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Sunday, February 25, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

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)

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

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Rev. Pedro Cabral de Medeiros, Hospital Ministry

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St. Francis Parish Priest page



Called to be on the Mountain Top

On April 3, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, a famous civil rights activist, addressed a crowd hours before he was killed. He spoke about his mountain top experience. He said, “I don’t know what will happen now, we have some difficult days ahead. I want to do God’s will, like anyone else I would love to live long. I love longevity. But that doesn’t matter anymore. I have looked over, and have seen the promised land.”

At that point in his life, the only concern of Dr. King was to do God’s will. He believed in the words of Jesus, “seek ye first the kingdom of God, and everything else shall be given unto you.” In the Gospel of today, we see Jesus who took Peter, James and John to the mountain top and transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” This experience reveals who Jesus is. The real nature of Jesus, that He is the Son of God, being revealed to a few special people.

Our life is a journey to the mountain top and back to the valley of our real life. Jesus leads us to the mountain top where we experience his power and majesty, we are being nourished and strengthened in Prayer, and then he leads us along to our commitments in life, which is our mission, the purpose of our life. Therefore, the mountain top is a place of prayer that enables us for our mission in the valley of life. Let us get renewed and refreshed in prayer, which is our mountain top experience. The Lord renews and restores our lives through the Holy Mass, the word of God, and the Sacraments! May the Holy Spirit revive us to fulfil our mission and lead us to the promised land.

God Bless,
Fr. Theo

St. Francis Parish News

Lenten Retreat

Retreat Master : Fr. John Griesbach

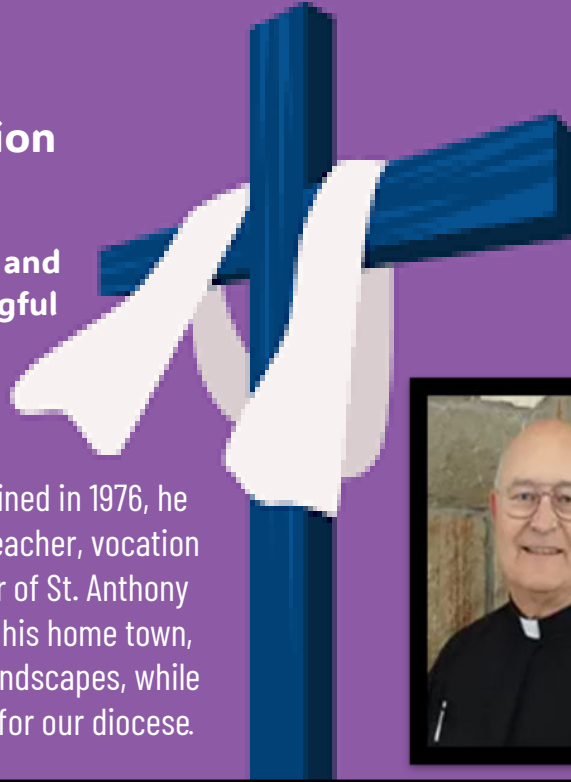
February 26, 27 & 28

7:00pm Mass & 7:30pm Discussion
of the Liturgy

Please avail yourself to attend this retreat and
I pray that you have a fruitful and meaningful
lent season.

Thank you, Fr. Theo

Fr. John is a priest of the Diocese of Fresno. Ordained in 1976, he has served as an associate pastor, a high school teacher, vocation director, seminary vice rector, pastor, and director of St. Anthony Retreat Center. He is currently retired and living in his home town, Tulare California. He enjoys fishing and painting landscapes, while helping develop a Prison Ministry Formation Team for our diocese.



Fr. Jude Eli

We are happy to announce, Fr. Jude will be celebrating several of our upcoming weekday and weekend Masses! Saturday, February 24 at 5:00 PM, Sunday, February 25 at 8:30 AM.

You are invited to join Fr. Jude for his **in person** Lent Teachings on, "The Passion Narratives by Pope Benedict.

Tuesday, February 27 at 10 AM
Wednesday, February 28 at 10 AM
Thursday, February 29 at 10 AM

Classes are in Conference Room B.



Stations of the Cross Friday, March 1

at 6PM in the church (English)
Presented by: Knights of Columbus

at 7PM Via Crucis
(Afuera - permitiendo el clima, si no se permite va ser en la iglesia)
Presentado: The Spanish Ministry



St. Francis Parish

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open Monday- Friday, 7am to 5pm. We are hoping to extend the hours until 6pm.

Currently looking for monitors for Friday from 3pm - 4pm, and Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5pm - 6pm. Please arrange with Deacon Darren 661-477-0822.

Catholic Men's Fellowship

Resuming under the new direction of Randy Arey. Join us Saturday, March 9 at 6:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

Ministry Meeting

Our next ministry meeting will be **Thursday, March 14th**, from **6:00PM – 7:00PM** in the **Youth Center**. Please ensure that your ministry is represented.

If the leader can't make it, then please appoint one of your members to be there for you. Your participation is important.

Contact Deacon Henry Tran through the parish office for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning a new study of Romans

Meetings are at 6pm on Mondays in the Youth Center Rm 1.

Altar Server Party!!

PICKLEBALL & PIZZA

March 16th 12 noon to 2pm



In the Youth Center

Pastoral Care Recruitment

Our parish is in the process of recruiting new members for our ministry outreach to the home bound, convalescent homes and hospitals.

