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Sunday, May 19, 2024 ~ Pentecost Sunday

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

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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Pentecost
Sunday



St. Francis Parish Priest Page

Today on the day of Pentecost, the Church was born – this is how it happened according to the Holy Bible: “When they were all in one place together, suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were people from every nation staying in Jerusalem, but each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? Thus they witnessed the mighty acts of God" (Acts, 2, 1-11).

Pentecost Sunday is the experience of the breathing of God. God’s breath gives us life. In the book of Genesis we read, God breathed into Adam and he came to life (Genesis 2, 7). Prophet Ezekiel preached God’s word to the valley of dry bones and they came back to life (Ezekiel 37, 1- 14).

The Church is born on Pentecost. The Apostles began their mission of preaching the Gospel on Pentecost. Jesus commissioned His disciples to go proclaim the good news all over the world.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered believers in Jesus to praise God in many languages that they had not learned in the ordinary manner (Acts 2:5-13). Symbolically, this miracle reinforces the multilingual, multicultural, multiracial mission of the church. We are to be a community in which all people are drawn together by God’s love in Christ. As Paul writes in Galatians 3:28: “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”

Pentecost reminds us that every baptized Christian is called to bring Good News to the world. This feast gently invites us to serve God through the power of the Spirit. Pentecost is a time to ask God to fill us afresh with the Spirit so that we might join in the ministry of Christ to bring His good news to the world. And it is a time to renew our commitment to fulfilling our crucial role in the ministry of God’s people in the world.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



St. Francis Parish News & Announcements

Visiting Celebrants

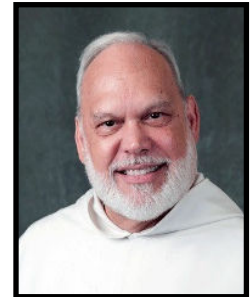


Exciting News!

Fr. John Higgins will be here to serve at our Parish through the whole month of June.



**Msgr. John Griesbach will be with us to celebrate Masses through the summer months.
Sunday, May 26, Sunday June 2 & Sunday June 30
At the 8:30 AM & 10:30AM Masses**



Fr. Jude Eli will return in July!



Registration for All Sacraments Begins June 3rd - June 21st Registered Parishioners Only

Documents Required: Baptism Certificate, First Holy Communion Certificate, Marriage Certificate
*Certificates Required even if completed at St. Francis

Parishioner Fees: Confirmation \$120.00
First Holy Communion \$80.00
Adult Confirmation \$50.00

For your convenience we will offer evening registrations on June 4th - June 6th from 5:30PM until 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

St. Francis
Parish



Snacks Provided

Registration May 20 - June 7 Parish Office

2 Separate Sessions

Cost \$20 Per Student

**Session 1/Grades: 3 - 5
June 18 - June 20
9:00AM - 12:00PM**

**Session 2/Grades: 6 - 8
June 24 - June 26
9:00AM - 12:00PM**

St. Francis Parish News

Monthly Chaplet of the Divine Mercy with the Parish Council

Tuesday, May 21st you are invited to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by A Benediction, with The Parish Council at 5:30pm in Mary's Chapel.



Monday, May 27, 2024

WE WILL BE
CLOSED
FOR
MEMORIAL DAY

Adoration will
be closed
5/27/24

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Family Holy Hour

Join our Parish Family

For a church wide Holy Hour
the last Friday of every month.

Beginning Friday, May 31

At 6:30PM in the Church

Pro Life Holy Hour

Every Friday @ 7PM in the Chapel.

B.B.B.

Thursday, May 23, 2024

6:00 PM - In the Youth Center

St Francis of Assisi Parish Cap and Gown Graduation Mass

Sunday, June 2nd, 2024

5:00 PM Mass

Please wear your
Caps and Gowns!

Scan QR Code to Register or
Contact Perry @ (661) 342-0609



Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open
In Mary's Chapel during the following hours:

Monday 7am - 5pm & Tuesday - Friday 7am - 6pm

Everyone is invited to spend **quiet time** in
prayer with Our Lord.

Please respect the silence of Adoration

**Currently looking for someone to can be
a Monitor for the following:**

Each Friday at 3:00 PM.

Please contact Deacon Darren at 661-477-0822.

St. Francis Parish Ministries

Help with Carnival
Games Needed

Items for Raffle
Baskets Needed

Raffle Baskets
Needed

St. Francis Parish

Volunteers to
Decorate
Needed

FIESTA!

Saturday, June 15, 2024

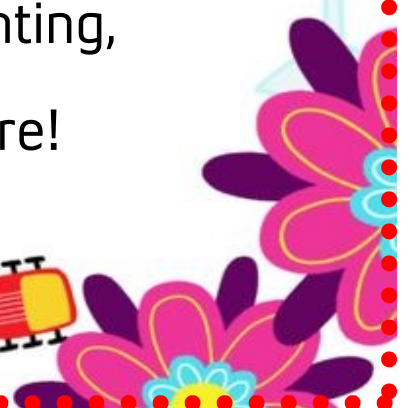
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Vigil Mass at **4:00 PM** in the Church

Fiesta 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Youth Center & Church Grounds

Join us for Toddler Activities, Kid &
Adult Carnival Games, Face Painting,
Music, Food, Fun, & Much More!



