

A Student's Prayer

Lord Jesus,
I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!
Amen



SAINT OF THE MONTH – ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Francis was born in the town of Assisi, Italy in 1182, the son of Pietro Bernardone and Madonna Pica. Pietro

Bernardone was a successful cloth merchant providing his family a quite comfortable life. He had dreams of Francis continuing the family business and rising to prominence in the town. As such, he was only too happy to outfit Francis with the equipment needed to serve in the army and go off to war. Francis' military experience was short-lived as he was soon captured, spending almost a year as a prisoner of war. He returned to Assisi a weak but changed man. His forced solitude led him to ask questions about his future. One day in 1205 he stopped to reflect and pray in the crumbling chapel of St. Damian, down the hill from Assisi. There, in a mystical experience, he heard Christ speak from the cross and give the direction, "Francis, repair my church, which as you see is falling into ruins." He took this charge literally, and began to rebuild the very structure in which he had prayed. The strange behavior brought more than a few laughs and much ridicule. But it also attracted others from the town and the surrounding area who appreciated what this gallant young man was trying to accomplish. They joined him in and slowly came to realize that their service should extend to others. In 1210, he and his followers set out for Rome, to seek the approval of Pope Innocent III, for the simple way of life they proposed to live. The Pope also had misgivings, but a dream helped him to realize that this way of life was a literal following of the Gospel of Jesus. Thus the way of life Francis received approval from the Pope in the year 1210. In the immediate years that followed there was phenomenal growth. Literally thousands of men and women joined this movement while Francis was still alive. Francis and his brothers would go out in small groups proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. A missionary effort was an early thrust and Francis himself was able to preach before a Sultan of the East. Early on, Clare, a rich young woman from Assisi, also sought to live this way of life and was welcomed by Francis. Clare and her sisters were given the restored Chapel of St. Damian, a place to pursue contemplative life, becoming the Second Order of St. Francis, also known as the Poor Clares.

St Francis Patron Saint
of animals, merchants and the ecology.

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give you best anyway.

Mother Teresa



Takeout BBQ Chicken Dinner

Saturday, September 17th

¼ chicken, roasted potatoes, baked beans, and coleslaw

\$10

Pickup between 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM (outside, rear doors of church)

All meals will be presold. Tickets will be available after all Masses beginning Labour Day Weekend. Tickets will not be available during the event.

Why not enjoy this meal as a family,
and maybe ask your friends and
neighbours too!