to follow. Their denial, ignorance, unbelief, mocking, blasphemy, sacrilege ... are "testimonies against them." Though this happens, we do not give up for God wants to save all. We are His instruments to share God's kindness, love, mercy, salvation, peace to all creatures.

Here at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, I am responsible to show God's kindness and point out the road to salvation. I, however, am not able to do it by myself. I need you to work with me, support me, understand my weakness, be patient with me, forgive my mistakes and pray with and for me.

You and I will work harder out of love for God and His people, so that all of us will be God's instrument of kindness and will see God's kindness to us not only in this life but also the life to come.

*"Kindness and truth shall meet;
Justice and peace shall kiss."*

In Christ's Love and Peace,
Fr. Tien

STEWARDSHIP	
Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$4,825
Total Offertory	\$5,306
Envelopes & Cash	\$4,881
Online Giving	\$ 425
<i>Grateful Givers</i>	
Attendance	
Saturday 5:00 pm	147
Sunday 9:00 am	273
11:30 am	280
Thank you to all who faithfully contribute and are so generous to our Parish	



CLASSES – MEETINGS	
Monday ... Women's Guild Meeting ...	10:00 am
(Second Monday of each month)	
Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group...	10:30 am -12:30 pm
Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...	7:00 pm
(First Tuesday of each month)	
Thursday...Choir Practice...	3:00-4:30 pm

PARKING PROJECT UPDATE



The start date for the parking lot will be this Monday, July 16th. There will be NO DAILY MASS this week. Limited parking will be available here for our weekend Masses, with additional parking available at the Senior Center.



Our condolences and prayers are extended to Liz Guertin on the death of her husband, Tom. Visitation will be on Sunday at Macon Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Tom's funeral Mass will be Monday, July 16th, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's in Sylva. May Tom's soul, along with the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in God's loving peace.

REMEMBER - Registration for 2018-2019 Faith Formation will be next Sunday July 22nd and again August 5th in our Family Life Center after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



The DSA provides support for more than 20 services that Catholic Charities of Charlotte offers throughout the diocese. Our DSA assessment is still in need of \$8,042 at our Parish. Please consider contributing if you have not yet done so.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

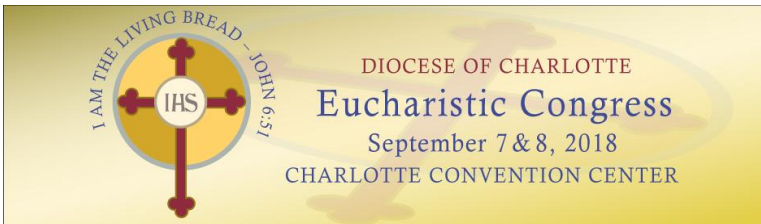
Feast Day, July 16

"Mary of Carmel, crowned with heavens glory, look unto us Mother as we sing your praises; be with us always, joy of saints and angels, joy of creation."



The title "Our Lady of Mount Carmel," the lovely place where the prophet Elijah dwelt in service to the word of God, expresses a sense of the beauty, silence, and prayer that characterize Mary, the mother of our Redeemer.

Mark your calendars....save the date!!!!



Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Eric Baquet, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Jim Broadwell, Alexander Canelas, Pauline Catania, Tom Coffey, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Ron Gralewski, Sheila Grawe, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Bill Himschoot, Charles Hoefeyzers, Edline Jigla, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Bob Killian, Brandon Lowery, Lenore Maynard, Sue Merry, Millard Michaels, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffit, Kathy Moffitt, Laura Moore, Cheryl Murphy, Wanda Orf, Chris Richards, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Adan Vanbourgandien, MaryAnn Zoeckler.

Elderly & shut-in: Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson, Jeanette Peters.

Parishioners & all armed forces: Aaron Brooks, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Brandon Dziurgot, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Russell Helma, Christian Houston, Ben Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Michael Ricke, Elizabeth Scoone.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 14

Saint Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin

5:00 P.M. ☩ The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, July 15

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ☩ Deceased members of the Rogers family by Kathy Rogers

11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Monday, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

Tuesday, July 17

8:00 A.M. NO MASS

Wednesday, July 18

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

5:30 P.M. NO MASS

Thursday, July 19

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

Friday, July 20

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

Saturday, July 21

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:00 P.M. ☩ Frank Pureber by Peggy Pureber

Sunday, July 22

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Parish People's Mass

11:30 A.M. ☩ Pedro Martinez by Marta Martinez

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.

Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary is recited everyday one half hour before each Mass except for first Saturday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Friday at 3 P.M.

Think well. Speak well. Do well.
These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven.

~ St. Camillus de Lellis ~
Feast Day July 18th

