

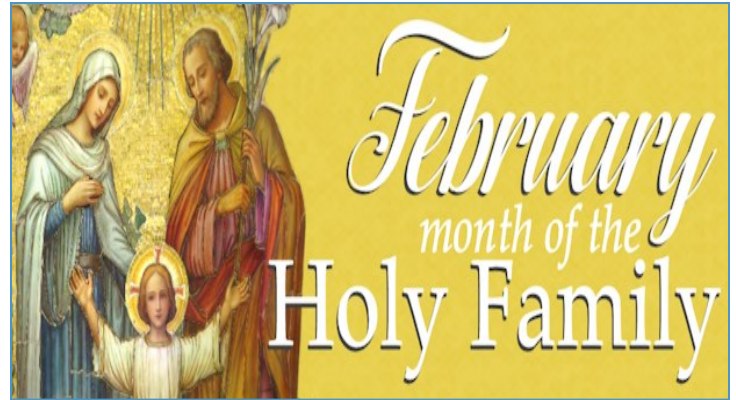
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Bulletin for : Sunday, February 6, 2022 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday

8:00 AM (English)

5:00 PM (Vigil, English)

7:00 PM (Vietnamese)

Sunday

6:45 AM (English)

8:30 AM (English)

10:30 AM (English) + Livestreaming

12:30 PM (Spanish)

5:00 PM (English)

Weekdays

6:30 AM (English)

12:10 PM (English)

Wednesdays & Thursdays

5:00 PM (Spanish)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays: beginning at 8:30 AM
until 9:30 AM or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month immediately
following the 12:10 PM Mass.

The Mission of St. Francis of Assisi Parish is to provide a safe, welcoming environment of Catholic worship, evangelization & fellowship, living in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

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St. Francis Parish ~ Priests' Page

Dear Parish Family,

Excerpts of Fr. Theo's Silver Jubilee homily will be published over the next couple of weeks. We hope you enjoy getting to know our Pastor a little more as he shares the lessons he's learned over the years as a priest.

1. There is Treasure in the Clay

Priesthood is a precious gift given to me, an unworthy servant. Like a child, I simply wonder at the mystery of transubstantiation which is the conversion of the substances of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ at consecration. This Mystical Body keeps the treasure intact; the people of God help keep the treasure holy. I will count on your prayers in my future years as a priest. And be assured of this, when you hold a priest in prayer, you partake in the effect of the Mass even if it is celebrated in a private chapel, and it goes out from that tiny altar and embraces everyone out there.

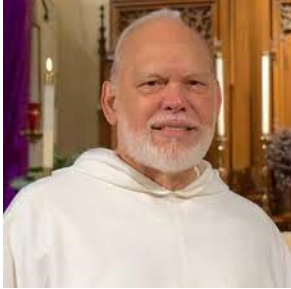
2. Divine Providence

When I look back at the past 25 years, I can see that Divine Providence has walked with me throughout all of it. When I first became priest, after 13 years of long formation (I think my spiritual directors needed to do a lot of work on me. LOL) Initially, I thought that I would serve in my own home state of Kerala, and I had corresponding plans. But, as someone jokingly said, if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. So, instead, I found myself going to other places. Oh, the challenges and places I have seen on not one but four continents! Not because I was capable of it but because of Divine Providence. I learned that God sometimes asks not for our ability but instead our availability.

One instance for me was St. Lucy's expansion project. Many believed that we could not raise enough money in Fowler. But I said, it won't hurt to try, let's trust in the Lord. I can tell you truthfully that He provided the best team to work with me. Some of these wonderful men and women are now here with us today, and I am so happy to see all of them! Our goal was to raise 400,000 dollars, although our challenge goal was 500. When we finished, we saw that the Lord had done marvelous deeds because our graph shot way past these goals to 635,000!

Shared by Fr. Theo

St. Francis Parish News & Announcements



Fr. Jude Eli

We are happy to announce, Fr. Jude will be celebrating some of our weekend Masses! February 6th, February 27th, March 6th, and March 13th.

