

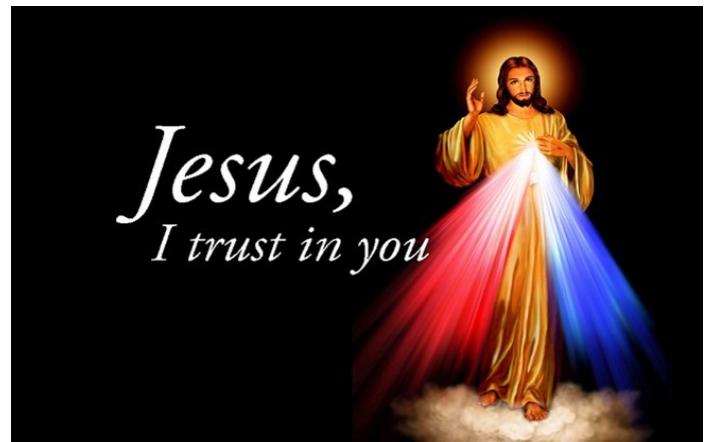
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Bulletin for : Sunday, April 24, 2022 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

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.

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Divine Mercy

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans. In Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

Courtesy: U.S. Catholic (Vol. 76, No. 5).

Blessings,
Fr. Theo



St. Francis Parish Church Announcements



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To the Parish Community of St. Francis,

Yesterday, April 20, 2022, Superintendent for Catholic Schools, Joan Bouchard met with the faculty and staff of our Parish school to notify them of a governance model change. What this means for our parish and school per the advice of the Parish finance council, is that I as the Pastor have asked the Office of Catholic Education to help me in my responsibilities to oversee the school.

After over a year of consideration, prayer and much advisement from my parish councils, I feel that this is the best decision for the Parish and the school so that we can continue to offer a quality Catholic education to our community and take care of the spiritual needs of the people for generations to come. Having the Office of Catholic Education (OCE) help me oversee the school is a decision I made so that I can be a better Pastor to this deserving parish. With the aid of the OCE, I now will have more time to focus on the spiritual needs of the people within this community.

It is my hope that the Parish community will be understanding and compassionate in my decision, but I know some will be reluctant to this change in the school governance model. I **want to reassure the community that the day to day aspect of our Parish school will not change.** I as your Pastor commit to you that I will still serve the Pastoral needs of the students, faculty and staff and continue spiritual engagement at our Parish school. This change will also allow me to attend more school events than I already do, and I will still attend advisory board meetings. If this new governance model does not contribute to my vision for our Parish, then I will make adjustments as necessary.

Lastly, I thank the people of this resilient Parish and school for their continued support and appreciation as we all work together to do God's work.

Sincerely,

Rev. Theophane N. Antony OCD.
Administrator Pro-Tem

St. Francis Parish News & Announcements

On April 16th, at the Easter Vigil, we had the great honor of bringing those elected by Bishop Brennan into the Church by having them receive all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Through prayer, preparation, and commitment to their faith, they have now begun a new chapter in their journey of faith. This first year of faith is referred to as the Neophyte year. Please keep all our 22 Neophytes listed below in prayer as they continue to grow closer to God and discern his voice in their new spiritual lives.



Giang Vo, Thu-Ha Nguyen, Gabriel Briceno, Talia Culbertson, Zechariah Garcia, Justin McKinney, Danica Cruz, Agustin Figueroa, Jostin Granados, Marvin Grijalva, Ahdonis Plascencia, Iverson Raya, Richard Tomas Rodriguez, Tomas Rodriguez, Eric Monzon, Nathalie Munoz, Jorge Munoz, Shawn Nuno, Jet Nuno, Alex Lopez, Hailey Villa, David Rivas

These Neophytes were also joined by 33 other candidates who completed their sacramental journey into the faith by receiving their First Communion and Confirmation, and another 6 adults that were confirmed into the Church. These candidates journeyed together through our RCIA program and are now able to benefit from the full sacramental graces provided by our Roman-Catholic faith. In total, 61 people experienced the transformative effects of grace and are now walking in the world with the indelible spiritual mark that they belong to Christ! Let us pray together, in praise and thanksgiving, for all these candidates, for those he continues to call forth from our community, and for our whole parish as we continue our pilgrimage to our Father in Heaven.

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Tuesday, April 26th., 2022

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At St Francis Church
In the Youth Center
Fellowship at 6:00 PM
Study at 7:00 PM

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St. Francis Parish Ministries

GOOD NEWS



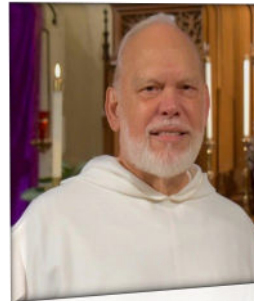
Special Update! Carla Medina, Parish Secretary is the newly appointed Parish Office Manager. Carla will be focusing on public relations and operations.



