



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

JANUARY 7th, 2018

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.



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**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018**
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
— Psalm 72:11
**La Epifanía del Señor
7 de enero de 2018**
Ante él se postrarán todos los reyes
y todas las naciones.
— Salmo 72(71):11

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
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PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6, 2018 (Vigil)
5:30 PM- + Paul Reber -Walter
Sunday, JAN. 7TH, 2018—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7:00am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
8:00AM + **Luisa Sotelo**
10:00AM + Charles Tuholski
11:30AM Sp. Int.- Bernadette Hockel
1:00pm + **John Sanchez**
5:30PM + Margarita Nieto de Lainez
7:00PM +**For all the Souls in Purgatory**
Monday, January 8, 2018
8:30am + Guillermina Del Carmen Vargas
Tuesday, January 9, 2018—
8:30am + Sr. James Marian Dyer
7:00PM + **Rogelia Gutierrez**
Wednesday, January 10, 2018
8:30am + Laura Del Carmen Rodriguez Vargas
Thursday, January 11, 2018
8:30am + Eliana Del Carmen Trujillo Rodriguez
Friday, January 12, 2018
8:30am + Ernesto Leopoldo Trujillo Madariaga
Saturday, January 13, 2018
8:30AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
5:30PM (Vigil Mass) + Pete Streich
Sunday, January 14, 2018– Second Sunday in O.T.
7:00am + Donald & Margaret Kelly
8:00 AM
10:00am + Mauro M. Arizapa
11:30AM + Celestina Gan
1:00PM + **Macedonio Magallon Flores**
5:30PM
7:00PM

Bold masses in Spanish

Reminder: We also have Adoration every Monday evening at 7:30pm in the Chapel. We invite you to think about spending some quality time with Jesus in prayer.

Thank you to all who helped decorate our church for Advent, Christmas and the New Year. We have our new lights up and working and they make the church look bright and inviting. Thank you again to all who donated lights for the church.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Thank you for your generous support for the SVdP Food Pantry at St. Francis— during the holidays, and throughout the year! May God bless all who help us care for those in need in our community!

Fire Damages SVdP Pleasant Hill Thrift Store:

On October 29th, the St. Vincent de Paul Pleasant Hill Thrift Store experienced an early-morning fire that destroyed the donation area and caused substantial damage. Extensive fire and smoke damage was extended to the flooring, walls, ceiling, door-frames, windows, computers and merchandise, there is very little equipment and merchandise that is salvageable. Additionally, the store has been closed for clean-up and restoration since the fire, so we are losing sales revenue that support our safety-net programs. PLEASE help us rebuild our store by making a **merchandise donations of clothes, shoe, furniture and household goods**. Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County!

Additionally, donations are appreciated for the FIRE REBUILDING FUND, at www.svdpc.org, or to: St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County, 2210 Gladstone Drive, Pittsburg, CA 94565, attn.: Fire Rebuilding Fund.

While insurance will help us recover most of the expenses associated with rebuilding, significant additional expenses will not be covered. Please join us in the effort to re-open the Pleasant Hill Thrift Store by early January. Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County.

THINKING ABOUT A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Fr. Padraig Greene has just completed his first six months as Catholic Chaplain at John Muir, Concord and the Regional Medical Center Martinez. During those months he has discovered a need at both hospitals: an urgent need for more Eucharistic Minister to the Sick. He hopes to have expanded teams at both hospitals ready by Ash Wednesday 2018.

What about a New Year Resolution??? A gift of a few hours monthly to bring Holy Communion to the sick in their time of need. Think about it, then bring it to prayer

This ministry is open to all active Catholics, men, women and couples of all ages and ethnic background.

Fr. Padraig will plan orientation and formation as well as supervise and support the teams in the future.

Please contact him directly at pgreene389@gmail.com

Respect Life and Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project Co-coordinators Clare Finley and Liz Lara are very grateful to the support offered. Clare may be contacted for more information at 702-280-4599 and Liz Lara (for Spanish-speaking parishioners) at 925-487-2736.

EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run

Before the sages, to the rising Sun,

Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud

Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont

YOUTH MINISTRY

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Sunday, Jan. 21st from 3-6:30pm in the Pope JP II Center

Sunday, Jan. 28th from 3-6:30pm in the Pope JP II Center

TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL

Sunday, Jan. 7th—5:30PM Teen Mass in Church

No Teen Social due to Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, Jan. 21st— 5:30pm Teen Mass in Church

Teen Social: After Mass meet in Baptistry, go to Chuck E. Cheese

Bring money for food and games!

