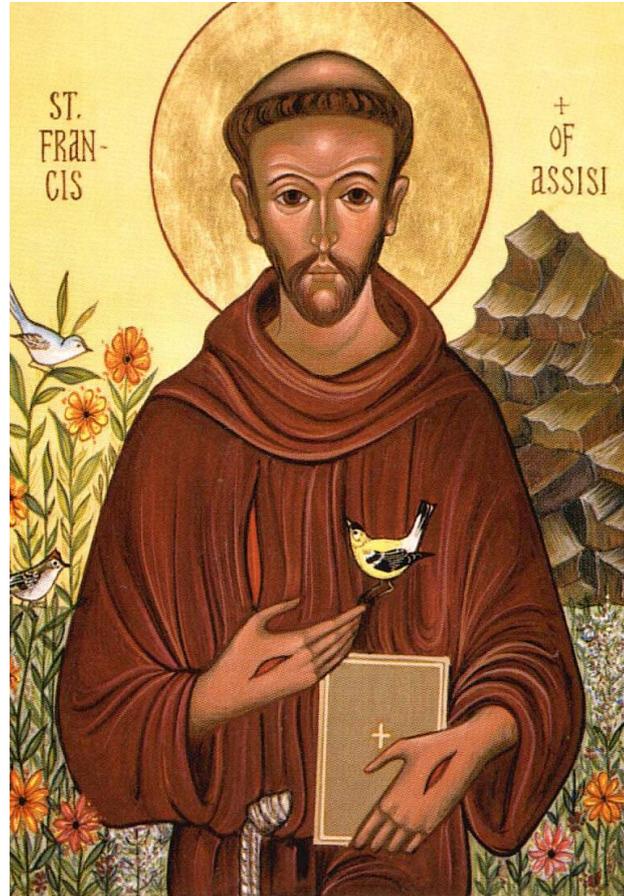




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ST PETER & ST PAUL
CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Welcome

Opening Prayer- Fr Eddy

O God whose gift Saint Francis was conformed to Christ in poverty and humility, grant that, walking in Francis' footsteps, may we follow your Son, and, through joyful charity come to be united with you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 40:9-11

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"
See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm.
See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.
He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

The word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 6:26

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

All:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Reflection- St Francis of Assisi- Fr Eddy



“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you will kill the prophets and stone those who sent you, how often I have longed to gather your children together; as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.”
Matthew 23:37



Jesus is the “Good Shepherd” who lay down his life for his sheep.

Music- Rabbit Heart Florence and the Machine



The Temptation of Christ
“At once the spirit sent him out into the desert for forty days being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.”
Mark 1:12-13



“.....he saw the spirit of God, descending like a dove of lightning on him.”
Matthew 3:16

God Our Heavenly Father,

You created the world to serve humanity's needs and to lead them to you. By our own fault we have lost the beautiful relationship which we once had with all your creation. Help us to see that by restoring our relationship with you we will also restore your creation. Give us the grace to see all animals as gifts from you and treat them with respect for they are your creation.

We pray for all animals who are suffering as result of our neglect. May the order you originally established be once again restored to the whole world through the intercession of the glorious Virgin Mary, the prayers of St. Francis and the merits of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reign with you now and forever.

All: Amen

“Start by doing
what's necessary,
then what's possible,
and suddenly you are
doing the impossible.”



~ St. Francis of Assisi

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