



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

FEBRUARY 11TH, 2018

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

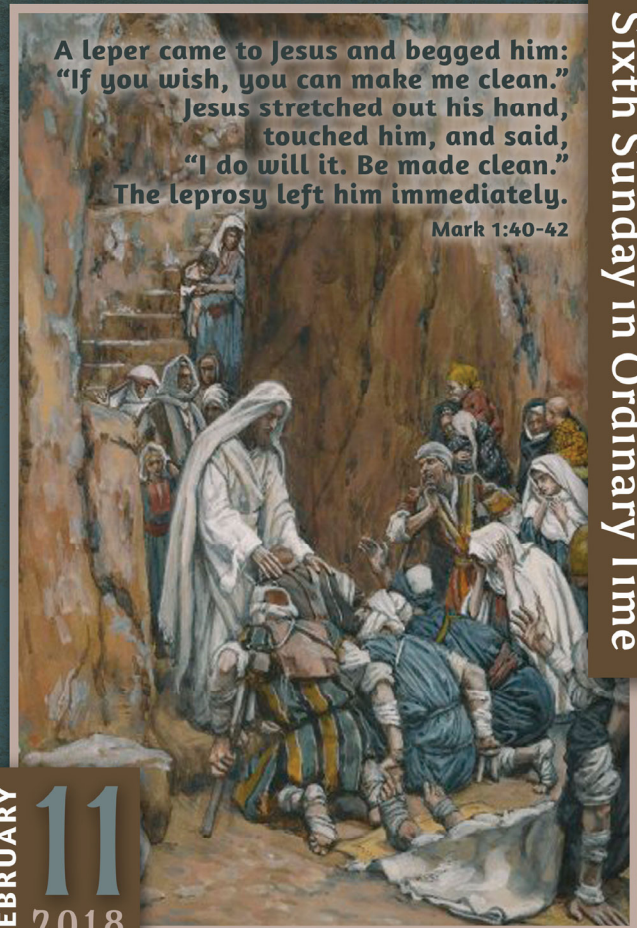
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Rev. Rafal Duda
Parochial Vicar

The Rev. Mr. Charles Palomares
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OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday (Lunes) to Friday (Viernes) 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018**

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

**Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
11 de febrero de 2018**

Todo lo que hagan ustedes, sea comer,
o beber, o cualquier otra cosa,
háganlo todo para gloria de Dios.

- 1 Corintios 10:31

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

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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 UNDER-
STANDING.

**Reminder: Adoration is also held on Monday's
at 7:30pm in the Chapel.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10TH, 2018 (Vigil)

5:30 PM- + Gregorio Cruz

Sunday, February 11th, 2018—THE 6th Sunday in O.T.

7:00am + Donald & Margaret Kelly

8:00AM + Theresa Sanchez Villa

10:00AM Sp. Int.—Quiambao Family

11:30AM + Celestina Gan

1:00pm + Gabriel Quezada

5:30PM + John Butler

7:00PM + Rev. Richard Culver

Monday, February 12th, 2018

8:30am + Peter Tiernan

Tuesday, February 13th, 2018—

8:30am + Albino Reyes

7:00PM Salvador Serrano

Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 —Ash Wednesday

6:30am Parishioners of St. Francis

8: 00 Parishioners of St. Francis

12:15pm —Service—

4:00PM Bilingual —Parishioners of St. Francis

6:00PM Parishioners of St. Francis

8:00PM Parishioners of St. Francis

Thursday, February 15th, 2018

6:30am Sp. Int.— Jim Baldrige

8:30am + Aida Colicchia

Friday, February 16th, 2018

6:30am Parishioners of St. Francis

8:30am + William Yau Fai Yu

Saturday, February 17th, 2018

8:30AM + Sally Green

5:30PM (Vigil Mass) + Joe Streich

Sunday, February 18th, 2018— The 1ST Sunday Lent.

7:00am Sp. Int. — Jim Baldrige

8:00 AM + Ignacio Avila

10:00am + Mary Ann B. Torres

11:30AM + Lee Dulac

1:00PM + Gabriela Cantu

5:30PM + Rodolfo Bautista

7:00PM + Maria Diaz

Bold masses in Spanish

**The Parish Communal Reconciliation
Service on Monday, March 5th at
7:00PM**

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

The fire damaged St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store on Contra Costa Blvd. is still under construction and cannot accept donations until late February or early March. We will be notified of its reopening.

