



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARROQUIA DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

JANUARY 6, 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



VISION

Saint Francis of Assisi is a welcoming, intergenerational and multi-cultural Catholic community which embraces the teachings of Jesus Christ to foster Spiritual growth.

MISSION

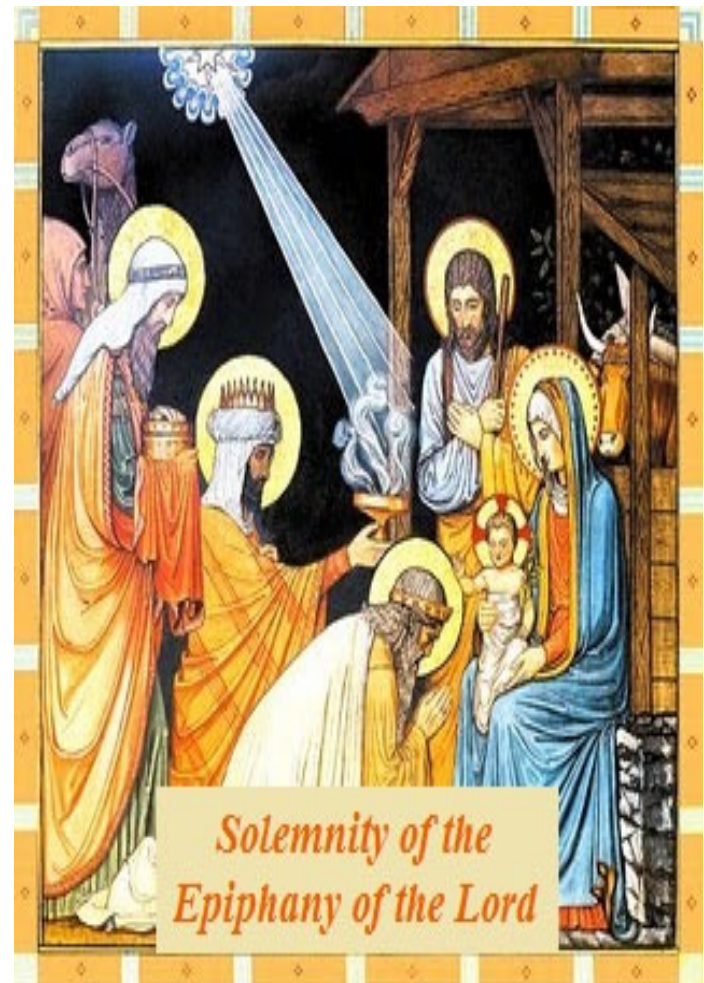
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

LA VISIÓN

La parroquia de St. Francis es una comunidad católica acogedora, intergeneracional, y multicultural. Toma a pecho las enseñanzas de Jesucristo para promover el crecimiento espiritual.

LA MISIÓN

La misión de La Iglesia de St. Francis es de desarrollar una parroquia acogedora y dinámica. Por medio de las asambleas litúrgicas, la formación de la Fe, y las gracias del Espíritu Santo, nosotros con confianza vivimos el mensaje de Evangelio en servicio a la comunidad y a la Diócesis de Oakland.



The Rev. Ismael Gutierrez
Pastor

The Rev. Rafal Duda
Parochial Vicar

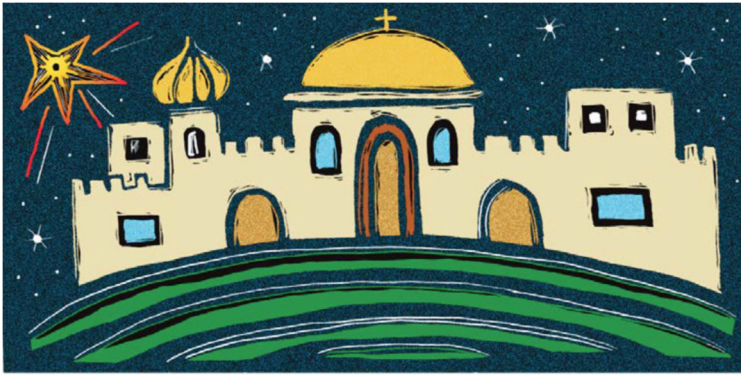
The Rev. Mr. Charles Palomares
The Rev. Mr. John Mazibrook
Deacons/Diáconos

