

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am



WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday – Friday at 9:00 am



KERALA ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Celebrated by Fr. Stephen Gilbert
Sunday at 5:30 p.m.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 pm
or by appointment.



PRAYER NETWORK

Call parish office to request prayers



FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES

Please call the parish office.

— OUR PARISH TEAM —



Pastor:

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday – Friday

8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm



*“We are a Christ-centered faith community
seeking to be instruments of God’s peace.”*



July 12th, 2026 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. July 13: **Rev. Stephen Murrin**

Tues. July 14: **Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.**

Wed. July 15: **Missionary Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, (M.S.M.M.C.)**

Thu. July 16: **Rev. Jeff Bergsma**

Fri. July 17: **Most Rev. Joseph A. Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.**

Sat. July 18: **Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.**

Stewardship Report

June 27/28	\$4,868.75
2026 Total Collection	\$142,611.25
2026 Budget	\$304,099.95

To make a donation online, scan the QR code. (note: under “Donation”, select “Other” from the drop down and enter \$0 to avoid paying donation fee).



What’s Happening this Week?

Monday

Senior Gentle Exercise (H)

1:15 pm & 2:30 pm

OEA (H)

7:00 pm

Wednesday

Senior Gentle Exercise (H)

2:30 pm

Mass Intentions –July 14 – 19

Tuesday July 14th - Ferial

9:00 AM - **+Joao Pereira** - *Rosalina Pereira*

Wednesday July 15th - St. Bonaventure

9:00 AM - **+Ildebrando Silveira** - *Maria Silveira*

Thursday July 16th - Ferial

9:00 AM - **Int. Maria Cabral**

Friday July 17th - Ferial

9:00 AM - **+Arie Wynmaalen** - *Yolande, Hugh, Charlotte & Peter*

Saturday July 18th 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM - **+Lorne MacDonald** - *Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh*

+Meskela Beraki - *Tabetu*

+Paulo Cardoso - *Laurentina Codeco*

Int. Vic Thibeault

Sunday July 19th – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM - **+Joanna & Walter Tatarek** - *Dorothy Gidson*

11:00 AM - **For Parishioners of St. Francis**

Sunday Readings Reflection

First Reading: Is 55:10-11; Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23

Gospel: Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

“The whole world was created by the Word of God. Genesis shows God creating by speaking, and John’s Gospel points out in the first chapter that this Word that God spoke in the beginning was in fact Christ. Paul expounds the same truth in the first chapter of Colossians, which in fact contains a commentary on the first verse of the Bible. Christ is that “beginning” of which Genesis speaks, and “all things were created by him and for him.”

When, therefore, today’s readings speak about the fruitfulness of the Word of God – Isaiah declaring that the word accomplishes the end for which it is sent, and Jesus explaining how the seed will bear fruit – they are not to be understood only in a spiritual sense. The fruitfulness of the Word is also physical, starting with human life itself. Mary said, “Be it done unto me **according to your word,**” and by that word the physical conception of Christ took place.

Likewise, the conception and birth of each human being is a fulfillment of the promises in today’s readings. When did God decide that you or the people around you should start to exist? The answer is, “From all eternity.” There was never a time when God did not intend each living person to exist, nor when he did not have definitive plans for each person’s life.

“My word will not return to me void.” The plan, the eternal word, that God has for each person, is not to return void because of a veto on our part. Contraception, abortion, and euthanasia all constitute an offensive “No” to this Word, an attempt to veto an eternal decision of God regarding the fruitfulness of each life. Part of the reason for these “vetoes” is the “worldly anxiety” referred to in the Gospel. This anxiety leads to the temptation to cut off the fruitfulness of life.

Yet Paul, in the second reading, puts those anxieties in an eschatological perspective, inviting us to hold firm through life’s difficulties and continue saying yes to God’s plan. Interestingly, it is precisely the reality of childbirth that he uses to describe the full unfolding of God’s plan for all creation.”

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (WDGE) 2026 will be celebrated on Sunday, July 26, 2026, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.

The theme for this year is: **“I will never forget you”** (Is 49:15). Let us take this opportunity to honour grandparents and the elderly, recognizing them as a blessing and an important part of our faith communities.

This day offers a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate with their grandparents, elderly relatives, and neighbours. To see a message from His Holiness Leo XIV, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4224cw7e>



OCTOBER 4

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Use the word bank below to unscramble the words.

1.	YAILT	
2.	UTRNEA	
3.	NCFIRSA	
4.	MAINLAS	
5.	IRRFSA	
6.	YPARER	
7.	PSEGLO	
8.	VPETOYR	
9.	MLHIYITU	
10.	SIASIS	

Word Bank

GOSPEL	POVERTY	ASSISI
HUMILITY	PRAYER	ITALY
ANIMALS	FRIARS	
FRANCIS	NATURE	