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Group for Gr. 7th –12th meets on

Monday Nights from 7-9PM in the Gym and Y/R.

Teen Sacraments of First Rec. and First Communion for all 7th –12 Graders:

Year I Meets Tues.— 4-5:30pm in the POC

Year II Meets Wed. — 4-5:30pm in the POC

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES—

Every Sunday from 8 –10am and 1-3pm

Help K of C distribute food outside the JP II Center.

Saturday, January 20th from 6-10PM in FC/Gym

Help serve at the Knight of Columbus Crab Feed

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

SACRISTANS NEEDED - We are in great need of new Sacristans here at St. Francis of Assisi. Some of the Sacristan duties include assisting the Priest by preparing the Church before Mass and then cleaning the sacred vessels after Mass. Training will be provided. If you are interested in helping in this most important role, please contact the Parish Office or let one of our Priests or Sacristans know you would like to volunteer

Attention current and potential ministers to the home bound.

We are still looking for help with this ministry for our home-bound parishioners who would enjoy receiving Holy Communion and a short visit with a church member. We have both English and Spanish speaking parishioners and if you would like to help, please contact Betty Favello 925-798-7964 or Jim Baldrige at 925-689-9232.

THE PARISH IS STILL LOOKING FOR NEW USHERS FOR BOTH SUNDAY AND HOLIDAY MASSES. IF INTERESTED CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.

**St. Francis of Assisi School News!!
The School will be having an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 28th, 2018 from 11am to 1:00pm at 866 Oak Grove Road Concord 94518.**

The School will also be having a "Peek of Kindergarten on January 25, 2018 at 6:30PM (NO CHILDREN PLEASE). Applications for the upcoming school year will be available at these times. If you have any questions, feel free to call the school office at (925) 682-5414.

The children of St. Francis of Assisi School will begin celebrating a Sunday mass with our parishioners beginning in the new year. They are scheduled to attend the 10am mass on the 1st Sunday of the month.

COULD YOU BE A FRIEND TO THE CARING HANDS PROGRAM? *The next Caring Hands Volunteer training is coming up Jan. 19th in Walnut Creek - If you have just an hour or two each week to offer friendship and occasional rides to a senior in your neighborhood, Caring Hands would love to talk with you. Enriching matches and deep relationships have been created. These seniors treasure a friendly visit, a walk, or a social outing or rides to the doctors. Providing occasional respite care are services for the non-medical volunteers that can make a big difference. The program is flexible. For more information about this program, contact Stacy Appel, Volunteer coordinator at (925) 952-2999 or email them at: caing.hands.@johnmuirhealth.com*

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Sunday Dec. 23/24	\$11,250.
Faith Direct eGiving	<u>\$3,418.</u>
Total	\$14,668.

Christmas Collection \$21,926.

YTD Shortfall (\$35,849.)

Sunday, Dec. 30/31	\$9,786.
Faith Direct eGiving	<u>\$3,357.</u>
Total	\$13,143.

YTD Shortfall (\$2,107.)

Reminder: The Parish needs \$15,250 each week just to meet expenses. Thank you to all who use envelopes and Faith Direct Contributions..

LA PROMESA DE DIOS A TODOS

Hoy Isaías le recuerda al pueblo de Dios que recuperará su tierra, que se alegrará al ver que las personas regresan del cautiverio del exilio y que será una luz para todos los pueblos. En otras palabras, por medio del pueblo de Israel, el Salvador llegará a todos los pueblos que buscan a Dios con un corazón sincero. Esto traerá la alegría y el resplandor de la gloria de Dios a todo el mundo y a todos los pueblos. Gracias a la fidelidad del pueblo de Dios y, gracias a la fidelidad de Dios con ellos, todos serán sus hijos y se alegrarán con el cumplimiento de su promesa a Israel.

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NOTICIAS DE NUESTRA ESCUELA PARROQUIAL

Si tiene niños o niñas listos para iniciar el kínder Garden para el ciclo escolar 2018-2019, la escuela tendrá una noche de información para Padres de Familia (favor no traer niños), el 25 de enero 2018 a las 6:30p.m; en el gimnasio parroquial. Las aplicaciones para el año escolar estarán disponibles ese día. Para preguntas llamar la escuela al (925) 682-5414.

