

The Franciscan

St. Francis of Assisi Church

900 H. Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304

Office hours: M-Th 9AM–5PM & Friday 9AM–12PM

Phone: 661-327-4734 / www.stfran.org

Security for the Church: 661-201-2489



Sunday, November 12, 2023 ~ Thirty-Second 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)

Thursday Only

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.

St. Francis Parish Clergy

Rev. Dr. Theophane N. Antony, Pastor

Rev. Stanley Stephen Amburose, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Anton J. Muthuneidalage, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Jude Okonkwo, Hospital Ministry

Rev. Pedro Cabral de Medeiros, Hospital Ministry

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

Deacon Joseph Lubatti

Deacon Henry Tran

Deacon Darren Caskey

Deacon Scotty Bourne, Ret. Detention Ministry

St. Francis Parish School

Joan Bouchard - Fresno Diocese, Administrator

Kelli Gruszka, Principal

Cindy School, Vice Principal

2516 Palm Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304

Phone: 661-326-7955/Fax: 661-752-5902

Administration

Sylvia Treanor, Parish Office Supervisor
strearor@stfran.org

Sr. Jeena Soosai, Parish Secretary
jsoosai@stfran.org

Accounting

Stella Garcia-Hernandez, Supervisor
sgarcia@stfran.org

Parish Office

Sandra Galicia, Scheduler/Bulletin Editor
sgalicia@stfran.org

Sonia Chagollan, Office Clerk
schagollan@stfran.org

Religious Education

Sr. Amal Grace, Director
agrace@stfran.org

Frances Casas, Clerk
fcasas@stfran.org

Funerals

Roylene See, Coordinator
rsee@stfran.org

Weddings

Rebecca Hyatt, Coordinator
rhyatt@stfran.org

Music

Dr. Ángel Vazquez-Ramos, Director
avazquezramos@stfran.org

St. Francis Priest Page

You Make a Difference

Our 20th Annual Saint Francis Parish BBQ was a big success that the tickets were all sold out. I would like to thank all of you who attended. It was great to see everyone having a good time and the place was just perfect under the shade of new solar panel structure!

Thanks a million to the Etcheverry and Lucas families who prepared the steak. Cheers to Laura Etcheverry who did lots of labor and organizing behind the scene! I am so grateful to Sylvia Treaner, our parish supervisor, Stella our Bookkeeper, our hardworking maintenance crew and all my beloved staff who worked so hard for many weeks. Our gratitude goes out to the Vietnamese ministry, the Boy Scout troops, Youth Ministry, Knights of Columbus and all other ministries who participated. The photoshoot known as 'moments as pictured from Alexis Gonzalez and Saida Sandoval was so much fun! The music from DJ Anthony Pinal. Thank you!

What a beautiful community we are! Go Saint Francis!!! Let us continue to proclaim the good news by celebrating our faith and tradition here at Saint Francis (in so many different ways).

Once again, from the bottom of my heart, Thank you for your hard work and dedication. As the saying goes, teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.

All Saint's Day

On a different note, we also had a lovely all saints day school Mass at the Church. Kudos to our children who drew the pictures of Saints that hung on the banners in the church. It was exciting to see so many little saints dressed up in their saintly costumes and each of them spoke about the life of their chosen saint, thus everyone got an opportunity to learn. Good Job!!!

All Soul's Day

As every year the annual All Soul's Day Mass drew a packed church! It was quite emotional for many but a beautiful commemoration and celebration of their passed loved ones lives! Thanks to Roylene & Darlene See and the funeral ministry volunteers!