St. Francis Parish Announcements

Congratulations on your Graduation!
St. Francis' Class of 2024



“For I know the *plans*
I have for you,” declares
the **LORD**,
“Plans to *prosper you*
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 19, 2024

6:45 am: +Paul Calderon

8:30 am: +Rosemary Greene

10:30 am: +Donal Derouin

12:30 pm: +Jesus Palomera

5:00 pm: +Pia & Fabio Banducci

Monday, May 20, 2024

6:30 am: For the Homeless

12:10 pm: +Rosemary Greene

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

6:30 am: +Crescenciano Gonzalez

12:10 pm: +All Souls

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

6:30 am: +John McKenna

12:10 pm: John McKenna & +Rita Mejia

Thursday, May 23, 2024

6:30 am: +Maria Angela Cristina Banducci

12:10 pm: +Noreen Poulson

Friday, May 24, 2024

6:30 am: +All Souls

12:10 pm: +Pio & Fabio Banducci

Saturday, May 25, 2024

8:00 am: +Albert Acevedo

5:00 pm: +Joe Traynor

7:00 pm: +All Souls

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 19: 7:00AM Fellowship Donuts after morning Masses, 9:30AM St. Francis Chorale Rehearsal, 11:45AM Legion of Mary, 2:30PM Teen Choir Rehearsal, 6:00PM Recitation of the rosary

Monday, May 20: 3:45PM Monday Night Dinners, 6:00PM Adult Formation Class, 6:00 PM Cursillo Meeting, 6:00 PM Benediction, 6:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary, 6:30PM Men's Bible Study, 6:30PM First Communion Class

Tuesday, May 21: 8:30AM R&R Bible Study, 10:00AM Icon Painter's Guild, 3:00PM SFS Sports Camp, 6:00PM Divine Mercy Cenacle Grp 6:00PM Prayer Group, 6:00 PM Benediction, 6:00PM Recitation of the Rosary, 6:00PM Parish Council Meeting, 7:00PM Counseling Group

Wednesday, May 22: 1:00PM Staff Meeting, 4:00PM Children's Choir Practice, 6:00PM Next Gen Bible Study, 6:00PM Recitation of the Rosary, 6:00PM Benediction, 6:30PM First Communion Class, 6:30PM St. Francis Chorale Rehearsal, 8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice

Thursday, May 23: 1:00PM Altar Guild cleaning, 5:30PM Co-Ed Bible Study, 6:00PM Youth Ministry Group, 6:00PM Benediction, 6:00PM B.B.B., 6:00PM Recitation of the Rosary, 6:30PM Adult (on-line) Confirmation Class

Friday, May 24: 5:00PM Benediction, 6:00PM Recitation of the Rosary, 7:00PM Pro-Life Rosary & Prayer Group, 7:00PM The Lord's Flock Ministry

Saturday, May 25: 8:30AM Confessions, 12:00 PM Legion of Mary, 6:00PM Recitation of the Rosary

Sanctuary Lamps

Isabelle Church & Family,

Launcelot Pascual,

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

March 24, 2024 -
March 30, 2024

Total: \$35,941.60

March 31, 2024 -
April 6, 2024

Total: \$45,041.03

April 7, 2024 -
April 13, 2024

Total: \$34,849.55

April 14, 2024 -
April 20, 2024

Total: \$41,751.63

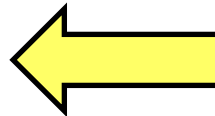
The weekly collection totals, now reflet giving through on-line and automatic debits done weekly. Prior reporting only included collections taken at Mass.

2nd Collections for May 2024

5/5 Building Fund, 5/19 Catholic Charities, 5/26 St. Francis School Scholarship Fund



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- If new to the Parish or have never registered a full parishioner census form can be found our website.

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Parishioner Census Form

Office use Only

- New Parishioner
 Change of Information
 Register as Non-Active

Head of Household

Married Single Widow(er)

Full Name: _____

DOB: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell: _____

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Forma del Censo Feligres

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- Nuevo Feligres
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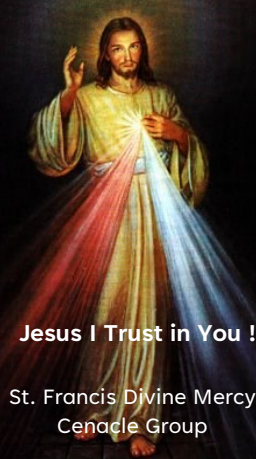
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