If you can drive and are willing to give of your time, talent and love, then plan to attend our meeting.

Thursday March 7th at 6 pm,
Youth Center classroom or call
Deacon Scotty 343-3855.

As we enter into the Lent season, we are reminded to pray, fast, and almsgiving. One of the ways to reach your goal of almsgiving may be volunteering for the **Monday Night Dinner Ministry**. Serving the needy in our community with a hot meal or by donating canned foods, hygiene items, gently used clothes for men/women, socks and shoes.

If you are interested in our ministry, please call Pat Fraser, 661-330-6624.



Calling all Fiesta lovers.....!

So many have asked, when is the Fiesta coming back? Father Theo wants a Spring event for families, but it takes many hands to make that happen.

**Please help us by volunteering.
Call the Parish office if interested.**

St. Francis Parish News

KERN CATHOLIC
6TH ANNUAL
PRAYER BREAKFAST
MARCH 20, 2024
"DEFENDING THE EUCHARIST: YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT"



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



STEVE RAY
"JERUSALEM JONES"
PRODUCER OF THE CATHOLIC DVD SERIES THE FOOTPRINTS OF GOD: THE STORY OF SALVATION FROM ABRAHAM TO AUGUSTINE WHICH ARE FEATURED ON EWTN AND NETFLIX.
BEST SELLING AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS BOOKS INCLUDING CROSSING THE TIBET, THE STORY OF HIS CONVERSION TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.
REGULAR GUEST ON CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE, AVE MARIA RADIO, RELEVANT RADIO, EWTN AND MANY OTHERS.
STEVE AND HIS WIFE JANET HAVE GUIDED THOUSANDS OF PILGRIMS TO ISRAEL AND OTHER BIBLICAL LANDS.

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February Youth Ministry Activities



Is your teen looking to deepen their prayer life or find a community this Lent? Have them join our youth activities this month!

Thursday, March 14
A&P @ 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Hall Youth Group
6 PM to 7 PM in Conference Room C
Feb 29th, March 7, and March 21

Holy Moments

For the next 4 Sundays of Lent all members of St. Francis are invited to share their weekly Holy Moments with our parish family. We ask that you write a short Holy Moment that occurred during your week and bring it to mass the following week & place it in the collection basket.

Each week we will share a few Holy Moments with our parish through the bulletin, from the pulpit and on our church bulletin boards.

For inspiration please refer to HolyMomentChallenge.com or the Holy Moments book you received last Christmas. We do have some of the Holy Moment books available outside after mass for those who do not already have one."

Durante los próximos 5 domingos de Cuaresma, todos los miembros de St. Francis están invitados a compartir sus Momentos Santos semanales con nuestra familia parroquial. Le pedimos que escriba un breve Momento Santo que haya ocurrido durante su semana y lo lleve a misa el siguiente fin de semana y lo coloque en la canasta a la hora de recolección.

Cada semana compartiremos algunos Momentos Santos con nuestra parroquia través del boletín, desde el púlpito y en los tableros de anuncios de nuestra iglesia.

Para inspirarte, consulta HolyMomentChallenge.com o el libro Holy Moments que recibiste la Navidad pasada. Tenemos algunos de los libros del Momento Santo disponibles afuera después de la misa para aquellos que aun no tienen uno.



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St. Francis Parish Announcements

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 25, 2024

6:45 am: +Jerry Stewart

8:30 am: +Elisa & Rodolfo Benavides

10:30 am: +Paul Anthony Calderon

12:30 pm: Francisco Leon

5:00 pm: Int. Canony Family

Monday, February 26, 2024

6:30 am: +Art Paredez

12:10 pm: +Patricia Smith

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

6:30 am: +Julian Andrade

12:10 pm: +All Souls

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

6:30 am: +Dominic Joseph DeBondt

12:10 pm: +Lucy Banducci

Thursday, February 29, 2024

6:30 am: +Jack Meadors

12:10 pm: +Juan Manuel Morales

Friday, March 1, 2024

6:30 am: +Carol Moore

12:10 pm: +Lucy Banducci

Saturday, March 2, 2024

8:00 am: +Bruce Dinelli

5:00 pm: +Lozano Family

7:00 pm: +All Souls

Marriage Banns

March 2023

Frank Lascano & Kathy Villanueva

Sanctuary Lamps

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

After celebrating a short period of Ordinary time, we begin the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a 40-day period leading up to Easter that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The purpose of Lent is to draw closer to God through prayer, repentance, and self-examination. It is more frequently observed as a solemn time of preparation for remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

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

Frederick and Donald Diedrick, Mary Husbands, Carol Ann Moore, Kenneth Noah Certuche Sr., Jesus Ramos Palmera Sr., Baby Angelique Emmi Ramirez, John Roland Lemucchi, Sharon Bermele, David Matthew Sanchez, Siria Soltero, Baldemera Bautista, Ernest Holguin, Bobby Valverde, Vicki Rodriguez, Eduardo Obero, Jose Avila

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

December 31, 2023 -
January 6, 2024

Total: \$14,701.00

January 7, 2024 -
January 13, 2024

Total: \$11,597.00

January 14, 2024 -
January 20, 2024

Total: \$11,380.00

January 21, 2024 -
January 27, 2024

Total: \$11,310.00

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 February 2024

2/4 Building Fund, 2/14 Ash Wednesday (Churches in Central & Eastern Europe, 2/18 Home Missions, 2/25 Religious Education Program



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