God Bless,
Fr Theo

I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU, LORD, WITH ALL MY HEART;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1



St. Francis Parish Calendar & Upcoming Events

Monday November 13	Tuesday November 14	Wednesday November 15	Thursday November 16	Friday November 17	Saturday November 18	Sunday November 19
<p>3PM SFS Basketball Practice YC Gym</p> <p>3:45PM Monday Night Dinner Parish Hall</p> <p>5PM Benediction Mary's Chapel</p> <p>6PM Adult Formation Conf Rms B&C</p> <p>6:30PM 1st Holy Communion Class Parish Hall</p> <p>6:30PM Catholic Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>8:30AM R&R Bible Study Parish Hall</p> <p>1PM Altar Guild Mtg Parish Hall</p> <p>3PM SFS Basketball Practice YC Gym</p> <p>5PM Benediction Mary's Chapel</p> <p>6PM Prayer Grp Mary's Chapel</p> <p>6:30PM 1st Holy Communion Class Parish Hall</p> <p>7PM Counseling Grp Conf Rm C</p>	<p>1PM Golden Agers Parish Hall</p> <p>1PM Staff Meeting Conf RM B</p> <p>1:30PM SFS Basketball Practice YC Gym</p> <p>4PM Children's Choir Betebaugh Rm</p> <p>5PM Benediction Mary's Chapel</p> <p>5PM Legion of Mary Conf RM A</p> <p>5:15PM Teen Choir Betebaugh Rm</p> <p>6PM Next Gen Bible Study Mtg YC RMS 1&2</p> <p>6:30PM Pre-Advent Retreat/Fr. Sy Church</p> <p>6:30PM 1st Holy Communion Class Parish Hall</p> <p>6:30PM S.F. Chorale Rehearsal Betebaugh Rm</p> <p>8PM Spanish Choir Practice Betebaugh Rm</p>	<p>8:30AM Daughter's of the King Bible Study Parish Hall</p> <p>1PM Altar Guild Cleaning the sacristy Church</p> <p>3PM SFS Basketball Practice Gym</p> <p>6PM H.S. Youth Grp Conf Rm C</p> <p>6PM Co-Ed Bible Study Mtg Conf Rm B</p> <p>6PM Knights of Columbus Mtg Betebaugh Rm</p> <p>6:30PM Pre-Advent Retreat/Fr. Sy Church</p> <p>7PM Adult Confirmation Class Parish Hall</p> <p>7PM Spanish Ministry Mtg YC Rms 1&2</p>	<p>5PM Benediction Mary's Chapel</p> <p>6:30PM Pre-Advent Retreat/Fr. Sy Church</p>	<p>8:30AM Confessions Church & Chapel</p> <p>9AM DEO Gratias Mtg Conf. Rm B</p> <p>9:15AM Altar Server Training Church</p> <p>6:45PM Vietnamese Anniversary Celebration Parish Hall</p>	<p>9:30AM Choir Rehearsal Betebaugh Rm</p>

To every thing there is a Season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharist Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open every day during the week, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All hours are currently covered by Adoration Monitors.

Everyone may access Mary's Chapel by calling 661-201-2489, or the main office when the chapel doors are locked and spend some quiet time with Our Lord Jesus in daily adoration.

Altar Server Training

Altar servers should be 9 years to 18 years old, and have received their First Holy Communion.

Altar Server training for new and existing servers is held in the church on the third Saturday of each month at 9AM. November 18th is the next scheduled training.

International Exhibition
THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD
Designed and created by the Servant of God Carlo Acutis

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
900 H Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304
Come and see the Eucharistic Miracles!
Saturday and Sunday, November 11-12, 2023
9:00 am to 7:00 pm

St. Francis Announcements

Friday, November 17th
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Ministry Leaders Meeting

Please ensure that your ministry is represented. Your participation is important!

The Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will be having a regular business meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Altar Guild ministry is dedicated to the cleaning and maintenance of our Altars, Sacristy, Vestments, and Altar linens. We also serve and give support to families at funeral receptions. It is our purpose to unite all 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. We welcome all parishioners to join us in supporting our ministry of prayer and fellowship. For more information about the Altar Guild and becoming a member please contact our President Annette Dinelli through the Parish Office.

Corrected Notice: Altar Guild meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You are invited to join us.