ADDRESS/ DIRECCION

860 Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA 94518
Telephone (925) 682-5447 • Fax (925) 682-5491

OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday (Lunes) to Friday (Viernes) 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
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**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

• *Isaiah 60:1*

**La Epifanía del Señor
6 de enero de 2019**

Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén,
porque ha llegado tu luz
y la gloria del Señor alborea sobre ti.
— *Isaías 60:1*

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30PM (English), 7:30PM (Portuguese)

Sunday (Domingo)

English 7:00AM; 10:00AM; **Spanish** 8:00AM; 1:00PM;
11:30AM; 5:30PM 7:00PM

Daily Mass

8:30AM Mon—Sat (English)
Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Reconciliation/Reconciliación

Tuesday (Martes) 6:00PM to 7:00PM (Español)
Saturdays (Sábados) 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Sacrament of the Sick/Unción de Enfermos
Holy Anointing/Prayers and Pastoral Care for the Sick.
Call/Llamar (925) 682-5447**

**Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucarística
Mondays (Lunes) 7:30-8:30PM in the Chapel/Capilla**

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS
Monday to Friday, after the 8:30AM Mass.**

**St. Vincent de Paul/San Vicente de Paul
Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9:30AM –11:30AM**
For those who need food or assistance/*Para aquellos que
necesiten comida o asistencia*
(925) 682-5811

St. Francis of Assisi School
866 Oak Grove Rd., Concord CA 94518
Phone:(925) 682-5414 FAX (925) 682-5480
Mrs. Patti Calton, Interim Principal Ext #101

**ATTENTION. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE
PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EVERY
TUESDAY FROM 11AM TO 1:00PM. THIS IS
TO ALLOW THE STAFF TO HOLD MEET-
INGS AND THEIR PRAYER GROUPS AT A
SET TIME AND DATE EACH WEEK. THANK
YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

WEEKLY Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 5th, 2019 (Vigil)
5:30PM– Vigil - + Erlinda Bonifacio
Sunday, January 6th, 2019 **The Epiphany of the Lord**
7:00 am *Sp. Int. Declan Fitzsimmons*
8:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis
10:00AM + Jazmine Fontecha
11:30AM + Gim Foo Tom
1:00pm + Macedonio Magallon Flores
5:30PM + Angela Singson
7:00PM + Rogelia Gutierrez
Monday, January 7th, 2019 ,
8:30am *Sp. Int.- John Fitzsimmons*
Tuesday, January 8th, 2019–
8:30am + Erlinda Bonifacio
7:00pm + Jesus Tinoco Hernandez
Wednesday, January 9th, 2019
8:30 am *Sp. Int. Leonardo Espinosa Jr.*
Thursday, January 10th, 2019
8:30am + Margarot Rickey
Friday, January 11th, 2019
8:30am + Madeline Briard
Saturday, January 12th, 2019
8:30AM Parishioners of St. Francis
(Vigil Mass): 5:30pm- *Sp. Int.—Mary Ann Pairier & family*
Sunday, JAN.13th, 2019– **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
7:00am + Conchita Cabangon
8:00 AM + Erasmo Montenegro
10:00am + Venancio M. Gaddi
11:30am + Oy Ye Tom
1:00PM
5:30pm + Floro & Librada de la Pena
7:00 PM

Bold masses in Spanish

We are now accepting applications for Baptism in February onward for 2019. Please register at least three months before the Baptism to confirm your class and baptism dates. Some months fill up very quickly.

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.
—John Henry Newman

FAITH DIRECT

As you may know, we have a program for electronic offertory donations called *Faith Direct*. This program has already had a positive impact on our Sunday collection. I am hopeful that you will join other parishioners and sign up for this service. The program is a cost effective way for the parish to receive donations. For every family that has signed up with *Faith Direct*, we have been able to eliminate the cost of purchasing and mailing envelopes. This method has also reduced the handling of cash and checks in the rectory and has proven to be a safe and secure method of making a church offering.

