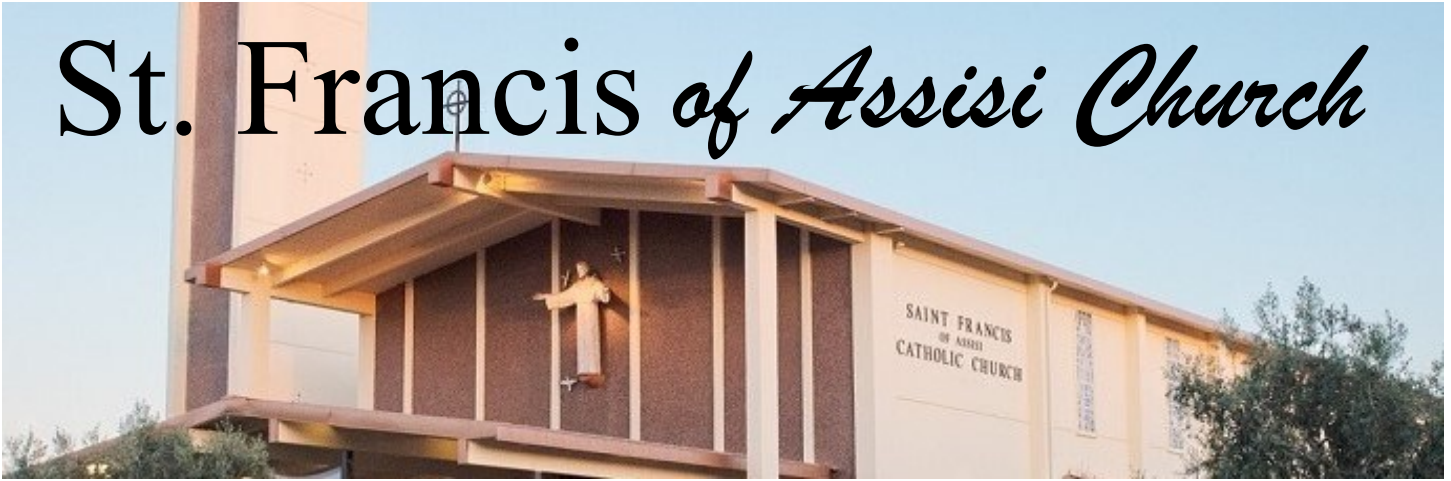


St. Francis of Assisi Church



Sunday, March 30, 2025 ~ Fourth 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)



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Sacrament of Penance
Saturdays: 4:00 PM– 5:00 PM

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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



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.



Holy Week Schedule

April 12 - Saturday

Mass Schedule: 8:00 AM (Daily Mass), 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM Vietnamese

April 13 - Palm Sunday

Mass Schedule: 6:45 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish) & 5:00 PM

April 14 - Monday

Mass Schedule: 6:30 AM & 12:10 PM / Confession: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

April 15 - Tuesday

Mass Schedule: 6:30 AM & 12:10 PM / Confession: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

April 16 - Wednesday

Mass Schedule: 6:30 AM & 12:10 PM / Confession: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

April 17 - Holy Thursday

Mass Schedule: 6:00 PM (Bilingual)

April 18 - Good Friday

Passion Narrative– 11:30 AM– Fr. Jude Eli

Communion Services: 12:00 PM, 6:00 PM (Bilingual)

Stations of The Cross: 3:00 PM (English) & 7:00 PM (Spanish)

April 19 - Easter Vigil Saturday

Mass Schedule: 7:00 PM

April 20 - Easter Sunday

Mass Schedule: 6:45 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish), & 2:30 PM (Vietnamese)

Overflow seating will be available for all Masses in the Parish Hall.

