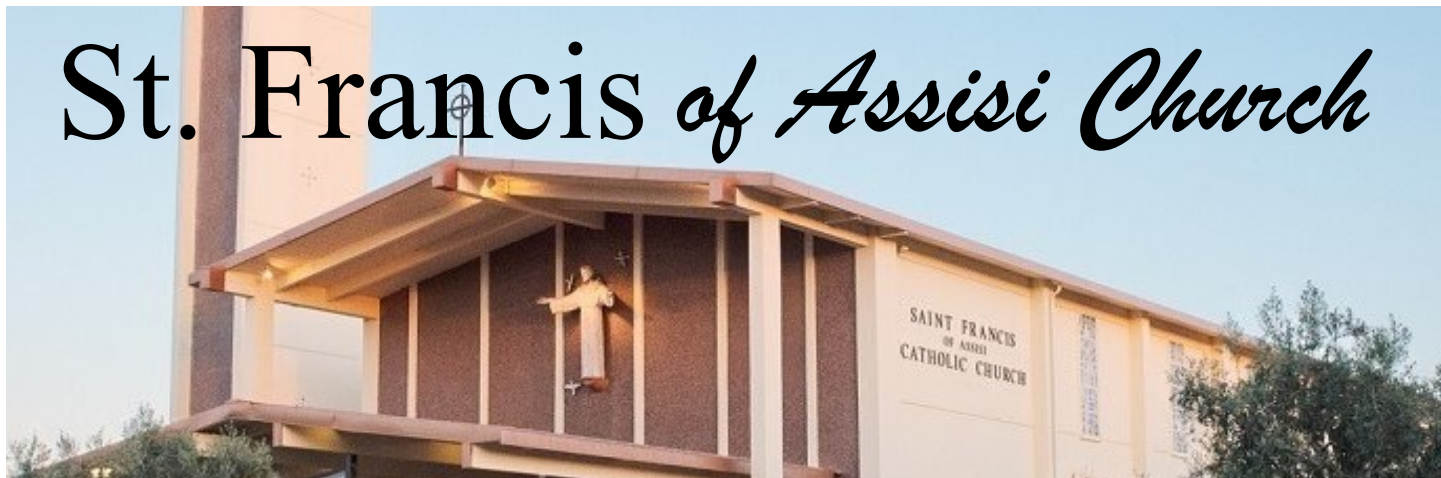


# St. Francis of Assisi Church



Sunday, April 13, 2025 ~ Palm 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)



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### 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



*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.*



# PALM SUNDAY

1) Jesus rides on a lowly donkey: Doesn't it seem odd that Jesus would walk 90 miles from Galilee to Bethany and then secure a donkey for the final two miles to Jerusalem? In those days, kings used to travel in processions on horseback during wartime, but preferred to ride a donkey in times of peace. Kings 1: 38-41 describes how Prince Solomon used his father David's royal donkey for the ceremonial procession on the day of his coronation. Jesus entered the Holy City as a king of peace, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah. The gospel specifically mentions that the colt Jesus selected for the procession was one that had not been ridden before, reminding us of a stipulation given in Samuel 6:7 concerning the animal that was to carry the Ark of the Covenant.

2) The mode of reception given: Jesus was given a royal reception usually reserved for a king or military commander. Maccabees 13: 51ff describes such a reception given to the Jewish military leader Simon Maccabaeus in 171 BC. Maccabees 10:6-8 refers to a similar reception given to another military general, Judas Maccabaeus, who led the struggle against the Greek Seleucid Emperor, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, and liberated the temple from pagan control in 163 BC.

3) The slogans used: The participants sang the "Hallel" psalm (Psalm 118), and shouted the words of Psalms 25 and 26. The Greek word "hosiana" originally meant "save us now" (II Samuel 14:4). The people sang the entire Psalm 118 on the Feast of the Tabernacles when they marched seven times around the Altar of the Burnt Offering. On Palm Sunday, however, the people used the prayer "Hosanna" as a slogan of greeting. It meant "God save the king of Israel."

4) Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I? Or do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness?

5) Will Jesus have to cleanse my heart with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of his Holy Spirit in me by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts words and deeds; neither does he approve of my calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God.

6) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior? The palms should remind us that Christ is our king and the true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in life.



# Calendar of Events

April 14 :	April 15:	April 16:	April 17:	April 18:	April 19:	April 20 :
<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
6:30AM Mass (Church)	6:30AM Mass (Church)	6:30AM Mass (Church)	1:00PM Altar Guild/Cleaning (Sacristy & Altars)	11:30AM Passion Narrative (Church)	10:00AM Easter Vigil Rehearsal (Church)	<b>The Resurrection of the Lord!</b>
12:10PM Mass (Church)	12:10PM Mass (Church)	12:10PM Mass (Church)	6:00PM Holy Thursday Mass (Church)	12:00PM Communion Service (Church)	<b>*4:00PM Confessions CANCELLED</b>	6:45AM Mass (Church)
<b>5:00PM</b> Benediction (Chapel)	<b>5:00PM</b> Benediction (Chapel)	4:30PM Children's Choir Practice (Betebaugh Rm)		3:00PM Stations of the Cross (Church)	7:00PM Easter Vigil Mass (Church)	8:30AM Mass (Church)
5:30PM Monday Night Dinners (Hall)	5:30PM Confessions (Church)	<b>5:00PM</b> Benediction (Chapel)		4:00PM Stations of the Cross/ Spanish (Outside)		10:30AM Mass (Church)
5:30PM Confessions (Church)	6:00PM Parish Council Mtg (Conf. Rm B)	5:30PM Confessions (Church)		6:00PM Communion Service (Church)		12:30PM Mass/ Spanish (Church)
		6:30PM Choir Practice (Church)				2:30PM Mass/ Vietnamese (Church)
		8:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church)				

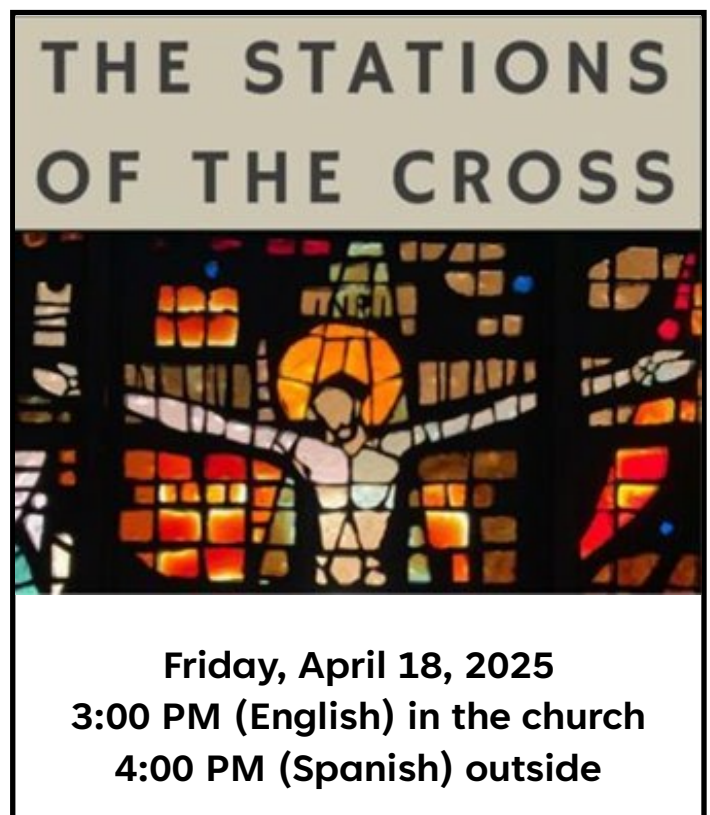


## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be opened:

