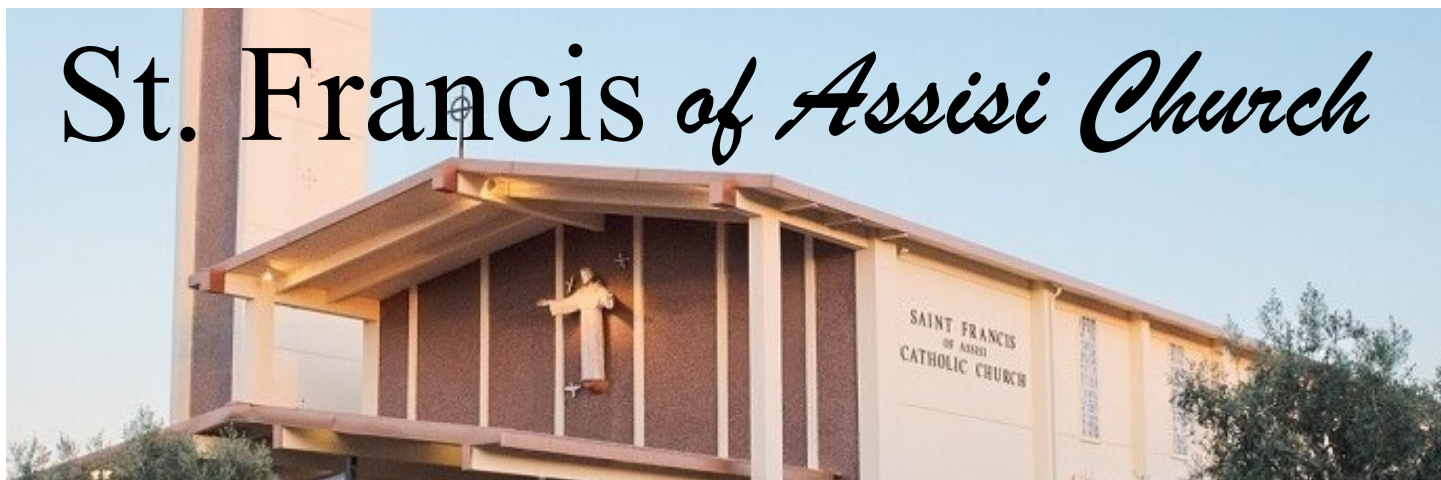


St. Francis of Assisi Church



Sunday, February 23, 2025 ~ Seventh 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: 4:00 PM– 5:00 PM

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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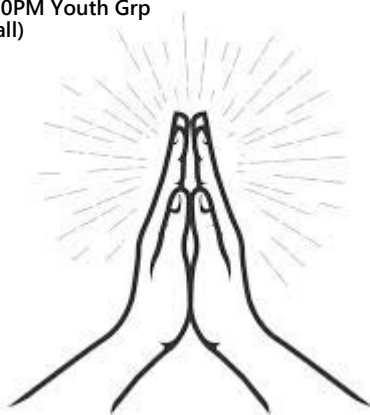
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Calendar of Events

<u>Mon. February 24:</u>	<u>Tues. February 25:</u>	<u>Wed. February 26:</u>	<u>Thurs. February 27:</u>	<u>Fri. February 28:</u>	<u>Sat. March 1:</u>	<u>Sun. March 2:</u>
6:30AM Mass (Church)	6:30AM Mass (Church)	6:30AM Mass (Church)	6:30AM Mass (Church)	6:30AM Mass (Church)	8:00AM Mass (Church)	6:45AM Mass (Church)
12:10PM Mass (Church)	8:30AM R&R Bible Study (Hall)	12:10PM Mass (Church)	8:30AM Bible Study (Parish Hall)	12:10PM Mass (Church)	10:00AM OCIC Rite of Election (Chapel)	7:30AM Pancake Breakfast (Hall)
3:00PM SFS Basketball Practice (YC Gym)	10:00AM S.F. Icon Guild (YC Rms 1&2)	1:00PM Alzheimer Support Grp (Conf. Rm C)	12:10PM Mass (Church)	5:00PM Benediction (Chapel)	10:00AM Baptisms/ English (Church)	8:30AM Mass (Church)
3:45PM Monday Night Dinners (Hall)	12:10PM Mass (Church)	1:30PM SFS Basketball Practice (YC Gym)	1:00PM Altar Guild/Cleaning (Sacristy & Altars)	5:30PM The Lord's Flock (Hall)	11:30AM Baptisms/ Spanish (Church)	9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (Bettenbaugh Rm)
4:30PM Infant of Prague Novena (Bride's Rm)	3:00PM SFS Basketball Practice (YC Gym)	4:30PM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Bettenbaugh Rm)	2:00 PM Rosary Makers Grp (YC Rms 1 & 2)	6:00PM Crabfest YC Gym	11:30AM Faith Formation Retreat (YC Rms 1 & 2)	10:30AM Mass (Church)
6:00PM Adult Faith Formation (Conf. Rm B)	6:00PM Benediction (Chapel)	6:00PM Next Gen Bible Study (YC Rms 1&2)	6:00PM Coed Bible Study (Conf. Rm B)	6:30PM Parish Holy Hour (Church)	3:00PM Faith Formation Rehearsal (Church)	12:00PM Legion of Mary Mtg (Conf. Rm B)
6:00PM Benediction (Chapel)	6:00PM Prayer Grp (Chapel)	6:00PM Benediction (Chapel)	6:00PM Benediction (Chapel)	7:00PM Spanish Prayer Grp (YC Rms 1&2)	4:00PM Confessions (Church)	12:30PM Mass (Church)
6:30PM Contemporary Worship Band Practice (Hall)	6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg (Bettenbaugh Rm)	6:00PM Knights of Columbus Mtg (Conf. Rm C)	6:00PM Youth Grp (Hall)		5:00PM Mass (Church)	2:30PM Teen Choir Rehearsal (Church)
6:30PM Men's Bible Study (Conf. Rm C)	6:00PM Baptism Class/English (Conf. Rm B)	6:30PM 1st Communion Class (Hall)			5:00PM Cursillo's De Colores Dinner (Hall)	5:00PM Mass (Church)
6:30PM 1st Communion Class (Hall)	6:30PM 1st Holy Communion Class (YC Rms 1&2)	6:30PM 1st Communion Class (Conf. Rm B)			7:00PM Mass (Church)	
6:30PM 1st Communion Class (YC Class Rms)	6:30PM 1st Holy Communion Class (Hall)	6:30PM Choir Practice (Church)				
	7:00PM Counseling Grp/Figueroa (Conf. Rm C)	8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice (Church)				
	7:00PM Baptism Class/Spanish (Conf. Rm B)					



