



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

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2018

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent

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FEBRUARY
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2018

From the cloud came a voice:
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mark 9:7

The Rev. Ismael Gutierrez
Pastor

The Rev. Rafal Duda
Parochial Vicar

The Rev. Mr. Charles Palomares
The Rev. Mr. John Mazibrook
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Monday (Lunes) to Friday (Viernes) 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
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Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018
 If God is for us, who can be against us?
 • *Romans 8:31b*
Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma
25 de febrero de 2018
 Si Dios está a nuestro favor,
 ¿quién estará en contra nuestra?
 — *Romanos 8:31b*

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 necesitan comida o asistencia*
 (925) 682-5811

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 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.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 24TH, 2018 (Vigil)
 5:30 PM- + Isabel Gutierrez
 Sunday, February 25th, 2018—2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
7:00am Sp. Int. — Cabe Family
8:00AM **Parishioners of SFA**
 10:00AM + Frank Tompkins
 11:30AM + Martha and Pedro Sanchez
1:00pm + **Alicia Alvarez Pulido**
 5:30PM + Floro & Librada De La Pena
7:00PM + **Michael Cordova**
 Monday, February 26TH, 2018
 6:30am + Dec'd members of De Mato family
 8:30am + Marilyn Quinn Kearney
 Tuesday, February 27th, 2018—
 6:30am + Bob Rezak
 8:30am Sp. Int.— **Richardo Sidamon**
7:00PM
 Wednesday, February 28th, 2018
 6:30am + Sharon Awand
 8:30am + Lee Dulac
 Thursday, MARCH 1ST, 2018
 6:30am + Albino Reyes
 8:30am + **Salvatore & Vincent Consul**
 Friday, MARCH 2ND, 2018
 6:30am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
 8:30am + Dana Gong
 Saturday, MARCH 3RD, 2018
 8:30AM + Denis Fafard
 5:30PM (Vigil Mass) + **Paul Reber & Adrienne Reber-Kotelat**
 Sunday, MARCH 4TH, 2018—3RD SUNDAY IN LENT.
 7:00am + Margie Wedia
8:00 AM + **Ignacio Avila**
 10:00am + John Wermuth
 11:30AM + Lee Nash
1:00PM + **Luis Angel Alvarez**
 5:30PM + Sixto Estabon Jr.
7:00PM + **Micelina Guayta**

Bold masses in Spanish

The Parish Communal Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 5th at 7:00PM
Friday, March 2nd is First Friday, we will have Adoration after mass until Noon and again at 6:30pm.

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.



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

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Coll: Feb. 17 & 18	\$ 9,706.
Faith Direct e-giving	\$ 3,000.
Ash Wednesday Feb. 14	\$ 5,370.
TOTAL	\$18,036.

YTD Shortfall (\$10,095.)

2ND COLLECTION— SvdP Collection \$ 3,370.

Reminder: The Parish now needs \$16,000 each week just to meet expenses.

JANUARY OPERATING EXPENDITURES: \$85,764.

YOUTH GROUPS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Sunday, **Mar. 4th** from 3-6:30pm in Church with Sponsors
Sunday, **Mar. 18th** from 3- 6:30pm in Pope JP II Center

TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL

Sunday, **Mar. 4th**—Teen Mass -5:30pm in Church
NO Teen Social—Due to Candidate/Sponsor Event.

Sunday, **Mar. 18th**—Teen Mass -5:30pm
Meet in Baptistry to go to Clayton Valley Bowl
Bring cash for dinner and games—\$10 cash to bowl

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.

Fridays (Mar. 2,9,16,& 23) from 6-9pm—JP II

Helping to serve at the Lenten Soup Suppers

Sat. Mar 17th from 6-10PM in the FC/Gym

Serve at St. Patrick's Dinner

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

End-of-life issues workshop Learn how to navigate end-of-life issues through your Catholic faith, including healthcare forms, choosing a healthcare decision maker, how to find practical living advice and knowing when to request the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. **To register or find more information, visit www.oakdiocese.org/catholics-care or call 510.267.8392.** Workshops will be offered as follows:
Feb. 21, 1-2:30 p.m. – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brentwood
Feb. 22, 7-9 p.m. – **St. John Vianney, Walnut Creek Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-noon** – St. Lawrence O'Toole, Oakland
March 10, 10 a.m. -noon – St. Joseph Basilica, Alameda.

LifeSHIFT: Work and the Christian Journey with Thomas Bachhuber and Jim Briggs, **March 2-4. Retreat for Men March 2-4 – Mercy, A Disciple's Response** with Father Mark Weisner San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Dr., Danville Matthew Remington, 925-672-4006, m_remington@sbcglobal.net Joe Talarico, 925-680-7767, j_talarico@hotmail.com StBonaventure.net/mens-spiritual-network

COULD YOU BE A FRIEND TO THE CARING HANDS PROGRAM? *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*

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](mailto:joythompson@cceb.org).

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.

SFA School Auction Raffle!!

We will be selling raffle tickets after masses this weekend. Please support our parish school and buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win a Dell Inspiron touchscreen laptop, \$250 Amazon or Visa gift card or \$100 Amazon or Visa gift card. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

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 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.

EL EXAMEN DE CONCIENCIA

Antes de confesar sus pecados, invite al Espíritu Santo a ayudarlo a examinar su conciencia. Reflexione profundamente en sus acciones y actitudes. Deje que Dios sepa lo que usted aprendió y lo arrepentido que está.