- Monday, April 14 - Wednesday, April 16  
7AM to 5 PM in Mary's Chapel
- Thursday, April 17 from 7PM - 12AM in the Hall

Adoration will resume Monday, April 21, 2025



## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 18, 2025  
3:00 PM (English) in the church  
4:00 PM (Spanish) outside



## Holy Thursday Mass

April 17, 2025  
6:00 PM~ Bilingual



I give you a new commandment:  
love one another; as I have loved you,  
that you also love one another.  
John 13:34

## Good Friday Walk

Friday, April 18



Join us as we reflect on the passion and death of Jesus. We will walk to seven churches doing 2 stations of the cross per church.

The walk will commence from the front of St. Francis Church at 4AM and return approximately by 1PM.

Any questions please call the office.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 27 at 3pm  
in the Church

Join our Parish ministry for;  
Readings from the Diary of St. Faustina  
Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song  
Blessing of your Image of Divine Mercy  
Eucharistic Benediction

*Jesus I trust in you*

## St Francis Fiesta!

Saturday, May 17  
5PM - 8PM at the Church

Contact the office to donate a raffle basket or volunteer to help.

## Parish Holy Hour

Friday, April 25th

Every last Friday of the month, Holy Hour of the Blessed Sacrament is offered at 6:30PM in the Church.

Join us in this spiritual experience that includes; Adoration, prayer, worship, special inspirational talks and music. The service concludes with Benediction.

What a great way to end the month!

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Additional Confession times are being offered during Holy Week.

Monday - Wednesday  
5:30PM - 6:30PM  
in the church

## Infant of Prague Novena



Wednesday, April 16 -  
Thursday, April 24

Weekdays at 4:30PM &  
Weekends at 3PM in the Church's Brides Room.

Come join us!

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

The church office will be closed Friday,  
April 18 and Monday, April 21.

*Have a blessed Easter!*

## 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.

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Inspirational speaker,  
food, raffle &  
Easter egg hunt!

EGG HUNT



MONDAY, APRIL 21 AT 6PM  
St. Francis Betenbaugh Room

Call Shelly (661) 978-1152 to RSVP by 4/17



## Next Gen Bible Study

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

*You're Invited!*

Adults, Teens, Married, Single, bring the Kids. All are welcome.

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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 **5:30PM** 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.

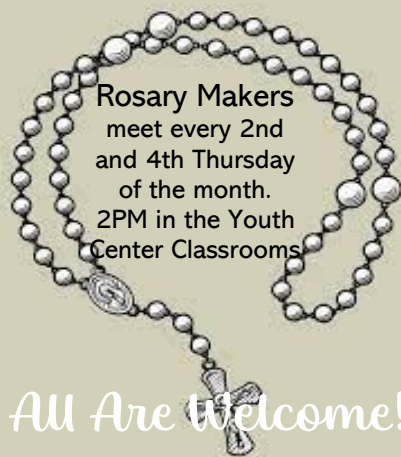
**Click on registration link**

<https://forms.gle/qdG7xTHubWfm7Tj6>

Or scan QR code



SCAN ME



Rosary Makers meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. 2PM in the Youth Center Classrooms

All Are Welcome!

## Pastoral Care

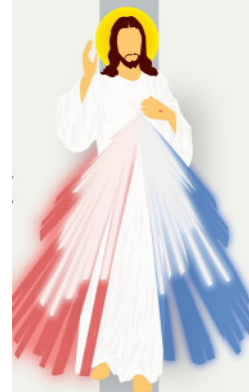
During this Lenten season we request your prayers for our homebound parishioners, patients in various hospitals nursing homes.

