Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular
Parish founded 1920

Mission Statement

United in our belief in Jesus Christ and His Call to Love and Service, we dedicate ourselves to live His Word through the Celebration of the Sacraments, Evangelization, Catechesis and Ministry to the people of Saint Petersburg.

One hallmark of Franciscan spirituality, also epitomized by Pope Francis, is to extend Welcome to All. On behalf of the Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular, the staff and parish family of Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace we extend this heartfelt invitation:

No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church.
No matter what your current family or marital situation.
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation.
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color.
You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace.

In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi:
May the Lord give you peace.

If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to one of our Friars. If you are visiting and interested in registering, we ask that you pick up a blue registration form found in the church or visit our Parish Office and once completed either return it to our Office or drop it in the collection basket. Membership is required for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors.

Mass Schedule Daily: Monday through Friday 8:00am - Saturday 4:00pm Vigil - Sunday 8:00am &11:00am

Holy Days Please check the bulletin for Mass times

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday: 3:00—3:45pm and by appointment

Baptism: We ask that all families interested in Baptism be active, registered parishioners 6 months prior to the reception of the Sacrament.

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance by contacting our Wedding Coordinator. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required.

GATHERING HYMN **"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"**
ST. ANNE

Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people ev'ry race.
to see each person as I ought, my kindred, whom your love has bought.

Break down the walls that would divide your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbor's good let me pursue, let Christian love bind warm and true.

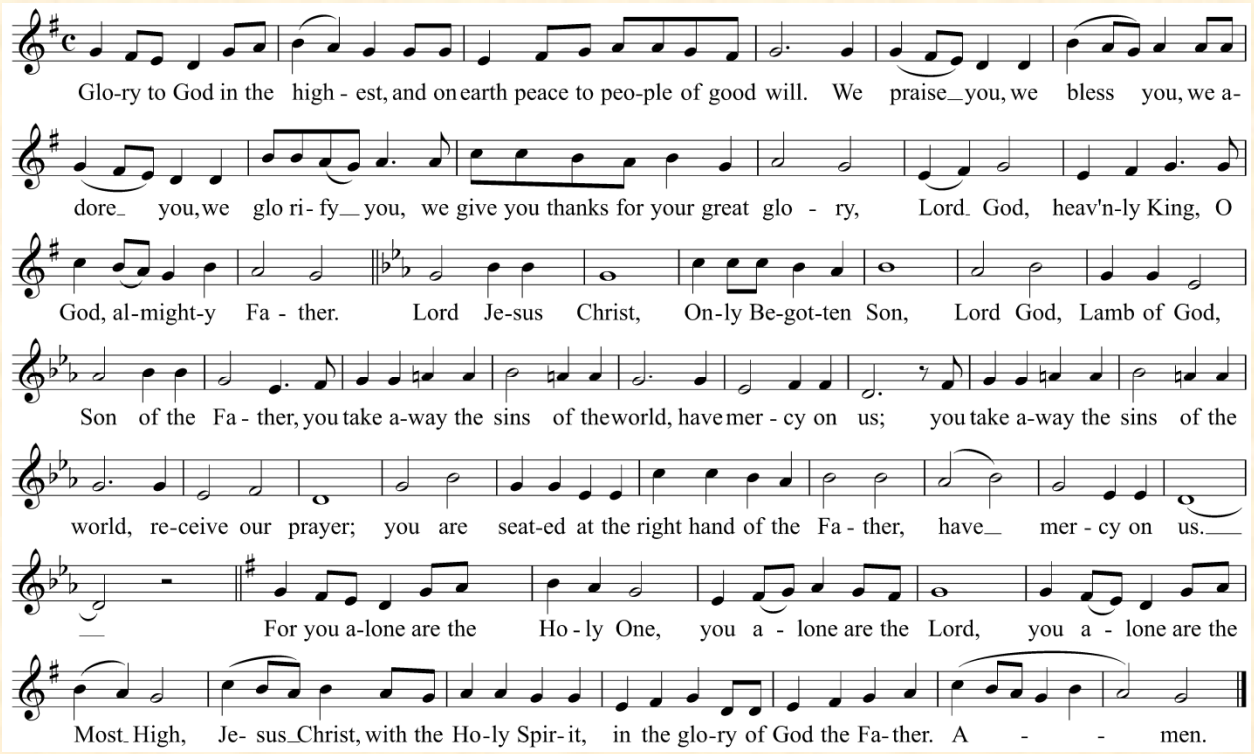
Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred by loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do will crucify my Lord anew.

Give me your courage, Lord to speak whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself as victim live, rememb'ring you, may I forgive.

With your own love may I be filled, and by your Holy Spirit willed,
that all whose lives are touched by mine may know your healing touch divine.