DONATIONS MUST BE TAKEN TO THE STORE AT THAT TIME—WE CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH OR AT THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY. (ALL DONATIONS MUST BE CLEAN AND GENTLY USED TO BE SALEABLE.)

Thank you for your cooperation.

Memo from the Diocese to all Parishioners.

During this flu season it is important to promote healthy practices for the safety of all. You are reminded that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill. We will have dispenser of hand sanitizers in the baptistry for those who wish to use. We will also not have the communal chalice for the Blood of Christ until further notice.

Sacred Communion is fully received by participation in one or both species. During the sign of peace, handshaking can be discontinued and a simple nod of you head to your neighbor should be enough. We pray for the health and recovery of all who are ill and not with us today.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEB. 14th, 2018

6:30AM—MASS ENGLISH, 8:30AM— MASS IN ENGLISH, 10:00AM –MASS IN SPANISH, 12:15PM –SERVICE IN ENGLISH, 4:00PM— MASS BILINGUAL, 6:00PM –MASS IN ENGLISH AND 8:00PM—MASS IN SPANISH

We will have a 6:30am Mass or Liturgy of the Word— Monday through Friday, starting February 14th to March 30.

On Fridays in Lent, we will also have Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm followed by a simple Soup Supper in the Pope John Paul II Center. All are welcome.

The Annual Bishop's Appeal begins today— The Theme this year is "Lighting the Way" Beginning next weekend, there will be cards and envelopes to accept your pledge. This helps support vital diocesan ministries and services provided by the Bishop's Appeal. Consider a gift or pledge proportional to your means. Your gift makes a difference!

YOUTH GROUPS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Sunday, Feb. 18th from 3-6:30pm in the Pope JP II Center

TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL

Sunday, Feb. 4th – 5:30pm Teen Mass in Church

NO Teen Social: - Due to Super Bowl Sunday
Bring money for food and games!

Sunday, Feb. 18th —Teen Mass -5:30pm in Church

NO Teen Social—Due to President's Day Holiday

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.

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.

LENT BEGINS— WED. FEB. 14TH

Catholics, ages 14 and over, are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

• Individuals between 18 and 59 are also obliged to fast — eat only one full meal — on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Eating two smaller meals is permitted if necessary to maintain strength, but eating between meals is not.

• These obligations, however, do not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected.

• Catholics are also encouraged to do penance in other ways, such as prayer, acts of self-denial, almsgiving, and through works of kindness and compassion.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, Feb. 3 & 4	\$9,631.
Faith Direct eGiving Feb. 4	<u>\$3,000.</u>
TOTAL	\$12,631.

YTD SHORTFALL (\$11,226.)

The parish now needs \$16,000 weekly just to meet expenses. Thank you to all who continue to use their envelopes or eGiving to support their parish.

** JANUARY EXPENDITURES FOR PARISH - \$85,764.

HEALTH MINISTRY BAKE SALE!!

The Health Care Ministry Annual Bake Sale for "Flu Shots" Fund Raiser will be held THIS Sunday, Feb. 11th from 8am to 1pm in the Hospitality Room. Donation or Bake goods are welcome, contact Nelly at (925) 676-5147.

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*

Please mark your calendars for the week of March 19th when St. Francis will again be volunteering at the Martinez Family Homeless Shelter. Sign-Ups will be held at all masses on Mar. 3 & 4. Many food, kitchen, household and personal items are needed. We may also have openings for volunteers to serve on teams purchasing food and preparing and serving dinners. More information, call 827-3619.

Carondelet High School's annual Mother-Daughter Retreat is a special time for women to explore, affirm and celebrate their unique bonds in a renewing, relaxing and spiritually-enriching atmosphere. It is open to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, alumnae and their daughters who are in 8th grade, high school, college or beyond. Sunday, Feb. 25 at Carondelet's Garaventa Center. Tickets on sale now at www.CarondeletHS.org/MotherDaughter.