If interested in this ministry contact: 303-3014

## 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 Betenbaugh Room



## 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.

**No Donuts April 20th Happy Easter!**

On the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 6:45am,

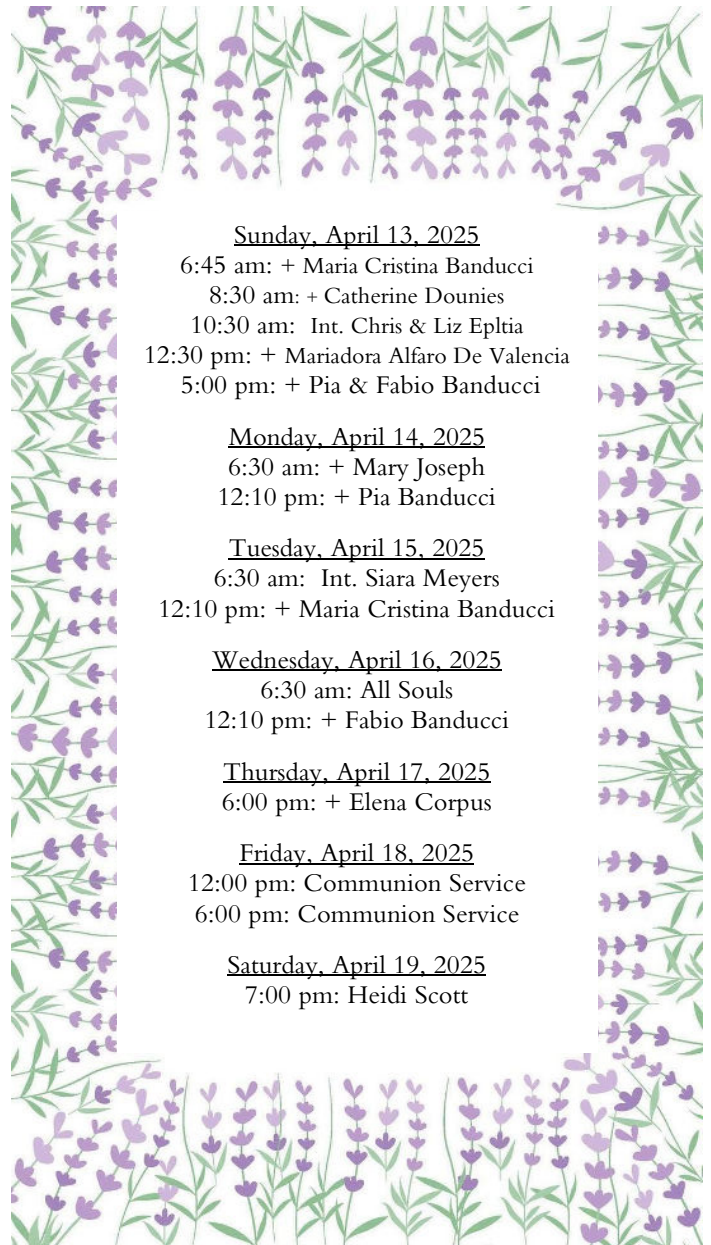
## CATHOLIC NIGHT

May 29, 2025  
6:50pm  
Chukchansi Park  
1800 Tulare St.  
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I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die. **John 11:25**  
 As we come out of the darkness, may the glory of the risen Lord fill your hearts with light and Joy.  
 Wishing all a very blessed and Happy Easter season.

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

Emma Reyes Carbonell, Helen Mary McPherson, Obdulia Sanchez Quintero, Manuel A. Gonzalez Sr., Daysi Flores, Johnny Castro Robles, Francisco Eduardo Serrano, Theresa Patricia O'Hanlon, Jesus Fernandez, Roberto Petersen, Mary Lou Mojica, Connie Gallardo, Maria Guadalupe De Anda, Kevin Walsh, Raul Mendoza, Juan Perez, Joe Anthony Camarena, Felicita Medina Escobar, Yasmin Ponce Aprea, Robert Arnold Duran, Edward Lalo Parra

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. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

If anyone needs information or help planning a funeral, please contact Roylene at the office 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 April 2025

4/6 Building Fund, 4/13 Diocesan Obligation for Parishes in Need, Good Friday/Holy Land, 4/20 easter Sunday & 4/27 Catholic Communications



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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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 Change of Information  
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