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Sunday, December 3, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Advent

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.

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St. Francis Parish Calendar & Upcoming Events

Monday December 4	Tuesday December 5	Wednesday December 6	Thursday December 7	Friday December 8	Saturday December 9	Sunday December 10
<p>10AM Advent Class- via zoom YC Rm 1</p> <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 Communion Class Parish Hall</p> <p>6:30PM Catholic Men's Bible Study YC Rm 1</p>	<p>8:30AM R&R Bible Study Parish Hall</p> <p>10AM Advent Class- via zoom YC Rm 2</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>6PM Divine Mercy Cenacle Grp YC Rm 1</p> <p>6:30PM 1st Holy Communion Class Parish Hall</p> <p>7PM Counseling Grp Conf Rm C</p>	<p>10AM Advent Class- via zoom YC Rm 1</p> <p>1PM Staff Mtg Conf Rm B</p> <p>1:30PM SFS Basketball Practice YC Gym</p> <p>4PM Children's Choir Bettenbaugh Rm</p> <p>5PM Legion of Mary Conf Rm A</p> <p>5PM Benediction Mary's Chapel</p> <p>5:15PM Teen Choir Bettenbaugh Rm</p> <p>6PM Next Gen YC Rms 1&2</p> <p>6:30PM Chorale Rehearsal Bettenbaugh Rm</p> <p>6:30PM 1st Communion Class Parish Hall</p> <p>6:30PM RCIA/RCIC Teens Class Conf Rm B</p> <p>8PM Spanish Choir Practice Bettenbaugh Rm</p>	<p>8:30AM Daughter's of the King Bible Study Parish Hall</p> <p>10AM Advent Class- via zoom YC Rm 2</p> <p>3PM SFS Basketball Practice YC Gym</p> <p>5PM Benediction & Spanish Mass Mary's Chapel</p> <p>6PM H.S. Youth Ministry Mtg Conf Rm C</p> <p>6PM Vietnamese Advent Retreat Parish Hall</p> <p>6PM Co-Ed Bible Study Conf Rm B</p> <p>7PM Adult Confirmation Class YC Rms 1&2</p>	<p>The Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>5PM Benediction Mary's Chapel</p> <p>6PM Vietnamese Advent Retreat Parish Hall</p> <p>6PM Holy Day of Obligation Mass Church</p> <p>7PM Pro-Life Rosary & Prayer Mary's Chapel</p>	<p>8:30AM Confessions Church & Chapel</p> <p>9AM Catholic Men's Fellowship YC Rms 1&2</p> <p>11AM Discolced Carmelite Mtg Conf Rm B</p> <p>12:30PM Rite of Acceptance Church</p>	<p>9AM Marriage Prep Class Conf Rm C</p> <p>9:30AM Choir Rehearsal Bettenbaugh Rm</p> <p>3:30PM Confirmation 1 Class Parish Hall</p> <p>6:15 PM Confirmation 2 Class Parish Hall</p>



PREPARE HIM ROOM

Advent Confession Schedule- December 18 - December 20 from 6PM - 7PM in the church

Advent Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 2023

6:45 AM (English)
8:30 AM (English)
10:30 AM (English)
12:30 AM (Spanish)

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 2023

5:00 PM Children's Mass (English)
7:00 PM Mass (Vietnamese)
11:30 PM Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 25, 2023

7:00 AM (English)
9:00 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Spanish)

St. Francis Parish News

Pancake Breakfast

December 3rd
 After 6:45 AM, 8:30 AM,
 and 10:30 AM Masses

In the Parish Hall

Join the Knights of Columbus
 Mgsr Ralph Belloumini
 Council 977 for a pancake
 breakfast as we come
 together to fellowship as a
 parish.

We'll be serving:

- Pancakes
- Eggs
- Sausage
- Coffee
- And Juice



\$10 per Plate

We'll Have Pictures With Santa!



Kids Coat Drive!
 Drop a coat off
 at the breakfast.

Regular Daily Masses
 6:30 AM & 12:10 PM

SOLEMNITY OF THE
**IMMACULATE
 CONCEPTION**

DECEMBER 8

Bilingual Mass at 6:00 PM

The Parish Office will be closed Friday.



Catholic Charities is collecting unwrapped toys for their Family Christmas Basket giveaway. Please drop off your gifts to the church office or Catholic Charities at 825 Chester Ave. Toys may be dropped off until Wednesday, December 13th.

On Saturday, December 10th at the 5:00PM Mass & at all of the Sunday, December 11th Masses you may bring up your gifts during the offertory procession to the altar.

Merry Christmas & God Bless!

Parroquia St. Francis les invita

CELEBRACION DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

NOVENA

3 de Diciembre a
 11 de Diciembre
 7:00 PM

12 de DICIEMBRE

5:00am
 Mañanitas con
 Mariachi

6:00pm
 Misa con Mariachi y
 Danza Azteca

Convivio despues de misa en
 el Salon Parroquial



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**SIMBANG GABI
 KICK-OFF MASS**

At St. Francis Church

Mass at 5:30AM
 Sunday, December 16 - Sunday,
 December 24 in the church.

Coffee & fellowship to follow in the Parish Hall.