Open House, 2018-2019 la escuela parroquial de San Francisco de Asís, abrirá sus puertas el domingo **28 de enero, 2018 de 11:00a.m. a 1:00p.m.** Acompañenos y visite los salones de clase, haga preguntas al personal docente, descubra como la escuela de SFA integra la Fe, la creatividad el servicio y entusiasmo por el aprendizaje duradero; mientras persigue la verdad, el honor, la justicia y la excelencia.

Para mas información llamar al (925) 682-5447.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Se postrarán ante ti, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar son los nombres que la tradición ha dado a los tres reyes magos. Pero ¿quién dijo que eran tres? Según San Mateo (Mt 2:1-12) fueron sabios del oriente que trajeron oro, incienso y mirra a Jesús. La imaginación cristiana decidió que cada regalo requería alguien que lo regalara. Se fija así el número de sabios en tres. Por ser astrólogos del oriente, tenían que ser magos. Venían buscando al nuevo rey de Israel y fue así que se les da el papel de reyes que representaban los tres continentes conocidos en la época medieval: Asia, África y Europa.

Ellos también representan tres edades humanas: juventud, madurez y vejez. Melchor (rey de la luz), fue un anciano europeo que obsequió oro al Rey Jesús; Gaspar (tesorero) fue un joven asiático que regaló incienso al Niño Dios y Baltasar (dios proteja al rey) fue un hombre africano que donó mirra al Hijo del Hombre.

Hoy día habría que incluir una niña americana y una adolescente australiana a la lista de reyes magos.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

AGRADECIMIENTOS

El pasado domingos 31 de diciembre despedimos el año viejo y recibimos el nuevo año con un baile, en el cual recaudamos fondos para los damnificados del terremoto en México. Nuevamente mil gracias por su colaboración.

San Vicente de Paúl

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

Horario de Oficina: 9:30-11:30a.m.

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes.

Favor de llamar al (925) 682-5811.

OFICINA CERRADA Martes y Jueves.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 55:1-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Hch 10:34-38 o 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mc 1:7-11

Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20 o 1 Sm 1:1-8 y 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:21-28 o Mc 1:14-20 y Mc 1:21-28

Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40 (39):2, 5, 7-10; Mc 1:29-39

Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mc 1:40-45

Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89 (88):16-19; Mc 2:1-12

Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mc 2:13-17

Domingo: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

REGISTRACION 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 de San Francis, completando una **forma de registraci3n parroquial las que encontraras en la oficina parroquial**, o en la entrada de la iglesia o tambi3n lo puede hacer v3a electr3nica entrando a la pagina [www. sfaconcord.com](http://www.sfaconcord.com).

Evangelario Diario 2018

La Palabra comentada cada d3a, este libro de bolsillo, contiene los evangelios de cada d3a como tambi3n las reflexiones diarias. Este 3til librito ya esta a la venta y lo puede encontrar en la tienda parroquial al m3dico precio.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Nuevo A3o, nueva vida dice por all3 un dicho, con la llegada de un nuevo a3o llegan la resoluciones y planes para nuestra vida, y se entre sus resoluciones esta el recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio.

nuestra parroquia ofrecer3 nuevamente celebraciones comunitarias del Sacramento del Matrimonio. El proceso lo puede iniciar de 6 meses a 1 a3o antes.

Documentaci3n que necesitar3 traer:

- *Copia reciente de la Fe de Bautismo del novio y la novia (solicitarla a la parroquia donde fue bautizado (a)).*
- *Presentar identificaci3n de los contrayentes.*

Bodas Comunitarias: Nuestra parroquia tambi3n ofrecer3 este a3o dos fechas, s3bados 28 de abril y 25 de agosto a las 3:00p.m. Esta celebraci3n es para parejas que ya tienen familia o que est3n casadas por el civil y por alguna u otra raz3n no han recibido el Sacramento del Matrimonio.

Parejas interesadas en obtener m3s informaci3n o reservar fecha favor contactar la oficina parroquial lo m3s pronto posible (925) 682-5447.

BAUTIZOS INFANTILES

Las pr3ximas fechas para los bautizos de infantes ser3n el s3bado 20 y 27 de enero. Padres de familia interesados en bautizar a sus hijos e hijas durante estas fechas, favor contactar la oficina parroquial antes del 8 de enero 2018.