Group Night
Saturday
December 9/7:00 PM
VS. Ontario

SCAN TO BUY
Discounted Group Tickets

Scottish Night

Celebrating
St. Andrew's Feast Day

Thursday, November 30th
6pm - 9pm
St. Francis of Assisi Hall
900 H Street

Here's a great chance to get your kilt out of mothballs and dress up for this one of a kind celebration. Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun and a good steak dinner.
Music, Raffles, door prizes and Silent auction

Dress Code
A wee bit of Tartan should be visible

All proceeds go to the support of Follow Me Ministries and its Catholic Prison Outreach

St. Andrews Golf Trophy
which was purchased in St. Andrews, Scotland, has the St. Andrews Old Course Crest engraved on it, will be presented to the lucky winner of our 2023 golf tournament.
For GOLF TOURNAMENT info:
Call (661) 333-8761

DONATION \$30.00 STEAK DINNER
seating limited

Monday Night Dinner Ministry will prepare an annual Thanksgiving Feast on Monday, November 20th. We will be needing volunteers and food donations to make this a successful event!

Items needed:

- 14 uncooked turkeys
- 8 hams
- 4 packages Idahoan boxed mashed potatoes (3 boxes in 1 Smart & Final)
- 10 cans Campbells canned turkey gravy (50 oz./3 lbs. 2oz. Smart & Final)
- 8 1-lb cubed butter
- 1 box individual butter slices
- 10 canned yams (6.7 lbs. Smart & Final)
- 4 gallons milk
- 2 cans ground coffee (27 oz. or larger)
- 8 cans of green beans (101 oz.)
- 8 packages of mini marshmallows
- 10 cans cream of mushroom (22.6 oz.)
- 20 cans of cranberry sauce

You may bring these items to the church office or call Pat Fraser 661-330-6624.

St. Francis Parish News & Announcements



GETTING TO KNOW YOU FR. SY NGUYEN **By Joi Bourne**

We are in for a real treat!!! Fr. Sy Nguyen is coming from Holy Family Church in the Orange Diocese (where he is pastor) to St. Francis of Assisi to give us a pre-Advent parish mission at Fr. Theo's request. Fr. Sy is a gifted speaker and will be giving talks on November 15, 16, and 17. Please give yourself the gift of experiencing his first talk and you can decide from there if you want to come to the rest. He is a very special friend of Deacon Scotty and me and I promise you, you will be blessed.

Sy was born in Saigon on October 22, 1964, which has recently been named the feast of St. John Paul the Great. When Sy was just 4 years old, his mother, Anh Thi Nguyen, was killed. She worked in the radio station and that was one of the first places to be bombed at the beginning of the war in Vietnam. His father, Sau Van Nguyen, was faithful in keeping his children in the Catholic church even though he eventually married a Buddhist lady, Hai Thi Le. When Sy was 9 his father, who was in the military, also was killed. This didn't seem to dissuade his stepmother from continuing to be faithful to his dad's wishes and even when she subsequently remarried a Buddhist man, the children continued being catechized in the Catholic church. In 1979, the blended family with 13 children, left for Indonesia by boat, as the first leg of their trip to America. They were part of the first boat people and were sponsored by St. Hedwig's parish in Los Alamitos. Fr. Sy had an interesting and precarious journey in the sea. He talks about the power of the rosary and how when the overcrowded boat would experience rough seas, the people would naturally become frightened. The Buddhists noticed that when the Catholics would take out their rosaries and pray, the sea would calm down. From then on, every time the sea got rough, the Buddhists would plead for the Catholics to get their rosaries out and pray.

Sy graduated from Los Alamitos high school and then attended 2 years of engineering at Long Beach State. He had been thinking and praying about the priesthood since his sophomore year in high school. In 1984, he joined St. John Seminary College and then the Major Seminary in 1987. He was ordained in 1991. His stepparents have always supported his vocation, in fact they gave him a very special chalice at his ordination, which he still uses at every Mass. At the bottom of the chalice is an inscription: "for our son, Fr. Sy Nguyen".

Fr. Sy was stationed at our parish, St. Vincent de Paul Church in Huntington Beach from 1995 to 1999 and became my spiritual director for much of that time. In 2001, Fr. was sent to the Gregoriana in Rome to study Canon Law and Tribunal Work. His studies lasted from 2001 to 2009. Returning, he became pastor of St. Martin de Porres in Yorba Linda and now he is pastor of Holy Family Church, in Lomita.