Calendar of Events

<u>Mon. March 31:</u>	<u>Tues. April 1:</u>	<u>Wed. April 2:</u>	<u>Thurs. April 3:</u>	<u>Fri. April 4:</u>	<u>Sat. April 5:</u>	<u>Sun. April 6:</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)	4:00PM Confessions (Church)	7:30AM Pancake Breakfast (Hall)
3:45PM Monday Night Dinners (Hall)	10:00AM S.F. Icon Guild (YC Rms 1&2)	1:00PM Alzheimer Support Grp (Conf. Rm C)	12:10PM Mass (Church)	12:30PM Anointing of the Sick (Church)	5:00PM Mass (Church)	8:30AM Mass (Church)
6:00PM Adult Faith Formation (Conf. Rm B)	12:10PM Mass (Church)	3:30PM SFS Basketball Practice (YC Gym)	1:00PM Staff Mtg Conf. Rm B	3:00PM SFS Sport Camp (YC Gym)	7:00PM Mass (Church)	9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (Bettenbaugh Rm)
6:00PM Benediction (Chapel)	3:00PM SFS Sport Camp (YC Gym)	6:00PM Next Gen Bible Study (YC Rms 1 & 2)	1:00PM Altar Guild/Cleaning (Sacristy & Altars)	4:00PM Fish Fry (Hall)		10:30AM Mass (Church)
6:30PM Men's Bible Study (Conf. Rm C)	4:00PM EM Recertification (Church)	6:00PM Benediction (Chapel)	3:00PM SFS Sport Camp (YC Gym)	5:00PM Benediction (Chapel)		12:00PM Legion of Mary Mtg (Conf. Rm B)
6:30PM 1st Communion Class (Hall)	6:00PM Benediction (Chapel)	6:30PM 1st Communion Class (Hall)	6:00PM Benediction (Chapel)	6:00PM Stations of the Cross (Church)		12:30PM Mass (Church)
6:30PM 1st Communion Class (YC Class Rms)	6:00PM Prayer Grp (Chapel)	6:30PM 1st Communion Class (Conf. Rm B)	6:00PM Youth Grp (Parish Hall)	6:30PM Detention Ministry (Conf. Rm B)		1:00PM Cursillo Mtg (Bettenbaugh Rm)
	6:00PM Divine Mercy Cenacle Grp (Bettenbaugh Rm)	6:30PM 1st Communion Class (Conf. Rm B)	6:00PM Ministry Mtg (YC Rms 1&2)	7:00PM Stations of the Cross/ Spanish (Church)		2:30PM Teen Choir Rehearsal (Church)
	6:30PM 1st Holy Communion Class (YC Rms 1&2)	6:30PM Choir Practice (Church)	6:00PM Coed Bible Study (Conf. Rm B)			3:30PM RCIC Class Yr. 1 (YC Rms 1&2)
	6:30PM 1st Holy Communion Class (Hall)	8:00PM Spanish Choir Practice (Church)	7:00PM Youth Ministry Rosary (Grotto)			5:00PM Mass (Church)
	7:00PM Counseling Grp/Figueroa (Conf. Rm C)					6:15PM RCIC Class Yr. 2 (YC Rms 1&2)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

is open every day this week in
Mary's Chapel:

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

Everyone is invited to spend time in
quite prayer with Our Lord. For entry call
the phone number posted on the door.

Currently looking for Adoration Monitors
for the following hours:

**Each Wednesday: 11:00AM - 12:00PM &
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

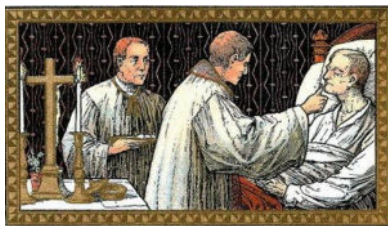
Contact the office if you are able to fill
any of these hours each week.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Anointing of the Sick

Offered the First Friday of the Month
In the Church after the 12:10PM Mass
Next Anointing: April 4th.



Save the Date for the Fiesta!

Saturday, May 17 @ 5PM

Calling all Ministries!

Contact the office to sign up for a food booth, donate a raffle basket or volunteer to help.

Eucharistic Ministers

The Recertification dates are for existing Eucharistic Ministers only.

Tuesday, April 1 at 4PM
Monday April 7 at 5PM

Please choose a date that works with your schedule and meet us in the church.

Religious Education

The Religious Education Department is looking for Catechists to work with Special Education students, one on one or small groups to complete their sacraments. If interested please contact Sr. Grace in the office.

Adult Confirmation

Registration will end April 10th. Classes are in person on Thursdays at 6:30PM. First class is April 24th in the the hall. Fee for the class is \$60.