I share with you our concern about the economic situation in which we now find ourselves. We very much feel the impact of the present economy. I am tremendously grateful that parishioners have remained consistent in their financial generosity to the parish. Our increased enrollment with *Faith Direct* will continue to stabilize our parish finances. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or *Faith Direct* at 866-507-8757 (toll-free). To enroll in the program, pick up an enrollment form from the parish office or visit www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code: **CA762**

God bless you.
Fr. Ismael Gutierrez

Married Couples: This New Year, make a Resolution to make your marriage the *best it can be* by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!** The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: **Jun 28-30, 2019 in DANVILLE, CA** and **Nov 15-17, 2019 in DANVILLE, CA.** For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact **Chuck & Annie** at applications@oaklandwwme.org or **925-849-5466**.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Crab Feed on Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Family Center/ Gym. All are invited. The Knights will be selling tickets after mass during the month of January. SFA Knights of Columbus Crab Feed Saturday, Jan. 19th at 6:00PM \$50 for an adult ticket \$25 for kids 12 and under/ Contact the following to reserve your tickets. Craig Frant, (925) 899-8625, cwillyf15@gmail.com Ron Melvin, (925) 708-1178, ron@ronmelvin.com

CHURCH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORTING

Sunday Dec. 22&23	\$8,749.
Faith Direct e-Giving Dec. 15	\$3,445.
Parish Repairs 2nd Coll	\$3,810.
TOTAL	\$16,004.

YTD SHORTFALL (\$22,216)

Jan-Nov Expenses = \$1,069,086.

YOUTH GROUPS

Sacrament of Confirmation for Teens
Mandatory Retreat for all Confirmation Candidates in the FC/Gym

Saturday, **Jan. 5th, 2019** from 10am to 10:00pm
And Sunday, **Jan. 6th, 2019** from 9:30am to 6:30PM

Sunday, Jan. 20th from 3-6:30PM in Pope JP II Center
Class: After Retreat Sharing

Youth Ministry

Youth Group for all 7th –12th Graders Meet Monday's from 7-9PM in the Gym and Youth Room

Teen Sacraments of First Rec. & First Comm.
For 7th to 12th Graders

Year One meets on Tues from 4-5:30pm in the POC
Year Two meets on Wed from 4-5:30pm in the POC

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES– Must Sign Up Ahead of time with Kathy D.

Every **Sunday** from 8 –10am and 1-3pm
Help K of C distribute food outside the JP II Center.
Saturday, Jan. 19th from 6-10PM in FC/Gym
Helping with K of C Crab Feed

If you have any questions, you can contact our Youth Minister & Teen Sacrament Coordinator, Kathy De Lemos at her direct line (925) 375-1057 (or office (925) 682-5447 Ext 29, or at Youth@SFAconcord.org.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL!!

Enrolling NOW for the 2019-2020 School Year

St. Francis of Assisi School is a private Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Through the 8th grade Catholic school. Our value-centered academic programs empower students to be faith - filled people, lifelong learners and problem solvers and globally responsible citizens. We invite you to the following upcoming events.

The School will be having an Open House on Sunday, Jan. 27th from 11am until 1:00pm at 866 Oak Grove Road Concord 94518

The School will also be having a "Peek at our TK and Kindergarten " on Thursday, Jan. 24th at 6:30PM (No Children Please). To make a reservation for this program or if you have any question, please call the school at (925) 682-5414.

Please feel free to call the school office to schedule to tour and to get additional information about the events above or any of our academic programs.

Peace & Blessings,
Mrs. Patti Calton
Interim Principal
925-682-5414
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St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 9:30AM TO 11:30AM. CLOSED ON TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND WEEKENDS. CALL THEM AT (925) 682-5811.

The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 12:15pm in the Pope John Paul II Center. All seniors are invited to our luncheons celebrated on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September thru May (except January).

The Senior Luncheon is still looking for people to help with this ministry. If you could set up or clean up, or even prepare a meal or two, then please contact Marian Morbeto at (925) 676-6158.