You are also invited to join him beginning March 7th for his catechesis on the New Testament theology of Christ and the Emergence of later Christological thought.

The St. Francis Altar Guild meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, the next meeting will be February 8th at 1:00 pm in the parish hall; we will be collecting our yearly dues at this meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us for prayer and friendship.

This ministry is dedicated to the cleaning and maintenance of the altars, sacristy, vestments, and altar linens, along with anything needed in the performance of the Liturgy. We also serve and give support at funerals and receptions. It is our purpose to unite members in a spiritual bond dedicated to the maintenance and care of all things related to the Altar, Liturgy, and for the Glorification of God. We all have spiritual gifts and together we build the Body of Christ.

If interested in joining or needing more information about the Altar Guild, can contact Kathy Cota at 203-8917 or Roylene See at 203-6687.



Parish Clean Up Day

February 26th from 9AM – 12PM
Check in at the Youth Center
Bring Gloves and cleaning tools
Contact John Thompson: (661)396-6716



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mary's Chapel is open after the 6:30 AM Mass weekdays until the benediction at 5:00 PM. Benediction on Friday evenings is at 5:30 PM. All are invited to spend some time in quiet prayer with Lord.

St. Francis Parish Church Announcements

HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE

Monday Night Dinners provide services to the less fortunate in our community. Each Monday, we handout a hot meal, bottled water, bag of groceries, hygiene kit, beanies, and blankets. We are now serving approximately 70 dinners. We will soon be passing out your generous donations of coats, blankets, shoes and clothes!

Our pantry is in need of canned soups, cup of noodles, peanut butter and jelly, etc. We thank you for all your support in providing these services.

If you are interested in volunteering your talents to our Ministry, please call Pat Fraser 661-330-6624. May God bless you.



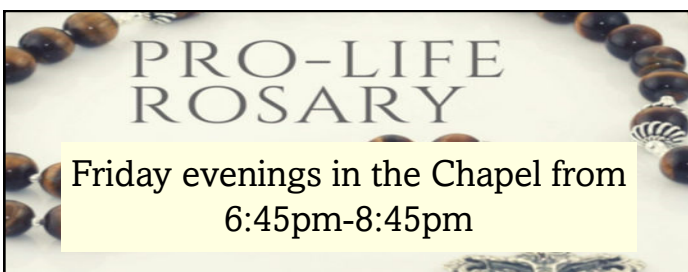
The Divine Mercy Cenacle Group is requesting a donation of 8x10 frames, of any type, new or used. We are hoping to collect about 40 frames.

The frames will be filled with the Image of Divine Mercy and handed out to anyone who would like to have it.

The frames can be dropped off at the Church office, or contact Diana Marquez to arrange a pick up: 661.204.6567.

Jesus, I trust in You

St. Faustina



PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Friday evenings in the Chapel from 6:45pm-8:45pm



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

PLEASE COME JOIN US!
MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM B.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

February 12th @ 9AM in the Parish Hall.



women's bible study

growing deeper. together

The R&R Bible study group meets every Tuesday at 8am in the parish hall.

St. Francis Parish Ministries

WOW - WOMEN OF WISDOM

By - Joi Bourne

Ladies, are you interested in going out for an evening of enjoying and meeting other women in our parish that have God at the center of their lives? Wouldn't it be interesting to join with others to experience inspiring talks about everyday topics that will enthuse and motivate you? And then to sit down to a meal with these ladies in a relaxed atmosphere and get to know them better? There is a small group of parishioners that make up a committee, chaired by Linda Gutcher, for just such a ministry. They work very hard to put on a dynamic experience for the attendees. The evenings consist of an inspiring talk followed by a light dinner and wine with an emphasis on fellowship.

The most recent speakers were Msgr. Perry who spoke on the challenge of "Optimism" and Fr. Nathan Cromley, who gave a moving talk, "Mary at the Foot of the Cross". As you can see the topics typically are to help us become better Christian women and to keep our focus on God in our everyday lives. Look in this Bulletin for future WOW meetings and bring your friends, mothers, sisters. You will all be very happy and very enriched!