Documents required to Register::

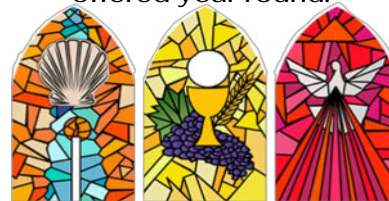
1. Baptism Certificate
2. First Communion Certificate
3. Marriage License if applicable

Must have all documentation to register even if completed at St. Francis Church.

O.C.I.A

Adult Faith Formation
Mondays from 6:00PM–8:00PM
in Conference Room B

An adult in person journey offered year round.



Baptism | Communion | Confirmation

Ministries Meeting

Thursday, April 3rd ~ 6PM to 7PM
Youth Center Rooms 1 & 2

It is important that each ministry is represented. If the leader of your ministry is unable to attend, please ensure that a member is sent on your behalf. Your active participation is essential to the success of our collective efforts.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our ministries. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please donate Easter lilies to the Church.

Thank you!

Youth Ministry

St., Francis' Youth Group Program will be starting a monthly Rosary to pray for the mental health of our teens and families.

It will be held on the first Thursday of the month in front of Mary's Grotto at 7 PM. Our first Rosary will be this Thursday, April 3rd. We encourage families to join us.

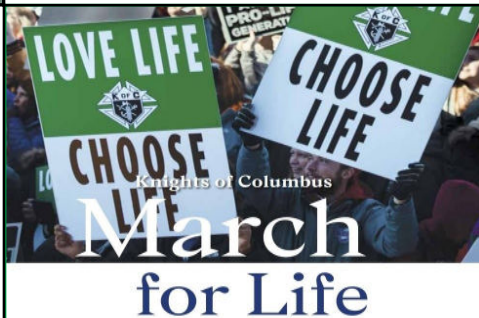
Every Friday during Lent 4PM–6PM
Fish 'n' Chips \$15 in the Parish Hall
Fish, fries, coleslaw & a roll
Drinks available \$\$



New Ministry for Women Caregivers!

Are you a professional woman balancing work while caring for a loved one? You're not alone! Join our new ministry - a welcoming community where we support and uplift each other, share stories, and exchange strategies to successfully navigate the challenges of caregiving while prioritizing our well-being. Virtual meetings will be held via Zoom, on Fridays, at 7:00 pm.

To join, please call the Office at 661-327-4734 a week prior to zoom.



Event: Msgr. Ralph Belluomini Council 977 March for Life

Location: From St. Francis Parish to the Liberty Bell Downtown

Date: May 10th Time: 8:00 AM

Contact: John Thompson (661) 369-6716

Next Gen Bible Study

Exploration, Explanation and Discussion of upcoming Sunday Mass Readings Every Wednesday at 6pm in the Youth Center

You're Invited!

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Men's Fellowship Bible Study
Mondays 6:00PM—8:00PM
Conference Room C

Monday Night Dinner Ministry Serves a hot meal every Monday at 3:45PM in the Parish Hall



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Hillside Hoops Youth Basketball Camp

at Garces Memorial High School

Boys and Girls, grades 1-8

April 14-17, Monday-Thursday

8:30am-12:30pm

- Directed by Garces Memorial Boys Basketball Coach, Brian Dignan.
- Campers are separated by age, grade level, experience, & ability levels, to provide the best learning and competitive level for every camper.
- Focus on fundamentals, sportsmanship, and teamwork.
- Skills training, small-sided games, and full court 5 v 5 games.
- Play in the Garces Memorial gym and outdoor courts also.
- Bring water bottle, sports drinks, and snacks to last the whole day.
- Early Registration is \$150 per camper (now-March 28).
- Late Registration fee is \$175 per camper (March 29-April 10).
- Any ?'s Email hillsidehoops47@gmail.com or text/call 661-319-9120.

Click on registration link

<https://forms.gle/qdG7xTHubWfm7Tj6>

Or scan QR code



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Rosary Makers meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

All Are Welcome!

