

# The Franciscan

## St. Francis of Assisi Church

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### Sunday, July 2, 2023 ~ Thirteenth 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

*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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Rev. Theophane N. Antony, Administrator Pro-Tem

Rev. Stanley Stephen Amburose, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Jorge Ramirez, Parochial Vicar & Hospital Ministry

Rev. Jude Okonkwo, Hospital Ministry

Rev. Msgr. Nathaniel Ndiokwere, Ret.- In Residence

Deacon Joseph Lubatti

Deacon Henry Tran

Deacon Darren Caskey

Deacon Scotty Bourne, Ret. Detention Ministry

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# St. Francis Parish News & Announcements

## Weekly Planner

July 3

4PM Monday  
Night Dinner  
Parish Hall

5PM Benediction  
Mary's Chapel

7PM Cursillo Mtg  
Mary's Chapel

July 4

Happy 4th of July!

Office Closed

Adoration Closed

7PM Counseling  
Group  
8th St House

July 5

5PM Benediction  
& Spanish Mass  
Mary's Chapel

5PM Legion of  
Mary  
Conf. Rm B

6PM Next Gen  
Bible Study  
Parish Hall

6:30PM Chorale  
Practice  
Church

8PM Spanish  
Choir Practice

July 6

8:30AM Daugh-  
ter's of the King  
Mtg  
Parish Hall

5PM Benediction  
& Spanish Mass  
Mary's Chapel

6PM Knights of  
Columbus Mtg  
Parish Hall

6PM Couples for  
Christ Practice  
Conf Rm B

July 7

12:30PM Anoint-  
ing of the Sick  
Church

5PM Benediction  
Mary's Chapel

6:30PM Deten-  
tion Ministry Mtg  
Parish Hall

July 8

8:30AM Confessions  
Church & Chapel

3:30PM ALJN  
Music Rehearsal  
Church

July 9

9:30AM Choir  
Rehearsal  
Bettenbaugh Rm

2:30PM Cursillo  
Mtg  
Bettenbaugh Rm



## Religious Education

**Registration** for all classes will begin Tuesday, July 11th.

On July 11th registration will take place in the Parish Hall from 9AM - 7PM.

Be sure to have all necessary documents & certificates.

**\*Birth Certificate \*Baptism Certificate \*First Communion Certificate**

Even if the sacraments were completed here at St. Francis you need to request the certificates ahead of time. There is a \$10 fee for all newly obtained certificates.

**\*2nd year students in all Religious Education classes at St. Francis Church are guaranteed a spot as long as they register by August 31st.**

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## Saint Francis Preschool and TK Now Enrolling

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[kbaker@stfrancisparishschool.com](mailto:kbaker@stfrancisparishschool.com)

## Eucharistic Adoration

We are looking for Adoration monitors of the Blessed Sacrament for Wednesdays from 2PM-3PM & Fridays from 2PM-3PM. Call Deacon Darren if interested 661-477-0822, or stop by the main office.



The Parish Offices will be closed  
Tuesday, July 4th!

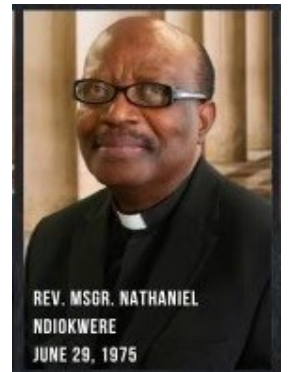
Wishing all a happy & safe  
holiday!

Happy Anniversary Monsignor  
Nathaniel!!

48 Years in the Priesthood!

Thank you for your service to  
the ministry.

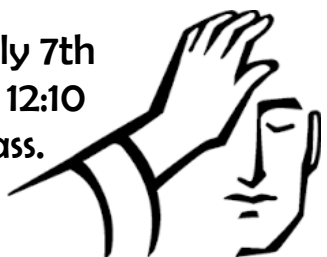
*God Bless you.....*



REV. MSGR. NATHANIEL  
NDIOKWERE  
JUNE 29, 1975

## Anointing of the Sick

Friday, July 7th  
after the 12:10  
PM Mass.