When asked what makes him happiest, he answered his daily Holy Hour. When we were at St. Vincent's, he was a great inspiration kneeling in front of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 to 4 p.m. everyday! Everyone knew that he was unavailable during the time he spent with his Big Brother. He said that one of his greatest joys is bringing this opportunity to parishioners wherever he is stationed.

Now you know his fascinating history but why should you take time to experience his talks? His relaxed and often humorous style is both enlightening and encouraging, bringing the holy within reach and seem doable. He is a popular and gifted inspirational speaker, and his pre-Advent topics will help us to prepare our hearts for the coming of this holy season. I was always taught that Advent's activity is to sweep our hearts clean to make a comfortable stable for the Baby to be born. I know that after the 17th, you will say, "Job begun!" His talks:

November 15 – Angels and Demons

November 16 – 3 Secrets to Holiness

November 17 – Mass for the Spiritual Healing of the Family Tree during which his homily is entitled: Obstacles to Spiritual Life. (This Mass provides a powerful healing for the whole family – past, present and future)

After each talk of approximately 45 minutes, Fr. will open the floor to questions and answers.

St. Francis Parish Announcements

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 12, 2023

6:45 am: Int. Margaret Mercier

8:30 am: + Claudia Heinle

10:30 am: Int. Secular Franciscan Order

12:30 pm: Int. Altar Guild Members

5:00 pm: Int. Frank La Gray

Monday, November 13, 2023

6:30 am: + Souls in Purgatory

12:10pm: + Josephine Lencioni

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

6:30 am: + Souls in Purgatory

12:10 pm: + Oscar Manzo

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:30 am: + All Souls

12:10 pm: Int. Follow Me Ministries

Thursday, November 16, 2023

6:30 am: Int. Follow Me Ministries

12:10 pm: Int. Margaret Mercier

5:00 pm: + Juan Campos Bautista

Friday, November 17, 2023

6:30 am: + Janet See

12:10 pm: + George & Victoria Serban

Saturday, November 18, 2023

8:00 am: + Deceased Alvidrez Family

5:00 pm: + Juan Campos Bautista

7:00 pm: Int. Follow Me Ministries

Mass Intentions are \$10, in the office



Sanctuary Lamps

The Hernandez Family, The Reyes Family, The Torres Family, The Soto Family, The Domingos Family, The Lopez Family, The Canez Family, The Castillo Family, 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.

Funeral Ministry

In memory of parishioners who have been given the gift of eternal life in the month of September 2023 with services through St. Francis:

Ozias Serna Salinas, John 'Scott' Johnson, Maria Guevara Nieto, Lorenza Chase, Atilano Guillen, Concepcion Morales, Patricia 'Patsy' Hernandez, Guadalupe Morales, Melanie Crossland, Gilberto Moreno Castro, Beatriz Aguilar Vara, Ralph Jimenez, Alphonso Adolph Chavez, Cristina Armendariz, Alfonso Bolima Phua, Raymundo Gutierrz Angel Acosta, Beatrice Urias, Alfred Shanley

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



Last Month's Weekly Collections

October 8, 2023-
October 14, 2023

Total: \$12,214.00

October 15, 2023-
October 21, 2023

Total: \$10,660.37

October 22, 2023
October 28, 2023

Total: \$12,167.00

October 29, 2023-
November 4, 2023

Total: \$11,558.00

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 November 2023

11/1 All Saints, 11/2 All Souls, 11/5 Building Fund, 11/12 Parish Good works, 11/19 Domestic Needs



**You don't need
an undertaker.
You need a friend.**



Two Bakersfield locations. One call for everything.
(661) 834-8820 • www.GreenlawnM-C.com
Greenlawn Southwest FD# 1347, Greenlawn River Blvd FD# 779

get **YOUR ad HERE**
ADVERTISE
with US

Marisol Alvarez
ISE Representative
6619038454

marisolalvarez2529@gmail.com

Become a host parent today
Call or Text

www.pacifichorizons.iseusa.org



LIC. 761423

Replacement Windows
Shower Doors
Mirrors

Glass of all kinds

661-633-1926

WWW.CENTURY-GLASS.COM

Now enrolling students from
Preschool-8th Grade



Contact the school office at (661)326-7955 for more information!