Pastoral Care Ministry

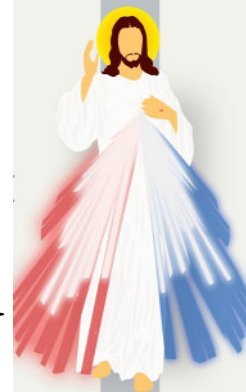
During this Lenten season we request your prayers for our home-bound parishioners, patients in various hospitals nursing homes.

If interested in this

Divine Mercy Cenacle

Experience spiritual growth & a deeper connection to our Lord. Come join us every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month.

6PM - 8PM in the



Legion of Mary

The legion meets every Sunday at 12PM in Conference Room B.

New members are welcome.

Donut Sunday!

Everyone is invited to enjoy coffee and a donut as a community of faith and fellowship in the hall. On the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 6:45am, 8:30am and 10:30am Mass.

Join the fun! Meet and chat with fellow members of our parish.

CATHOLIC NIGHT

May 29, 2025
6:50pm
Chukchansi Park
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Marriage Banns
March 2025
 Raul Ledesma & Angelica Mora

April 2025
 Uriel Rodriguez & Jennifer Alejandra Navarro

May 2025
 Brandon Resendez & Audalia Gonzalez Jose
 David Zamora & Elizabeth Ann Lugo
 Victor Cabrera & Sandra Mendoza
 Ricardo Vargas & Silvina Morales
 Esvin Boch & Rebecca Hernandez
 Nicolas Terrazas & Claire Stevens

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 30, 2025
 6:45 am: + Fabio Banducci
 8:30 am: + Maria Cristina Banducci
 10:30 am: + Pia Banducci
 12:30 pm: + Maria Dora Alfaro De Valencia
 5:00 pm: + James Rickett

Monday, March 31, 2025
 6:30 am: + Diana De Shields O'Neil
 12:10 pm: + Sue Roble

Tuesday, April 1, 2025
 6:30 am: + Pia & Fabio Banducci
 12:10 pm: + Maria Cristina Banducci

Wednesday, April 2, 2025
 6:30 am: + Lawrence Patrick O'Neil
 12:10 pm: + All Souls

Thursday, April 3, 2025
 6:30 am: + Fabio Banducci
 12:10 pm: + Sarah Rozo

Friday, April 4, 2025
 6:30 am: + Msgr. Sanchez
 12:10 pm: + Maria Cristina Banducci

Saturday, April 5, 2025
 8:00 am: + Diego Molina
 5:00 pm: + Aurora Hernandez
 7:00 pm: Pia Banducci

Sanctuary Lamps

Herb Pasos Jr., Maria Inigo, Victoria Yanez Sandoval, The Hernandez Family, The Reyes Family, The Torres, The Soto 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.

The Funeral Ministry

As we continue traveling on our Lenten journey with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, please remember all our deceased loved ones in your prayers.

In memory of parishioners who have been given the gift of eternal life in the month of February 2025 with services through St. Francis Church:

David Antonio Vásquez, Jose Miguel Romo, Catherine Anne Saldano, Judy Flesher, Juana Cabides, Jose Martinez Cisneros, Alice, Diana Cameron, Michelangelo San Miguel Jr., Kenneth Paul Altergott, Joe Paesano Jr., Mary Patricia Gomez, Rolly Tolentino, Eloisa Alaniz, Roberto Sierra Lopez, Patricia Mae Widhalm, George Paredes Lopez, Stella Ponder, Robert Arnold Duran, Teodulo Villatoro, Alicia Marie Medina, Alexandra Manzo Gomez, Larry Sies Pohl, Shannon Vincent Sayson, Olive Patricia Banducci, Esther Burciago Mora, Mario Alberto Negrete, Louis John Rodriguez

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 at the parish office at ext. 123

Last Month's Weekly Collections

February 23, 2025 -
March 1, 2025

Total: \$22,574.58

March 2, 2025 -
March 8, 2025

Total: 73,324.44

March 9, 2025 -
March 15 15 , 2025

Total: \$27,026.89

March 16, 2025 -
March 22, 2025

Total: \$25,135.60

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 March 2025

3/2 Building Fund, 3/5 Church in Eastern Europe, 3/9 Home Missions,
3/23 Youth Projects, 3/30 Catholic Relief Services



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Parishioner Census Form

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 Change of Information
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Married Single Widow(er)

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DOB: _____

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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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