## Monday Night Dinners

Monday Night Dinners is in need of volunteers. If it is your calling to join us to serve the Lord by donating your time to our community, by serving drinks, preparing dinnerware, making hygiene kits, working in the kitchen, passing out groceries and clothing...

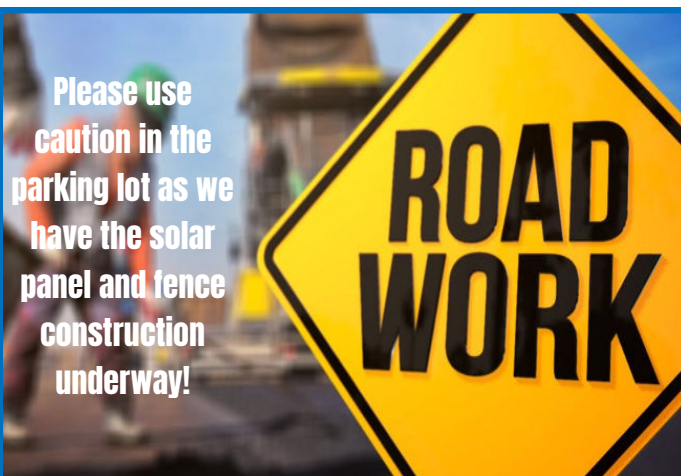
Your time will be rewarded with God's graces. Please call Pat Fraser 661-330-6624. God bless.

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# VOLUNTEERS

The Parish office is looking for volunteers with a heart for service, the ability to handle office responsibilities and are bilingual for various slots of time throughout the week.

Please call the office if interested.



Please use caution in the parking lot as we have the solar panel and fence construction underway!


**ROAD WORK**

## Pickleball With Padre

Wednesday, July 19th  
6 PM to 8 PM  
St Francis Youth Center

Learn to play Pickleball with Fr Theo!

For All High School Teens



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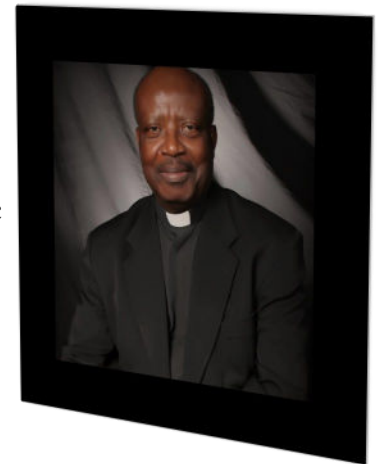
*GETTING TO KNOW YOU* by *Joi Bourne*  
**MSGR. NATHANIEL IKECHUKWU NDIOKWERE**

It seems appropriate to write about Msgr. Nathaniel first since he is our most senior priest. Nathaniel was the 4<sup>th</sup> of 10 sons born into the Ndiokwere family. His father, Gabriel was chairman of the parish council and according to Msgr. was a very spiritual and humble man, who “played a great role in our family as regards Spiritual and Moral formation of all his sons. I cannot remember any night we did not recite the Rosary before going to bed.” Gabriel is the one who first encouraged Nathaniel to become a priest, who was ordained in 1977 in Rome.

Msgr. is enormously accomplished, having studied extensively in Nigeria, England and Italy, where he finished his seminary years in Rome. In actual fact, Msgr. was offered a scholarship to study comparative education in London. This course led him to travel to Israel, Russia, and Greece. The normal progression after his course of studies would have been to become a Bishop, but he preferred to continue his studies toward a Master’s Degree in Divinity and a Ph.D. in Biblical Theology. From there, he became a professor of Biblical Theology for 8 years in the Catholic University of Nigeria.

Msgr. is widely traveled: USA, England, Ireland, Greece, Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Russia, Israel and India and he speaks 5 languages fluently. Also, he is a prolific writer having authored 17 books. The themes of the books vary: Theology, Politics, Nigerian history, Education and the Church, Languages (English and Latin). Some are philosophical in nature, and he even wrote a novel for high school students. Msgr. is now nearing completion of 2 new books: *My Simple Prayer Book* (Catholic prayers) and *My Simplified Catechism of the Catholic Church* (the Catechism synthesized, simplified, and summarized).