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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Next weekend is our annual diocesan-wide Seminary collection. In the pews you will find a brochure which introduces you to our 19 seminarians and the different seminaries they are attending. Also in the pews you will find special collection envelopes for the Seminary Collection next weekend. We ask you to please be generous in financially supporting those called to serve us in the Oakland Diocese as future priests. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Questions on our programs should be addressed to one of the following coordinators: Religious Education in Spanish for children and adults: (925) 375-1066 or Scarlett@sfaconcord.org.

Religious Education in English for children and adults: (925) 375-1067 or Nathan@sfaconcord.org.

Youth Ministry and Teen Sacraments:
Kathy De Lemos call
(925) 375-1057 or Youth@Sfaconcord.org

Grief support at St. Bonaventure's

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was unexpected and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief.

Healing the Heart is a 6 week program that will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 until 9:00pm from February 12th to March 19th in classroom B-1. The Grief Companions will share their experiences and there is time for small group sharing too. We invite you to join us and let us accompany you on your healing journey. For more information and to register, call Helene at (925) 681-8105.

San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Drive (925-837-9141 Ext 312)
katerik@sandamiano.org

Offers the following retreats:

Jan. 11-13 The Divine Embrace (Silent Directed Retreat) with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy OFM & Spiritual Direction Team.

Jan. 11-13 "Charting a New Course with Purpose & Meaning," a trauma recovery retreat led by Tom Gorham and the staff from Options Recovery.

Jan. 25-27: "Can a Franciscan Be Angry/Spiritual Practice & Emotional Range in the Franciscan Tradition," Darleen Pryds, PhD.

Could you be a friend to the Caring Hands program? *The next Caring Hands Volunteer training is coming up on Jan. 25th. If you have just an hour or two each week to offer friendship and occasional rides to a senior in your neighborhood, please consider joining the team as a non-medical volunteer caregiver.*

Enriching matches and deep relationships are created with frail or isolated Contra Costa County seniors who treasure a friendly visit, a walk, a social outing, or a ride to the doctor. Reading mail or providing occasional respite care are services which make a big difference. The program is flexible and you can help someone in your own neighborhood. The program provides substitutes for when you're away.

Perhaps you'll be that friend who gives a waiting senior hope and help—or maybe you know just the person to do so! For an application or more information about John Muir Health's Caring Hands Program, please contact Stacy Appel, Volunteer coordinator, at (925) 952-2999 or email: caring.hands@johnmuirhealth.com

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén, porque sobre ti se levanta (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio se ha dado a conocer, que los no judíos han de compartir en Cristo Jesús la misma herencia (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?”

(Mateo 2:1-12).

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BANQUETE DE CANGREJO

Los caballeros de Colon le invitan al **banquete de Cangrejo** que se llevará a cabo el **Sábado 19 de enero 2019** en el centro familiar de la parroquia o mejor conocido como el gimnasio parroquial. Costo por boleto:

\$50 por persona adulta *

\$25 para menores de 12 años.*

El menú de la noche incluye:

Cangrejo (fresco y delicioso) o

Pollo (el costo de la cena con pollo es de \$30 por persona y tiene que ser especificado con anticipación).

Pasta, ensalada, pan de ajo, postre, café y té.

Bebidas inician a las 6:00p.m. (no incluidas)

Cena será servida a las 7:00p.m.

Rifas y subastas y mucho más.

Para boletos o para reservaciones contactar a Craig Frank (925) 899-8625 cwilly-f15@gmail.com

Ron Melvin (925) 708-1178, ron@ronmelvin.com

Favor traer sus propios utensilios para partir el cangrejo y su salsa favorita.

* Los preciosos mencionados son por boleto reservado y compra adelantada. Favor reserve sus boletos con anticipación.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Una oración para la Epifanía:

Señor, Dios nuestro, que por medio de una estrella, diste a conocer en este día, a todos los pueblos

el nacimiento de tu Hijo,

concede a los que ya te conocemos por la fe,

llegar a contemplar, cara a cara,

la hermosura de tu inmensa gloria.