get **YOUR ad HERE**
ADVERTISE
with US

San Joaquin Fence
& Supply

MIKE CLARKSEAN

661-322-9700

Fax: 661-322-9600

1933 E. California Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93308



BAKERSFIELD • CALIFORNIA

2733 "F" Street

661-395-0555

Soups • Sandwiches &
Homemade Ice Cream

"Help Us Help Others"

St Vincent de Paul Homeless Center

300 Baker Street (661)323-7340



get **YOUR ad HERE**
ADVERTISE
with US

ENROLL IN

MEDI-CAL

WE WILL
HELP YOU APPLY!



CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
OF BAKERSFIELD

(661) 616-4036

INSCRÍBASE EN

MEDI-CAL

¡LE AYUDAREMOS A
APLICAR!



CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
OF BAKERSFIELD

(661) 616-4036

Since 1929, the Fanucchi Family has welcomed you with caring compassionate hometown service.

Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara Funeral Home

1100 Truxtun Ave. Bakersfield, CA

Available 24/7 at (661) 324-9821

www.doughtycalhounomeara.com

**I'M HERE TO HELP YOU
BUY+SELL+INVEST
LETS CHAT! →**

WHY USE A REALTOR?

- A Realtor Adheres To A Strict Code of Ethics
- A Realtor is Never an Amateur at the Negotiating Table
- A Realtor is Your Local Neighborhood Expert



ask me anything!

Phyllis Lopez
661-333-8506
CalDRE#01195361

Let's get social and follow me on: Bakersfield Homes For Sale - Phyllis Lopez Realtor

PHYLLIS LOPEZ
CalDRE#01195361



REALTOR®



(661) 333-8506
phyllislopez@bak.rr.com
phyllislopezhomes.co

10800 Stockdale Hwy Suite 101
Bakersfield, CA 93311

SERVING ALL KERN COUNTY AND OUTLING AREAS



FLOURISHING ART
DESIGN STUDIO

CREATED BY NATURE.
CRAFTED WITH LOVE.



407 E 19th Street, Bakersfield CA 93301 | info@flourishingart.net | 661.861.8600



**Law Offices of
Emmanuel F. Fobi**

**Auto Accidents / Personal Injury
Wills & Trusts • Bankruptcy**

Parishioner

We do Home and Office Visits

661.525.9229 | efobi@aol.com | 131 Chester Ave. Bakersfield, CA

*Because every child
deserves Victory...*

Become a Foster Parent
or adopt today.

Foster Youth Placement
Adoption Services
Foster Parent Training

VictoryFS.org
(661) 912-0111



**If interested in an ad,
please contact Stella.
661.327.4734 ext. 113**

BOB'S JUNGLE

Interior Plantscapes
for Business or Home
Design, Sales & Leasing
Guaranteed Maintenance

- PLANT RENTALS -

Parties, Special Events
& Weddings

661-834-1246

OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE



Jim's
SUPPLY CO.

VINEYARD & ORCHARD SUPPLIES
TRELLISING, FIELD SUPPLIES, FENCING, & MORE!
661-616-6977

Payasos Mobile Detailing

Call 661-487-5934

www.payasosmd.simplybook.me

Instagram:

payasos_mobile_detailing



AROUND THE CLOCK

Providing over 30 years
of service. Locally
owned & operated.
Services to maintain
Independence at home.

**Home Health Care
Companion Care
Caregiver Training
Payee Services
Senior Placement Services**

661-395-5800

ALLIANCE AG
BROKERAGE - APPRAISAL - CONSULTING

**Family owned
with local
knowledge &
global reach!**

Full-service agriculture
brokerage and consulting firm
servicing CA, AZ, and Mexico.



Providing efficient, reliable, and
professional agricultural services since 2002.

www.allianceagservices.com



MICHAEL MING

Owner - Broker - Appraiser
Cal DRE #00951819
Cal BRE #0236938
mming@allianceagservices.com
Direct: (661) 631-0391