Help end Child Sex Trafficking: Our Bishop has made this a major priority in Alameda and Contra Costa County for the protection of our children. There are 1500 homeless children living on the streets on any given night and they are at risk from predatory sex traffickers who target them to be victims in the heinous sex trade right here in the San Francisco Bay Area. Catholic Charities of the East Bay is looking for volunteers to serve a mentor in their new programs- Day Star, Mentoring & CSEC Education. For more information, call Joy Thompson at (510) 773-6159 or email her at joythompson@cceb.org.

Retrouvaille... A lifeline for marriages. Do you feel lost, frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages. The Retrouvaille Program begins with an initial weekend: Friday February 23, 2018 7:00pm to Sunday February 25, 2018 5:00pm. There are 12 follow up sessions over six Saturdays: March 3, March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21 & May 5, 2018 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Register at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Gus and Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063. Retrouvaille provides marriage help! You are not alone!

CALLING ALL WOMEN!!!

**Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast February 24, 2018 9:30-12:30
Crowne Plaza**

45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration by our speaker Patricia Sandoval!

Patricia is a well-known guest and prolific speaker on EWTN. Her autobiography, Transfigured, tells the story of her life as a Planned Parenthood worker and three harrowing years on the streets as a homeless drug addict and is a testament to the forgiveness and healing love of Jesus Christ.

Men are always welcome to attend!

Tickets are \$33/\$40 after February 17th.

For more information go to: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-a-d/ca-walnut-creek/>

Go to Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations or call Kim Sullivan (925) 683-8220

An Invitation to a Workshop on Centering Prayer

Have you ever wondered what Centering Prayer is all about? Come join us for a workshop to explain and experience Centering Prayer. This workshop will be held at **St. Agnes Church on Saturday, February 24th at Cauchi Hall from 9:30AM to 12:00 noon.**

Our presenter will be Eileen Halliburton, a Spiritual Director, who is a graduate of Holy Names University of Oakland. She has been practicing Centering Prayer since 1993 and is the past Coordinator of Contemplative Outreach of Oakland/East Bay. Eileen has facilitated Centering Prayer Introductory Workshops and retreats throughout Northern California.

Many of our well-loved saints practiced this method of prayer seeking the presence of God directly. The aim is to be present to the Lord, to just be with God.

Come join us and experience God's presence and love in a special way. Please RSVP no later than: February 17th Marie Rojo @ (925) 639-9901 Marierojo@ymail.com OR Gloria Schafer @ (925) 209-6912 Gaschafer@sbcglobal.net

PLEASE PRAY WITH US!

Please prayerfully consider standing for Life in conjunction with other Christians and like minded people during the 40 Days for Life campaign, set for February 14 through March 24. 40 Days for Life is not a "protest" group. It is a world-wide organization that promotes 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for a one hour period during the 40-day vigil in the public right of way outside the Planned Parenthood in Walnut Creek at 1537 Oakland Blvd. We will be praying from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, during the 40 Day vigil. Please sign up for an hour or two, and join us! Sign up on the website: 40DaysForLife.com/walnutcreek/ or call Ann Vaccaro (925) 212-7938 with questions. Thank you.

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA



14 DE FEBRERO

HORARIO DE MISAS

Todas las misas y servicios litúrgicos ofrecerán imposición de ceniza.

- 6:30AM - Misa en Inglés
- 8:30AM - Misa en Inglés
- 10:00AM - Misa en Español
- 12:15PM - Servicio Litúrgico en Inglés
- 4:00PM - Misa Bilingüe
- 6:00PM - Misa en Inglés
- 8:00PM - Misa en Español.

EN CUARESMA

El tiempo litúrgico de Cuaresma inicia con el miércoles de Ceniza (14 de febrero). Durante este tiempo tendremos nuevamente las misas a las 6:30 a.m., en inglés.

- **Vía Crucis:** Todos los viernes de cuaresma, estaremos meditando el Vía Crucis de nuestro Señor a las 7:00p.m.
- **Sopas en Cuaresma:** Todos los viernes después del Vía Crucis, la sopa será servida en el salón Juan Pablo II.
- **Sacramento de la Reconciliación o Confesiones.** Las confesiones de la parroquia son todos los martes de 6-7p.m., y los sábados de 4-5p.m. También tendremos **Confesiones Comunitarias el lunes 5 de Marzo a las 7:00p.m.**

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El leproso habitará solo, fuera del campamento (Levítico 13:1-2, 44-46).