Msgr. Nathaniel has led an amazing life. He has much wisdom and experience to share. Fortunate for us, he seems to have a passion for helping the Catholic in the pew pray better and get to know our religion, and ultimately God, more intimately.



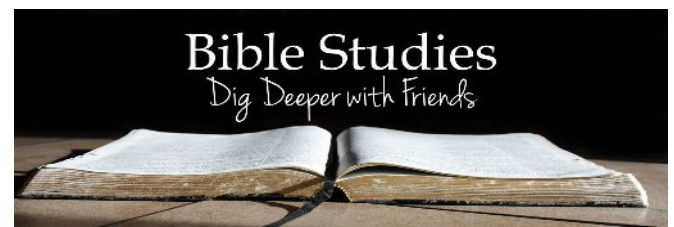
The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 5PM in conference Room B.



THE LEGION OF MARY IS A LAY APOSTOLIC ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLICS WHO SERVE THE CHURCH AND THEIR NEIGHBOR ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS

## Next Gen Bible Study

Meets Wednesdays at 6PM in the Parish Hall.



# St. Francis Parish Ministries

## Funeral Ministry

Ordinary Time is the season of the Church year when Catholics are encouraged to grow and mature in daily expression of their faith outside the great seasons of celebration of Christmas and Easter. It is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into the history of all things in Christ. "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 May 2023 with services through St. Francis:

*Irene Spenser, Maribel Cruz Medina, Maclovia Solis de Cardenas, Imelda Armijos Alba, Delia McNatt, Edgar Vasquez, Joanne Lacertoso, Arturo C. Aguil, McCain Gonzalez, Manuel Salcido, Anita Guzman, Janice Austin, Rey Lozano, Frank Deleon, Marie Sakowski, Rigoberto Hernandez, Isidoro Hernandez, Francisco Mendoza, Jeff Mulhoffer, Rosa Medina, Joan Bison, Daisy Padilla, Erlinda Ledford*

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 gives direction for all 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 needs information or help planning a funeral service, please contact Roylene through the parish office on ext. 123.

## Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 2, 2023

6:45 am: +Montel Noyola

8:30 am: +Ruperto Salinas

10:30 am: +Joe Sanchez

12:30 pm: +Julia Solis

5:00 pm: +Claudia Lee Heinle

Monday, July 3, 2023

6:30 am: +Pio & Fabio Banducci

12:10 pm: +Elias Molina

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

6:30 am: Int. All Souls

12:10 pm: +Ruth Lehman

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

6:30 am: +Stephen Goodall

12:10 pm: Follow Me Ministries

5:00 pm: +Sandy Andez DeCastro

Thursday, July 6, 2023

6:30 am: +Stephen Goodall

12:10 pm: Deo Gratias

5:00 pm: +Luis Alfonso Delgado

Friday, July 7, 2023

6:30 am: +Stephen Goodall

12:10 pm: Int. Leony Millet

Saturday, July 8, 2023

8:00 am: +Stephen Goodall

5:00 pm: +In Remembrance of Ebodia Birrueta

7:00 pm: Follow Me Ministries

## Marriage Banns

June 2023

Francisco Cadena & Vanessa Rosales

Orlando Cespedas & Evelin Figueroa

Rutherford Reyes Zuniga & Andrea Rocha

## Sanctuary Lamps

Gerardo C. Getigan, Natividad A. Getigan, Isabelle Church & Family, Michael France, Walt Widhalm, Prayers for the living loved ones, relatives, friends & pets of Elsa & Zsa & Prayers for the departed loved ones, relatives & friends of Elsa & Zsa.

# Last Month's Weekly Collections

May 21, 2023-  
May 27, 2023

Total: \$10,845.00

May 28, 2023-  
June 3, 2023

Total: \$10,121.00

June 4, 2023-  
June 10, 2023

Total: \$11,258.00

June 11, 2023-  
June 17, 2023

Total: \$11,027.00

Donations can be mailed into the church office. 900 H Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304, or you can use the QR Code for easy giving.

2nd Collections for June 2023

6/4 Building Fund, 6/11 PG&E, 6/18 Priests' Retirement,  
6/25 Bishop's Annual Appeal



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