

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Most Holy Name of Mary ~ September 12

Sunday, September 8, 2024 Twenty-Third 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)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays: 8:30 AM - 9:30AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Thursday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick

Is offered the first Friday of the month
following the 12:10 PM Mass

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St. Francis Parish

Gospel Mark 7:31-37



Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*"— that is, "Be opened!" —

And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well.

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

Monday September 9	Tuesday September 10	Wednesday September 11	Thursday September 12	Friday September 13	Saturday September 14	Sunday September 15
3PM SFS Volleyball Practice YC Gym	8:30AM R&R Bible Study Parish Hall	1PM Staff Mtg Conf. Rm B	1PM Altar Guild Cleaning - Sacristy & Altars	5PM Benediction Mary's Chapel	6:30AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast Mtg Parish Hall	7AM Fellowship Donuts Parish Hall
3:45PM Monday Night Dinner Parish Hall	10AM SF Icon Painters Grp YC Rms 1&2	1:30 PM SFS Volleyball Practice YC Gym	2PM Rosary Makers Mtg YC Rms 1&2	7PM Pro-life Rosary & Prayers Mary's Chapel	8:30AM Confessions Church & Chapel	9:30AM Choir Rehearsal Bettenbaugh Rm
6PM Benediction Mary's Chapel	1PM Altar Guild Mtg Parish Hall	4:15PM Children's Choir Rehearsal Bettenbaugh Rm	3PM SFS Volleyball Practice YC Gym	7PM Spanish Prayer Grp Parish Hall	9:30AM The Lord's Flock Mtg YV Rms 1&2	11:45PM Legion of Mary Mtg Conf. Rm B
6PM Adult Faith Formation Class Conf. Rm B	3PM SFS Volleyball Practice YC Gym	6PM Benediction Mary's Chapel	6PM Benediction Mary's Chapel	7PM The Lord's Flock Mtg YC Rms 1&2	10AM Secular Franciscan Mtg Conf. Rm B	2:30PM teen Choir Rehearsal Bettenbaugh Rm
6PM Cursillo Mtg Bettenbaugh Rm	6PM Prayer Grp Mary's Chapel	6PM Next Gen Bible Study YC Rms 1&2	6PM All Ministry Mtg YC Rms 1&2		*BBQ Tickets sold after all Masses	3:30PM H.S. Confirmation 1 Class Parish Hall
6:30PM 1st Comm Parent Mtg Parish Hall	6PM Benediction Mary's Chapel	6:30PM Choral Music Practice Church	6PM Youth Grp Bettenbaugh Rm			6:15PM H.S. Confirmation 2 Class Parish Hall
6:30PM Men's Bible Study Conf. Rm C	6:30PM 1st Comm Parent Mtg Parish Hall	6:30PM 1st Comm Parent Mtg Parish Hall	6PM Coed Mtg Conf. Rm B			*BBQ Tickets sold after all Masses
	7PM Counseling Grp Conf. Rm C	8PM Spanish Choir Practice Parish Hall	6:30PM Adult Confirmation Class Parish Hall			
			7PM Knights of Columbus Rosary Mary's Grotto			

St. Francis Parish Events & Announcements



Fr. Jude Eli will celebrate Mass on
Saturday, September 7th at 5PM and
Sunday, September 8th at 8:30AM

Saturday, September 14th at 5PM and
Sunday, September 15th at 8:30AM.



The Parish office is looking for volunteers with a heart for service, the ability to handle office responsibilities, have computer skills, and are bilingual to work afternoons.

We are also looking for someone to help with our Funeral Ministry.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open in Mary's Chapel Monday - Thursday 7:00 AM- 6:00 PM & Friday 7:00 AM—5:00 PM

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

Please respect the silence of Adoration

We are looking for someone to be a Monitor for the following:

Each Friday: 7:00AM - 8:00AM & each
Wednesday: 2:00PM - 3:00PM

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE BBQ.
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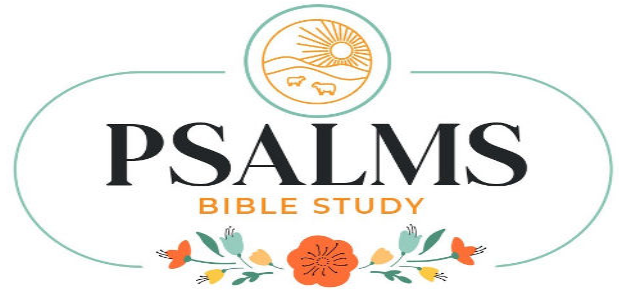
DONATE A RAFFLE BASKET. PLEASE DROP OFF TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH.

St. Francis Parish Ministries & More

Sacred Promise's Ministry

Calling all couples who are looking to enrich their relationship with Christ in the center. Come join this brand new ministry every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM in the Mount Carmel Room. First meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18th.

Lite refreshments will be provided.



Coed Bible Study

Join our Coed Adult Bible Study on Thursday, September 12 at 6pm in Conference Rm B as we begin our study on the Book of Psalms. Learn how to meditate with the Psalms and study the many ways they foretell the life of Jesus.

More info Contact Maria Perkins 661-333-2849

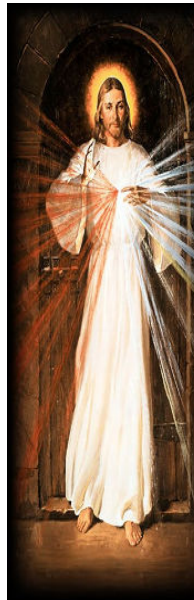


Monthly Chaplet of the Divine Mercy with the Parish Council

Tuesday, September 17th 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.