St. Francis Announcements

Ring in the New Year!

St. Francis Church has reached its goal to have the church bells repaired. Thank you to all who contributed.

Bells should be ringing in early 2024.



Faith • Food • Fellowship

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Mass at 8:00 AM

Breakfast at 9:00 AM

In the Youth Center Classrooms

Come enjoy biscuits, gravy & fellowship!

New Missals are available for sale in the office. English \$15/ Spanish \$10. Please do not remove the missals from the church. Thank you!

Order of Discalced Carmelites Secular Invites you to their Come and See Presentation

Interested in Carmelite Spirituality?
Have you experienced an inner longing to know God in a more intimate way as a lay person?

Come find out if you have a possible calling to live the Carmelite Charism.

Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM

At St. Francis - Conference Room B

Advertisement for St. Francis Parish Group Night featuring a hockey game between the London Knights and Ontario. The ad includes the text "GROUP NIGHT SATURDAY DECEMBER 9 | 7:00 PM VS. ONTARIO" and "SCAN TO BUY DISCOUNTED GROUP TICKETS" with a QR code. The background is dark blue with a red border and a logo for the London Knights at the top.

MORE INFO:
CALL 661-324-PUCK (7825)

St. Francis Parish News & Announcements



Rosary Makers
Are Back! They meet every
2nd and 4th Thursday
of the month.
2:00 PM—4:00 PM in the
Youth Center.

**SECULAR
FRANCISCAN ORDER**

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

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM C.



St. Francis' Phone App

Download the St. Francis' app to stay connected with current events, view the bulletin, online gift giving & much more!



Bible Studies

Wednesdays at 6PM
in the Youth Center
meeting rooms.



**FR. JUDE ELI'S
ADVENT ZOOM CLASS SCHEDULE**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

MORNING CLASSES BEGIN AT 10AM OVER ZOOM IN THE YOUTH CENTER ROOM 2.
EVENING CLASSES BEGIN AT 6:30PM OVER ZOOM, NO CLASSROOM WILL BE PROVIDED.

CLASSES CAN BE VIEWED AT HOME OVER ZOOM!

MORNING SESSION
WEBINAR ID: 897 3831 1917
PASSCODE: 473076


EVENING SESSION
WEBINAR ID: 899 3905 2591
PASSCODE: 466692

**Monday
Evenings
At 6:30PM—
7:30PM in Youth
Center Room 1.**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**A PRAYER FOR THE
First Sunday of Advent**

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.



St. Francis Parish Announcements

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 3, 2023

6:45 am: +Elias Molina

8:30 am: +Eduardo Galindo

10:30 am: Int. Secular Franciscan Order

12:30 pm: +Jim Blom

5:00 pm: Int. Ashley Faye DeBondt

Monday, December 4, 2023

6:30 am: DeCastro Family

12:10 pm: Int. Miguela Arias

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

6:30 am: +Precy Respicia

12:10 pm: Follow Me Ministries

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:30 am: + Holy Souls

12:10 pm: + Nicholas Barber

5:00 pm: +Jim Arquerocan

Thursday, December 7, 2023

6:30 am : + Olly Blom

12:10 pm: + Dung Tran

Friday, December 8, 2023

6:30 am: + Claudia Heinle

12:10 pm: +Ruben Rodriguez

Saturday, December 9, 2023

8:00 am: +Alberto Acevedo

5:00 pm Int. DeBondt & Serban Families

7:00 pm Int. All Souls by Chien Phan

Mass Intentions are \$10, in the office

Marriage Banns

November 2023

Carlos Solorzano Quintanilla & Rhina Solorzano

Enrique Garcia & Magdalaina Hughes

Ernest Garcia Jr. & Felicia Jeffries

December 2023

Manuel Carrillo & Jessica Crites

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

Many thanks to our St. Francis clergy and all the wonderful volunteers that helped with our annual All Souls Scroll Mass, as always it was a beautiful celebration of all who have gone before us. Now we move into a season of Thanksgiving, the very word eucharist comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving and is a reminder that as followers of Christ we have so very much to be thankful for. We are thankful for his love and his mercy and for the lives of the ones we have lost.

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

Sylvia Gonzalez, Gilberto Garrido Diaz, Paul Anthony Calderon, Niceforo ' Nick' Gallardo, Jr., Virgilio 'Ilio' Annua, Baby Enzo Rodriguez, Janice Massey, Teresa 'Tessie' Alvarado Orozco, Nidia 'Marlene' Mendez, Derrick Joseph Mendez, Nathan Alan Aumen, Elena Islas, Samuel Gutierrez, Maria Elena Segura, Arturo Romero, Jerome ' Jerry' Mojica, LeAnna Gutierrez, Teresa Buton Estrella

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.

Monday Night Dinners

Thank you to all our parishioners who provided our ministry with all the needed food donations to cook our Thanksgiving dinner and all the volunteers who made time to serve these meals and drinks to our guests.

We served approximately 150 people. They also received a food box or bag of prepared food items depending on their living conditions, to take with them.

The evening was well received by all!

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 December 2023

12/3 Building Fund, 12/10 Retired Fund for Religious, 12/25 Christmas (Homeless Project)



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