Ash Wednesday ~ March 5th

Join us as we begin our Season of Lent

Masses with Ash Distribution

Church: 6:30 AM (English), 12:10 PM (English), 6:00 PM (Bilingual), 7:00 PM

Ash Services

Church: 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Parish Hall: 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 4:30 PM, 5:30PM & 7:30 PM



Fr. Jude Eli

We are happy to announce, Fr. Jude will be celebrating some of our upcoming weekend Masses!

Saturday, March 1 at 5:00 PM & Sunday, March 2 at 8:30 AM.

All Are Welcome!

Happy Birthday

Msgr. Nathaniel

February, 28

May God Bless You!



Office of Vocations

Discernment Group Meetings

Come Follow Me

Are you called to be a priest?

If so, join our discernment group meetings where we can help answer your questions. One of our goals is to provide you with information, support and encouragement as you consider the vocation to the priesthood.

- December 7: St Catherine's, Dinuba at 6:00 PM
- January 5: St. Joseph's, Bakersfield at 6:00 PM
- February 2: Sacred Heart, Merced at 6:00 PM
- March 2: St. Philip's, Bakersfield at 6:00 PM
- April 6: St. Patrick's, Merced at 6:00 PM
- May 4: St. Jude's, Easton at 6:00 PM
- June 1: St. Anthony's, Reedley at 6:00 PM

Contact: | Fr. Iván Hernández Melchor, Director of Vocations
(559) 488-7424 vocations@dioceseoffresno.org

Anointing of the Sick is offered the First Friday of every month, after the 12:10 Mass. The next anointing will be Friday, March 7th in the church.



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Friday, March 7th at 6PM in the Church (English)
7PM Via Crucis (Afuera- Permitiendo el clima si no se permite va ser en la Iglesia)

HOLY HOUR

February 28th at 6:30pm in the Church

Please join us in a wonderful spiritual experience that includes:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, pray, worship, special inspirational talk by Fr. Victor, and music.

This service is followed by benediction and a blessing by clergy.

Adult Confirmation - Spring 2025

Registration will begin March 3rd through April 10th
Classes are in person on Thursday evenings at
6:30PM. First class is April 24th in the parish hall.

Fee for the class is \$60.00

*Documents required to Register:

1. Baptism Certificate
2. First Communion Certificate
3. Marriage Certificate if applicable

Must retrieve all certificates before registering even if sacraments were celebrated at St. Francis Church.



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Teen Choir Rehearsal
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Marriage Banns
February 2025
 Emmanuel Espanola & Rodette Guinto
March 2025
 Raul Ledesma & Angelica Mora

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 23, 2025
 6:45 am: + Mark Waits
 8:30 am: + Nancy Terrazas
 10:30 am: Shirley Gilbert
 +Kathleen See Kota
 12:30 pm: +Mariadora Alfaro de Valencia
 5:00 pm: + John & Vincent Lopez

Monday, February 24, 2025
 6:30 am: + Diana De Shields O'Neil
 12:10 pm: +Lawrence Patrick O'Neil

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
 6:30 am: + Maria Angela Christina Banducci
 12:10 pm: + Fabio Banducci

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
 6:30 am: Robert Malone
 12:10 pm: + Orelie Clark

Thursday, February 27, 2025
 6:30 am: + Julian Andrade
 12:10 pm: Robert Malone

Friday, February 28, 2025
 6:30 am: Robert Malone
 12:10pm: Int. Jasmine Velling

Saturday, March 1, 2025
 8:00 am: + Marjorie and Stanly Buttke
 5:00 pm: + Maria Angela Christina Banducci
 7:00 PM: + Pia & Fabio Banducci

Funeral Ministry

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

Norma Monge, Ramiro Soto Rodríguez, Margarita Leal Perez, Louie Cruz, Jose Castaneda, Nilda Jimenez, Jonathon 'Jon' Schuetz, Isuara Magana Gomez, Minerva Castro Guerrero, Melissa Flores, Pamela Giumarra, Joseph Holguin Lopez, Jose Martinez Eugenio, Miriam Peraza Brecino, Corazon V. Pascua, Susan Flores Perez, Judith James, Manuel Navarro Herrera, Alexander Menchaca

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 at ext. 123.

Last Month's Weekly Collections

December 24, 2024 -
January 4, 2025

Total: \$40,835.73

January 5, 2025 -
January 11, 2025

Total: \$36,759.57

January 12, 2025 -
January 18, 2025

Total: \$20,134.04

January 19, 2025 -
January 25, 2025

Total: \$27,100.48

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 February 2025

2/2 Building Fund, 2/16 Children for Christ, 2/23 Religious Education Pogram



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Peace Prayer of

Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



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