We pray for the entire Catholic Church, Our Diocese of Fresno, Our own St. Francis Parish, Our School, Our Pastor & Clergy

All our encouraged to join!



Upcoming Secular Franciscan Order meeting is Saturday, September 14th at 10AM in Conference Room B.

All are welcomed!

Men's Fellowship

Saturday, September 14th at 6:30 AM
Breakfast & Fellowship in the Hall.

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R & R Women's Bible Study Group

Kick-off: September 10, 2024

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM / 24 weeks

Location: Parish Hall

Registration: \$40.00

For more information

Contact: Mary Demler 661.706.4160

St. Francis Parish News & Announcements

ALL MINISTRY MEETING

Our next ministry meeting will be Thursday, September 12th, from 6:00PM – 7:00PM in 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.

Please contact Deacon Henry Tran through the parish office for more information.

MONDAY NIGHT DINNERS MINISTRY

Our Ministry follows St. Therese of Lisieux for the small acts of doing ordinary things with extraordinary love, known as "The Little Flower." We are here to serve the homeless, less fortunate, and lost souls by providing them basic needs: takeout dinners, bag of groceries, hygiene kits and clothing. If you would like to take part in our Ministry and see what it is all about in serving the needy, please call Pat Fraser 661-330-6624.

We are in need of:

Pantry Items- Bottled water, fruit cups, breakfast cereal, nonperishable cartons of milk, candy, bread, peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti sauce, snack bars, plastic grocery bags, 16-in plastic cups and 10-inch divided compartment plates.

Canned Items- tuna, Vienna sausages, soups, ravioli/spaghetti-o's, vegetables & fruit

Hygiene items: individual shampoos & conditioners, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bath soaps, razors, toilet paper and hand wipes

We are also collecting new/gentle used clothing for men and women this winter: blankets, socks, underwear & shoes.

Donations are collected through your generosity and many of these items need to be replenished weekly. You may bring your donations to the office.

**We appreciate all donations, and we could not do this without your assistance.
Thank you and God bless.**



Join the Knights of Columbus for a recitation of the rosary on Thursday, September 12th at 7PM in Mary's Grotto.

Monday, September 9th
6PM—7:30PM in the Betenbaugh Room

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will be having a regular business meeting on Tuesday, September 10th 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.

Monday, September 9th

Men's Bible Study

Invest in your relationship with Jesus and in your *community!*

6:30PM - 8:00PM in Conference Room C

St. Francis Parish Ministries

Sanctuary Lamps

Isabelle Church & Family, Launcelot Pascual,
Michael France, Walt Widhalm, Kriston Clifford,
Prayers for the living loved ones, relatives, friends
& pets of Elsa & Zsa
Prayers for the departed loved ones,
relatives & friends of Elsa & Zsa.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 8, 2024

6:45 am: +All Souls

8:30 am: +Ted Armijo

10:30 am: Int of the Secular Franciscans

12:30 pm: +Ulises Frias

+Alex Urdaneta

5:00 pm: +Reymundo Gutierrez

Monday, September 9, 2024

6:30 am: +Stephen Peck

12:10 pm: +Ulises Frias

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

6:30 am: +Maria Angela Cristina Banducci

12:10 pm: +Ulises Frias

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

6:30 am: +Frank Buttke

12:30 pm: +Ascension Salcido

Thursday, September 12, 2024

6:30 am: +Lainie Foster

12:10 pm: +Ulises Frias

Friday, September 13, 2024

6:30 am: +Pia & Fabio Banducci

12:10 pm: +Ulises Frias

Saturday, September 14, 2024

8:00 am: +Ulises Frias

5:00 pm: +All Souls

7:00 pm: +Pia & Fabio Banducci

Funeral Ministry

Our funeral team is currently looking for volunteers to help with our English funeral Masses and services. If you are interested please call the office.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

In memory of parishioners who have been given the gift of eternal life in the month of July 2024 with services through St. Francis:

Feliz Chan, Silverio Diaz Guillen, Josefa Argueta, Louie Arambula, Stephanie Joan Haskell, Ventura Alaniz Martinez, Sylvia Lomas Contreras, Robert Rourke, Carmen Dagdagen M.D., Hazel Membrede, Rachel Alta Ramirez, Maria Consuelo Muro, Pat O'Neil, Carlos Lavarias, Arthur Carillo, Sr., Joe Ryan, Jesus Aragon, Don Luvisi, Valentino Romero Morales, Victoria Perez Sanchez

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 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, please contact Roylene through the parish office on ext. 123.

Marriage Banns

August

Rigoberto Gomez & Veronica Torres
Cristhian Ayon Meraz & Rosio Sanchez

September

Michael Escalante & Araseli Reyes
Ramon Ruvalcaba Jr. & Maggie Leiva
Florencio Pineda & Claudia Mora

Last Month's Weekly Collections

April 21, 2024 -
April 27, 2024

Total: \$27,231.82

April 28, 2024 -
May 4, 2024

Total: \$44,219.50

May 5, 2024 -
May 11, 2024

Total: \$31,924.06

May 12, 2024 -
May 18, 2024

Total: \$34,599.04

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

2nd Collections for June 2024

6/2 Building Fund, 6/9 PG&E/Solar Maintenance, 6/16 Priests' Retirement,
6/30 Peter's Pence Holy Father



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Parishioner Census Form

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- 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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