Introducing Sylvia Treanor, the new Parish Office Supervisor. She comes to us with human resource experience. She will be focusing on volunteer services and human resource issues.

Prayers for these ladies as they take on their new roles.

Special Thank you to all who helped with a successful and beautiful Holy Week! Thank you Margo Hellman, Barbara Wallace, the Altar Guild, Musicians, Ushers & Staff.



Fr. Jude Eli

Will be celebrating Mass
April 30th at 5:00 PM
May 1st at 6:45 AM
& 8:30 AM

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St. Francis Parish Ministries

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.

Gerardo Getigan, Walt Widhalm, Michael France, Erica Palacios Castaneda, Eugenio Tortal, Isabelle Church & Family, Emiliano Aguinaldo, Lucia Rodriguez

Marriage Banns

April

Nestor Hernandez and Celina Hernandez
Martin Mendoza and Mariya Rodriguez
Philip Anspach and Alli Cauza
Michael Vandborg and Lauren Ming

May

Jack Antongiovanni and Shelbey Knudson
Alfredo Guzman and Gloria Bravo
Shaun Lampel and Stephanie Lugo
Caleb Richmond and Avery Andrew

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 24, 2022

6:45 AM: Int. of Ernie Phoenix

8:30 AM: + Irma Noriega

12:30 PM: + Ireno y Esposa

5:00 PM: + Miguel Angel Banda Rodriguez

Monday April 25, 2022

6:30 AM: All Souls

12:10 PM: Int. of Frances Fernandez

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

6:30 AM: Int. of Kate Phoenix

12:10 PM: Special Intentions

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

6:30 AM: Int. Richard Stricklen

12:10 PM: Special Intentions

Thursday, April 28, 2022

6:30 AM: + Jack & Audrey Wilson

12:10 PM: + Sebastian

5:00 PM: + Emilio Gamez

Friday, April 29, 2022

6:30 AM: + Andrea Stricklen

12:10 PM: + Armando Rangel Villanueva

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:00 AM: Suzanne Muller (Camaacho)

5:00 PM: + Mayie Maitia

7:00 + Anna Stricklen

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.

John 11:25

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

Paul Rodriguez, Mary Ornelas, Maria Tercero, Guadalupe Olguin, Lucia Rodriguez, Irma Buoni, Irona Price, Alexandro Rosales, Jesus Hernandez, Jose Respicio, Harold Nolan, Donnell Tabar, Hilaris Arenas, Filipe Trechado, Irene Vela, Doniciana Estrada, Bruno Dinelli, MaryAnne Vasquez, Simon Sanchez Jr., Mary Scheiber, Julio Vidales, Blanca Lydia Villatoro, Ermelinda Trevino, Edgar Succi, Wilma Villicano, Gloria Tapia, Ruben Castillo, Baby Anthony de Moncuit, Angela Garriott, Johann Wernhart, Concepcion Nieto

Our funeral team wishes to accompany those who are grieving to show the light of Jesus Christ risen to those whose hearts are broken. Our Parish embraces all who are mourning and gives 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.

Wishing all families, a very happy and Blessed Easter season.

Last Month's Weekly Collections

February 27, 2022-
March 5, 2022

Total: \$11,165.00

March 6, 2022-
March 12, 2022

Total: \$16,434.00

March 13, 2022-
March 19, 2022

Total: \$12,448.00

March 20, 2022-
March 26, 2022


Total: \$13,064.00

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"Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

~ Luke 8:15 ~



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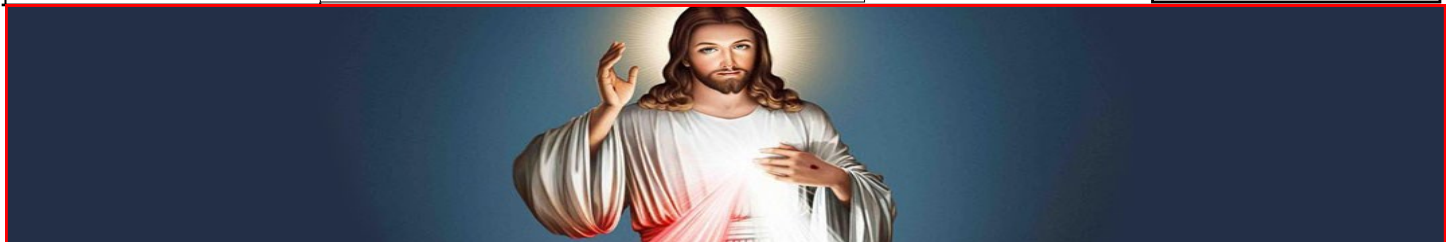
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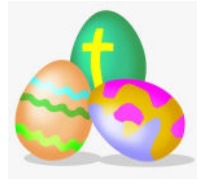
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Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

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