PENITENTIAL RITE

GLORIA

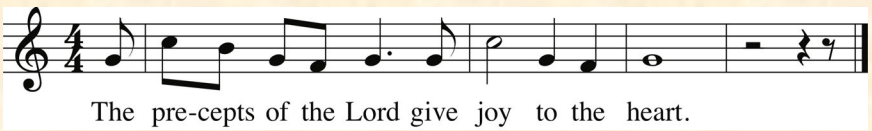


OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I **Numbers 11: 25-29**

RESPONSE **Psalm 19** ***setting by Stephen Pishner***



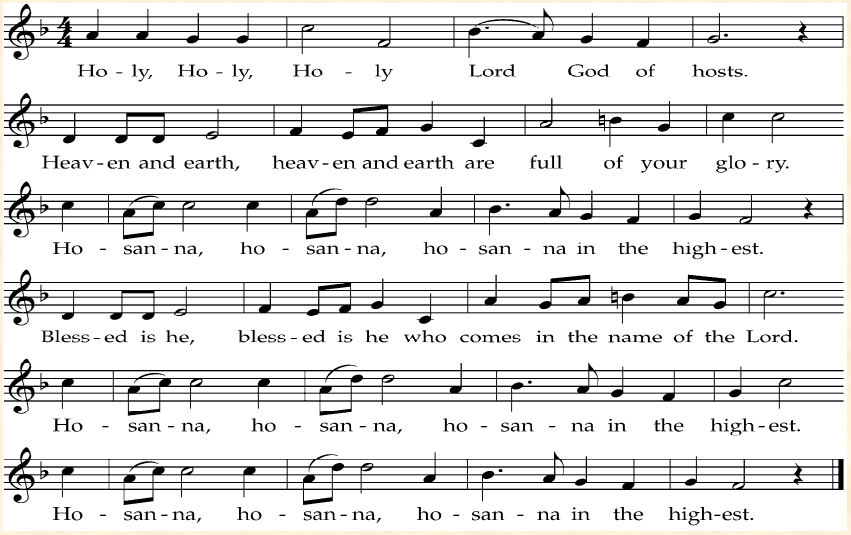
READING II James 5: 1-6
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(sung)*
GOSPEL Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48
HOMILY
PROFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

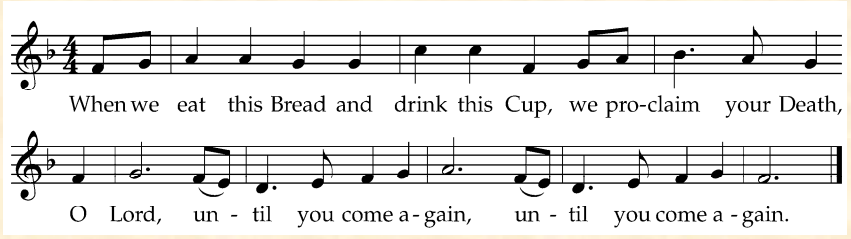
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one, Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.
Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and our salvation he came down from heaven.
***(bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

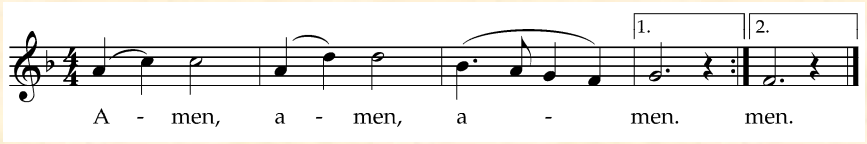
UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

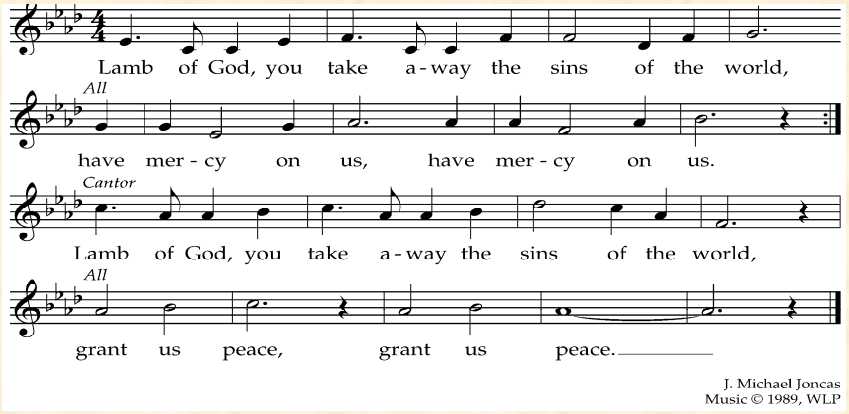
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS
EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS



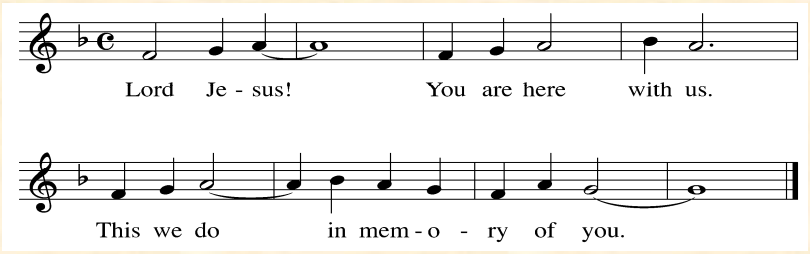




THE LORD'S PRAYER /THE SIGN OF PEACE
LAMB OF GOD

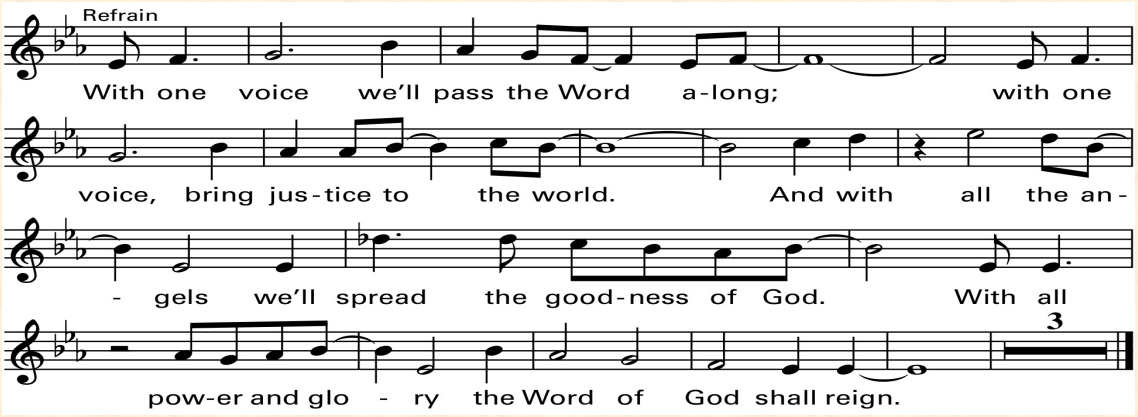


COMMUNION PROCESSION **"In Memory of You"/Alexander Peloquin**



CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL/SENDING FORTH **"With One Voice"/Ricky Manalo**



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Saint Francis of Assisi
Friend of All Created Things

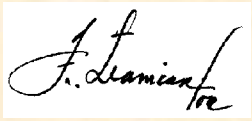
There are many reasons why Saint Francis is considered a special lover of all creation. The following story, by one of his earliest biographers (Friar Thomas of Celano, 1229) is one example of Saint Francis' charming concern for the littlest of God's creatures.

Saint Francis came to a certain place near Bevagna where a great number of birds of various kinds had congregated, namely, doves, crows, and some others popularly called daws. When the most blessed servant of God, Francis, saw them, being a man of great fervor and great tenderness toward lower and irrational creatures, he left his companions in the road and ran eagerly toward the birds. When he was close enough to them, seeing that they were waiting expectantly for him, he greeted them in his usual way. But, not a little surprised that the birds did not rise in flight, as they usually do, he was filled with great joy and humbly begged them to listen to the word of God.

Among the many things he spoke to them were these words: *"My brother birds, you should praise your Creator very much and always love him; he gave you feathers to clothe you, wings so that you can fly, and whatever else was necessary for you. God made you noble among his creatures, and he gave you a home in the purity of the air; though you neither sow nor reap, he nevertheless protects and governs you without any solicitude on your part."* At these words, the birds, rejoicing in a wonderful way according to their nature, began to stretch their necks, extend their wings, open their mouths and gaze at him. And Francis, *passing through their midst, went on his way* and returned, touching their heads and bodies with his tunic. Finally he blessed them, and then, after he had made the sign of the cross over them, he gave them permission to fly away to some other place.

On October 4th, Franciscans all over the globe will celebrate the life of Saint Francis of Assisi their founding spiritual father. As your pastor, as well as being a Franciscan friar, and lauding all the friars of the past, I join my brothers in continuing to plant the spirit of Saint Francis deep within the woven tapestry of Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace. We have been with you for 33 years. Through the years it has become a favorite tradition honoring Saint Francis as we celebrate the ***Blessing of the Animals****. This year on* ***Saturday, October 2, 10AM*** *in the church parking lot, I invite all creatures great and small to be blessed in honor of the man who loved even the littlest of God's creatures.*

As we celebrate the life of Francis of Assisi in his praise of God's creation: May the Lord, give you peace.