(Misal Romano, Oración Colecta para la Epifanía del Señor)

INSCRIPCION PARROQUIAL

Si usted y su familia son nuevos en nuestra parroquia, o tiene tiempo asistiendo a nuestras misas y desea ser parte de nuestra parroquia; lo puede hacer, completando una **forma de registración parroquial, las que encontrara en la oficina parroquial,** a la entrada de la iglesia o también lo puede hacer vía electrónica entrando a la pagina [www. sfaconcord. Com](http://www.sfaconcord.Com).

Agradecimientos

Nuestra parroquia de San Francisco de Asís es bendecida constantemente con la presencia de los feligreses y entre ellos los servidores fieles que dan su tiempo, tesoro y talento a al servicio de la parroquia, ya sea decorando el templo, como también los que lo limpian, los servidores y servidoras de la liturgia de la palabra como los ministros de la Santa Eucaristía y sacristanes los que visitan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas enfermos y ancianos, como también los que cordialmente nos reciben y dan la bienvenida a la entrada de la iglesia cada domingo, o los que nos ayudan a elevar nuestras oraciones a través de sus voces melodiosas, o los que con su entusiasmo energía nos ayudan a los diferentes eventos parroquiales; y sin olvidar a los que con su dedicación sabiduría y compasión comparte la fe la esperanza y la caridad, con sus semejantes.

Gracias por el servicio que aportan a nuestra parroquia de San Francisco de Asís.

REUNION LABORAL

Favor tomar en cuenta que los martes entre 11:00a.m. y 1:00p.m., el equipo laboral de San Francisco de Asís, se reúne ya sea para enriquecimiento espiritual o planeación pastoral, les pedimos de sus oraciones y de su comprensión.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44
Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71): 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52
Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a
Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16
Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10 o Sal 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Hch 10:34-38 o Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lc 3:15-16, 21-22

Diez razones dar la colecta a través de Faith Direct

1. Elimina la necesidad de cheques y sobres para las colectas
2. 52 semanas de ingreso predecible para su parroquia
3. Es más seguro que el efectivo y los cheques
4. Ud. no paga un pago individual
5. Ud. maneja sus contribuciones directamente en línea—incluyendo las segundas colectas.
6. Reduce los gastos de las estampillas y los sobres para St. Francis of Assisi.
7. Menos trabajo para los empleados de la parroquia
8. Las cartas personalizadas indican el ofrecimiento de su tesoro a la parroquia
9. Ud. puede ganar puntos en su tarjeta de crédito
10. ¡Rev. Ismael Gutiérrez es miembro del programa!

Únase a los parroquianos que usan *Faith Direct* para contribuir a su parroquia. Visite www.faithdirect.net, nuestro código es **CA762** o llame 866.507.8757 (gratis; se habla español) para más información.

BODAS 2019

Año Nuevo, Vida Nueva

Parejas planeando recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio para el año 2019, pueden pasar a reservar fechas, la reservación se deberá hacer seis meses o un año antes.

Este año tendremos nuevamente bodas comunitarias para el 6 de abril.

Para requisitos y fechas disponibles, favor contactar la oficina parroquial al (925) 682-5447.

MINISTERIO DE SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

El ministerio de San Vicente Paúl desea darles las Gracias por su apoyo durante las fiestas y atreves de todo el año. ¡Que Dios los bendiga a todos aquellos que nos ayudaron a cuidar de los más necesitados.

HORAS DE SERVICIO SON :
LUNES, MIÉRCOLES Y VIERNES
DE 9:30 A 11:30. a.m.
CERRADO: MARTES, JUEVES Y FIN DE SEMANA.
Para mas información Llame al
(925) 682-5811.

NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

La escuela parroquial de San Francisco de Asís, le invita a su **Open House a realizarse el domingo el 27 de enero 2019, de 11:00a.m. a 1:00 p.m. Venga conozca e infórmese del programa educativo que ofrece nuestra escuela.**

EVANGELIARIO 2019

La Palabra comentada cada día, este libro de bolsillo, contiene los evangelios de cada día como también las reflexiones diarias. Este útil librito ya esta a la venta y lo puede encontrar en la tienda parroquial a un módico precio.