Salmo — Tú eres mi refugio; me rodeas de cantos de liberación (Salmo 32 [31]).

Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (1 Corintios 10:31 — 11:1).

Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie (Marcos 1:40-45).

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A DIOS TODA LA GLORIA

Una característica peculiar de la primera parte del Evangelio según san Marcos es que en general Jesús obra un milagro y luego le dice al beneficiario del milagro que no se lo cuente a nadie. Se ha especulado mucho al respecto: Marcos está preparando el terreno para el gran “secreto” que se revelará cuando Pedro proclame que Jesús es el Mesías en Cesárea de Filipo; otros comentaristas más escépticos sostienen que Jesús, quien era plenamente consciente de su naturaleza humana, sabía que la mejor manera de difundir la Buena Nueva era pidiéndole a las personas que la mantuvieran en secreto. La reflexión de esta manera de guardar el secreto que nos resulta muy útil, sin embargo, es que Jesús estaba comenzando su ministerio público de la forma en que describe Pablo: lo estaba haciendo por la gloria de Dios, no para beneficio propio sino para beneficio de todos. Pablo después escribiría a los filipenses que Jesús “se rebajó a sí mismo” para parecerse a nosotros. Y vemos cómo esta humildad se pone en práctica hoy en la curación del leproso. Jesús está intentando revelar la presencia del Reino de Dios entre las personas, no para recibir gloria sino para que Dios fuera glorificado por él. Imitar esta forma de obrar, lo cual Pablo sugiere que hagan las facciones judías y griegas cristianas de Corintio, todavía nos resulta muy útil hoy.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Nuevo Año, nueva vida dice por allí un dicho, con la llegada de un nuevo año llegan las resoluciones y planes para nuestra vida, y se entre sus resoluciones está el recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio.

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

Documentación que necesitará traer:

- *Copia reciente de la Fe de Bautismo del novio y la novia (solicitarla a la parroquia donde fue bautizado (a)).*
- *Presentar identificación de los contrayentes.*
- **Bodas Comunitarias:** Nuestra parroquia también ofrecerá este año dos fechas, sábados 28 de abril y 25 de agosto a las 3:00p.m.

Esta celebración es para parejas que ya tienen familia o que están casadas por el civil y por alguna u otra razón no han recibido el Sacramento del Matrimonio.

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

GRUPO DE ORACION

Le invita a sus reuniones todos los martes iniciando con la Santa Misa a las 7:00p.m., seguida por oración y alabanza a las 8:00p.m.

Martes 27 de febrero tendremos Misa Carismática, a las 7:00 p.m., con el Rev. Rafael Chávez.

El coro parroquial de los días martes está necesitando voluntarios, que alaben a Dios tocando algún instrumento musical o con sus melódicas voces. Para más información llamar a Margarita al (925) 323-3654 o a Cesar al (562) 505-3639

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CARIDADES CATOLICAS

IMIGRACION ES COMPLICADO
¡ NOSOTROS PODEMOS AYUDAR!

Con Cita previa: El primer paso para abrir un caso es la consulta inicial. Esta consulta determina si su caso califica para nuestros servicios legales. Llame para hacer una cita.

Concord 3540 Chesnut Ave. (925) 825-3099
Oakland 433 Jefferson Street
(510) 768-3100.

VENTA DE REPOSTERIA

El Ministerio de Salud les invita a la venta anual de Repostería, hoy domingo 11 de febrero entre las 8:00a.m. y 1:00p.m, en el Salón de Hospitalidad. Los fondos se usarán para proveer la vacuna contra la influenza.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Stgo 1:1-11; Sal 119 (118):67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mc 8:11-13
Martes: Stgo 1:12-18; Sal 94 (93):12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles: JI 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22; Mc 1:12-15

TEMPORADA DE GRIPE

GRIPE Durante el tiempo de la gripe (a) o Influenza no habrá distribución de la Sangre de Cristo, solamente el Cuerpo de Cristo. Para el saludo de la Paz y la oración del Padre Nuestro favor de abstenerse de dar o tomarse de las manos.

Juguetes de los niños en la Capilla, debido al alto nivel de gripe, los juguetes para los niños han sido removidos hasta nuevo aviso. Agradecemos su comprensión.