St. Francis Parish Ministries

Marriage Banns

February 2022

Michael-John Morin & Sarah Vasquez

Bret Northington & Elizabeth Farr

March 2022

Oscar Tapia & Selene Zamora

Leo Martinez III & Crystal Villatoro

Sanctuary Lamps

Prayers for the living loved ones, relatives,
friends & pets of Elsa & Zsa.

Prayers for the departed loved ones, relatives
& friends of Elsa & Zsa.

Isabelle Church & Family

Gloria Albano Chan

Walt Widhalm

Michael France

In memory of parishioners who have been given
the gift of eternal life in the month of December
2021 with services through St. Francis:

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| <i>Harry Albert</i> | <i>Rene Gotico</i> |
| <i>Leandro Medina</i> | <i>Bradley Fenwick</i> |
| <i>Jesus Quiroga</i> | <i>Don Espiridion Muro</i> |
| <i>Rudy Banducci</i> | <i>Jorge Galdamez</i> |
| <i>Jennifer Rios</i> | <i>Maria Aincibura</i> |
| <i>Robert 'Kenny' Garza</i> | <i>Mary Rea</i> |
| <i>Arturo Soto Davalos</i> | <i>Robert Gonzales</i> |
| <i>Rosa Maria Gonzalez</i> | <i>Pedro Orellano</i> |
| <i>Ismael Palacio</i> | <i>Eduardo Anchondo</i> |
| <i>Modesta Licea</i> | <i>Ofelia Ramos</i> |
| <i>Marcelle Ansolabehere</i> | <i>Betty Ann Spencer</i> |
| <i>Anthony Torres</i> | <i>Agenor Acuna</i> |
| <i>James Hulsey</i> | <i>Veda Soto Verde</i> |
| <i>Jose Valencia</i> | <i>Elisa Beavides</i> |
| <i>Hector Ruiz Martinez</i> | |

Our funeral team wishes to accompany those who are
grieving and to show the light of Jesus Christ risen to
those whose hearts are broken. Our Parish embraces
all who are mourning and give direction for funeral
services. We give thanks to God for the deceased's life
and hold family and friends close in prayer as they
travel through a most difficult time. Blessed are they
who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

If anyone is interested in joining our team we need a
Spanish speaking volunteer, please contact Roylene
through the parish office at ext. 123.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 6, 2022

6:45 am: + Jesus Trejo

8:30 am: + Robert White

10:30 am: + Diana DeSheild's O'Neil

12:30 pm: + Celia Castaneda-Aguirre

5:00 pm: Int. of Vanessa Noemi Camarena Banda

Monday, February 7, 2022

6:30 am: + Armando Rangel Villanueva

12:10 pm: + Lozano Family

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

6:30 am: + Pat Klassen

12:10 pm: + Frank Del Papa

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

6:30 am: + Alan Pierucci & Family

12:10 pm: + Andrea Stricklen

5:00 pm: + Manuel Medina

Thursday, February 10, 2022

6:30 am: + Dorothy Manus

12:10 pm: + Eddie Martinez

5:00 pm: + Armando Villanueva

Friday, February 11, 2022

6:30 am: Jim Manus

12:10 pm: + Tom Walsh

Saturday, February 12, 2022

8:00 am: + Antonette Facchieri

5:00 pm: + Michael Manus

7:00 pm: All Souls

Last Month's Weekly Collections

January 2, 2022-
January 8, 2022

Total: \$11,059.00

January 9, 2022-
January 15, 2022

Total: \$10,671.00

January 16, 2022-
January 22, 2022

Total: \$9,662.00

January 23, 2022-
January 29, 2022

Total: \$11,117.00

We Appreciate Your Donations!
Donations can be mailed into the church office. 900 H Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304

*"Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and
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~ Luke 8:15 ~



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