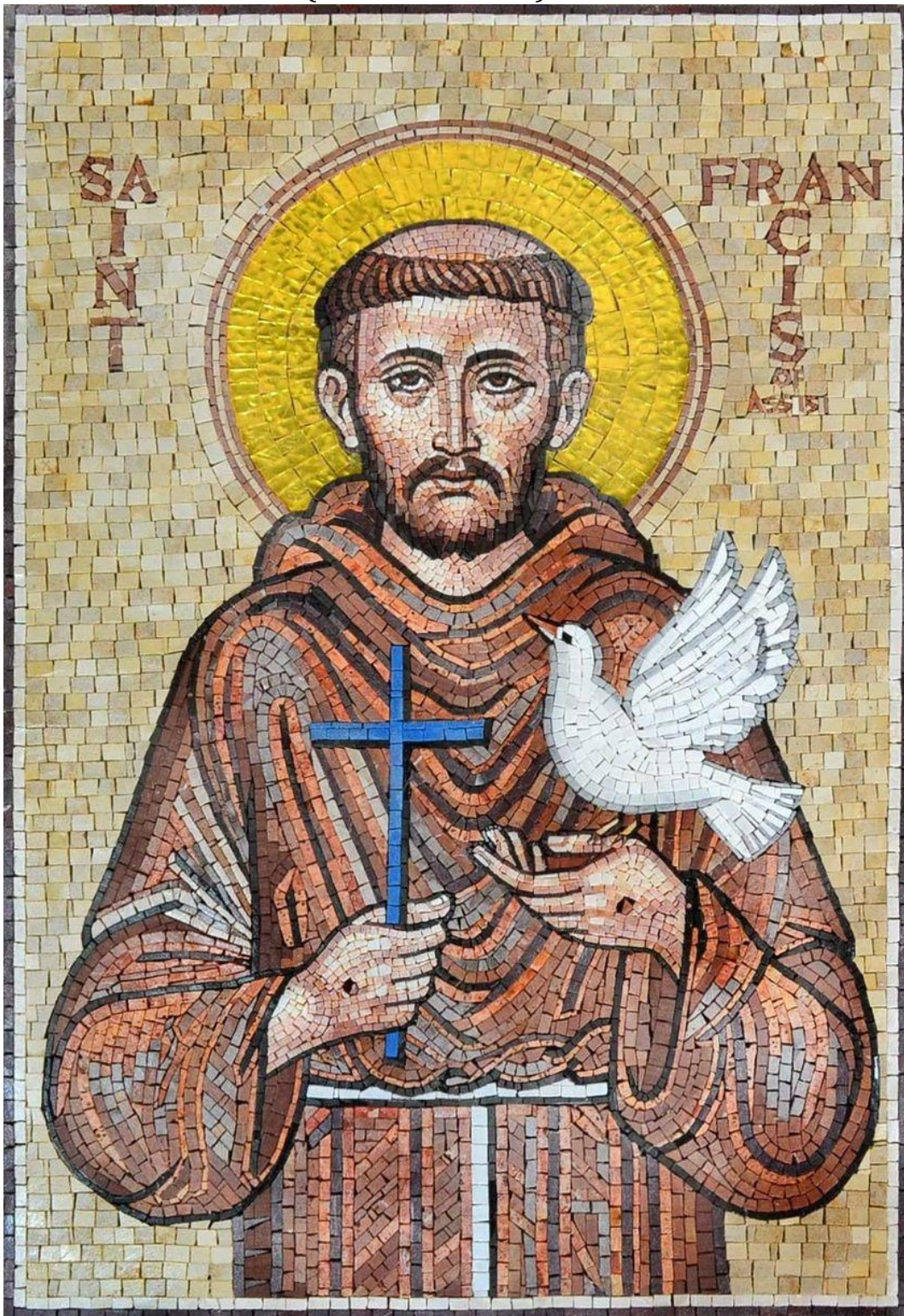


Saint Francis of Assisi (1181 - 1226 AD)



<https://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/a-saint-for-our-times>

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Repenting from a life of wanton worldliness, wealth and quest for earthly glory as a soldier, "In 1209, Francis of Assisi abandoned the riches of the Italian merchant class for a laborer's tunic and a bed under the stars, choosing to live in perfect imitation of CHRIST's Own poverty.

Francis wanted his followers to live and preach in This Same SPIRIT; he called them simply "Friars Minor," the "lesser brothers." Francis was devoted to The Baby JESUS - he popularized The CHRISTMAS Crèche [narrated Nativity scenes of The Savior] - and The Eucharist, in Which The "Son of GOD so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under an ordinary piece of Bread.." \*

[https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=50](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=50)

Saint Francis of Assisi was not a weak, culled earth worshipper. He praised GOD for The self evident Love of Divine Creation seen in the physical world. He heard The Voice of The Almighty to help rebuild The Church. A man of humility, piety and peace, he boldly preached The full Gospel of CHRIST - amidst poverty & suffering, enduring even threats of torture & death - even to a muslim sultan in the midst of war.

Saint Francis beheld The Crucified One on a winged Cross and received The Stigmata, The Wounds of The Savior. He sought - and called others - to follow JESUS in a simple life of faith, hope and love as joyful sons and daughters of The faithful Church.

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/how-to-celebrate-the-transitus-of-st-francis>

May we, who call upon The Holy Name of The LORD, do and be the same. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

LUKE 10:25-37

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGoypOMLZ9Y>

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in The Law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love The LORD thy GOD with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And He said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto JESUS, And who is my neighbour?

30 And JESUS answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain Priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed Mercy on him. Then said JESUS unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

\*["Saint Francis of Assisi." The Magnificat, 10/04/2021. Memorial, p 72-73.]