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Sunday 9/26

8:00am Intentions of Parishioners and Staff

11:00am †Fritz Gregoire
by Ed & Mary O'mara

Monday 9/27

8:00am †Fritz Gregoire
by Diane Florez and Family

Tuesday 9/28

8:00am †Jane Blakely Woodrough
by Stephens B. Woodrough

Wednesday 9/29

8:00am Vocations
†Charles and Bessie Kuchan Sr. and Family
by Judge Kovachevich

Thursday 9/30

8:00am Sylvia Gonzales
by Wendy Luck and Antoinette Magnani

Friday 10/1

8:00am †Dan and Emile Kovachevich
by Judge Kovachevich

Saturday 10/2

4:00pm †Dan and Emilie Kovachevich
by Judge Kovachevich

4:00pm †Ted Kasprow
by Henry Kasprow

Sunday 10/3

8:00am Intentions of Parishioners and Staff
†Rudolph Licata
by The Licata Family

11:00am †Betsy Shannon Maran
by Michael Flannery

Readings for the day can be located at: www.usccb.org

Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless and comfort our brothers and sisters who are ill. Surround them with your healing presence and give them strength. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Carolyn Wilson, Kimberly Mullick,
Marie & Don Mulholland,
Barbara Denny,
Karla McClintock,
Stephens B. Woodrough,
James Patrick King,
Eddie Connaughton, Gloria Calandrino,
Nancy Hogan, Lyric Adams,
Kevin Curran,
John & Ann Overmyer,
Barbara Kirby and Pat Dillinger.

Please inform the Parish Office of prayer requests as they are updated monthly.

*The **Vigil candle** burning at the statue of Our Lady of Grace is in loving honor of*

†Rudolph Licata

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Patricia Licata-Amantia

*The **flowers** at the statue of Our Lady of Grace are made possible by a generous donation from*

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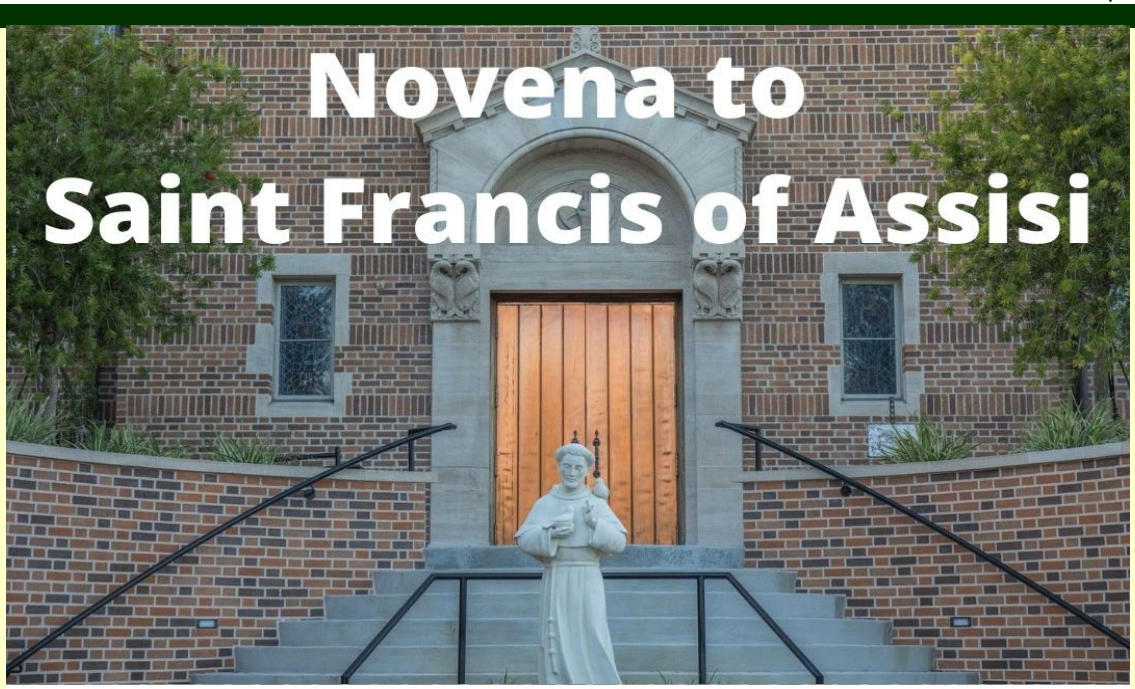
If you would like to remember a loved one or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) by having a 2 week candle burn at the statue of Our Lady of Grace, or by contributing toward the cost of the gifts of bread and wine used during Mass on the weekends, please contact the parish office to make arrangements.
A suggested donation of $10 would be greatly appreciated.
Floral arrangement placed at the statue of Our Lady of Grace, in loving memory or a special occasion, is available through the parish office.
Flowers are $35 an offering for a bouquet.

Novena to Saint Francis of Assisi



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