Hay muchas formas de examinar la conciencia. Muchas personas utilizan los Diez mandamientos, una guía clásica del bien hacer y del inmoral comportamiento que debe evitarse. Otros utilizan las Bienaventuranzas, una referencia para buscar bendiciones, otros métodos utilizan las lecturas bíblicas para reflexionar.

Un examen de conciencia no es como otro examen que toma y reporta al sacerdote punto por punto. En su lugar sacuda su memoria para que piense en los pecados que ha ignorado y vea como están relacionados unos con otros. Un examen de conciencia le ayuda a escuchar al Espíritu de Dios y a resumir lo que le gustaría decir. Recuerde el pasado, para ver los errores que ha cometido. Recuerde ver al presente, para ver qué hábitos quiere dejar de hacer. Recuerde ver el futuro, para ver cómo podría cambiar para ser una mejor persona.

CONFESIONES

Nuestra parroquia durante Cuaresma ofrece las siguientes oportunidades para recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación o Confesión, 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.**

Favor tomar nota que el martes 6 de marzo no tendremos confesiones.

EN CUARESMA

- **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.

Colecta Anual de Apelación del Sr. Obispo Apelación del Señor Obispo.

La colecta anual diocesana de apelación del Sr. Obispo ayuda a las diferentes ministerios diocesanos. Encontrará sobres para hacer su donación en las bancas de la Iglesia. De ante mano gracias por su generosidad.

DONACIONES DE ROPA SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

El ministerio de San Vicente de Paul y su tienda de ropa no estará aceptando ropa debido al reciente incendio ocurrido en el establecimiento de Pleasant Hill, por el momento todo esta bajo construcción hasta finales de febrero o principios del mes marzo. Las donaciones deberán ser llevadas al 2815 Contra Costa Blvd. Pleasant Hill.

Gracias por su cooperación.

MINISTERIO DE SALUD

El ministerio de salud desea agradecer a los feligreses que donaron o compraron repostería en nuestra venta del Día de San Valentín. Su generosidad y apoyo nos hace posible proveer la vacuna contra la influenza a los feligreses que la necesitan.

Muchas Gracias

PROYECTO DE AYUDA A MEXICO AGRADECIMIENTOS

El pasado 10 de febrero, se realizó la cena baile a beneficio de los damnificados del terremoto en México y nuevamente el amor, el apoyo y la dedicación a esta causa se hizo presente a través de todos los voluntarios que dieron su tiempo e hicieron posible este evento, como también las personas que donaron artículos y a los asistentes que con su presencia y entusiasmo le dieron el tono a una gran noche. A todos ustedes que brindaron su amistad solidaria a los más necesitados un ramillete de bendiciones y agradecimientos.

COMO REZAR EL VIA CRUCIS



El Vía Crucis o Camino a la Cruz es una de las más antiguas devociones practicadas por los Católicos en todo el mundo. Consiste en acompañar a Jesús en su Pasión y Muerte, en sus horas finales, repasando 14 momentos (las 14 Estaciones del Vía Crucis) desde que fue condenado a muerte hasta su sepultura.

Más recientemente a veces se suele agregar una nueva 15ª Estación: la Resurrección del Señor, en consideración a que si Cristo no resucitó, vana sería nuestra Fe (1 Cor 15, 14).

El Vía Crucis se reza de pie, y en algunos momentos de rodillas. Debe hacerse caminando, deteniéndose en cada estación, para recordar el camino de Jesús al Calvario. Es por eso que las imágenes de la representación del Vía Crucis están en la pared, alrededor del templo. Si se reza en casa, ayuda tener en la mano imágenes de la Pasión y Muerte del Señor, para que puedas recordar e imaginar su dolor.

+ En el nombre del Padre + del Hijo + y del Espíritu Santo.
Amén

Señor, que la meditación de tu Pasión y Muerte nos anime y ayude a tomar la cruz de cada día y seguirte, para un día resucitar contigo en la gloria.
Amén.

Recuerde que durante los viernes de Cuaresma, nuestra parroquia hace la meditación a las 7:00p.m.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Regresando a los tres pilares de la conversión, el ayuno es mucho más que el simple hecho de no comer, es aprender a negarme a mí mismo para que ya no sea yo quien vivo, sino Cristo que vive en mí. Es el negarme de ciertas cosas para dar vida a los demás.

El ayudar es poner en práctica la caridad y la justicia social. Es buscar el cargar con nuestra propia cruz y ayudar a los demás con la de ellos. En otras palabras, es practicar la misma generosidad de Dios quien hace caer la lluvia sobre los buenos y los malos, es amar sin distinción de personas.

Contemporáneamente, el orar es entrar en conversación con Dios, es recogerse para entrar en la presencia de Dios, con todo lo que uno es y todo lo que uno tiene, poniendo todo en las manos misericordiosas del Padre que nos ama.

Esta Cuaresma procuremos hacer lo que debemos hacer todo el año: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Es difícil, pero no nos desanimemos porque el Espíritu Santo viene a nuestro alcance porque donde somos más débiles, Cristo es nuestra fuerza.

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

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38
Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31
Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
Domingo: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Sal 19 (18):8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Vamos a vender boletos para la rifa de la **escuela de St. Francis después de misa hoy. Por favor apoyen a nuestra escuela** parroquial y compren sus boletos para obtener la oportunidad de ganarse una Dell Inspiron touchscreen laptop, \$250 Amazon o Visa gift card o \$100 Amazon o Visa gift card.