



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

MARCH 4TH, 2018

THE THIRD 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

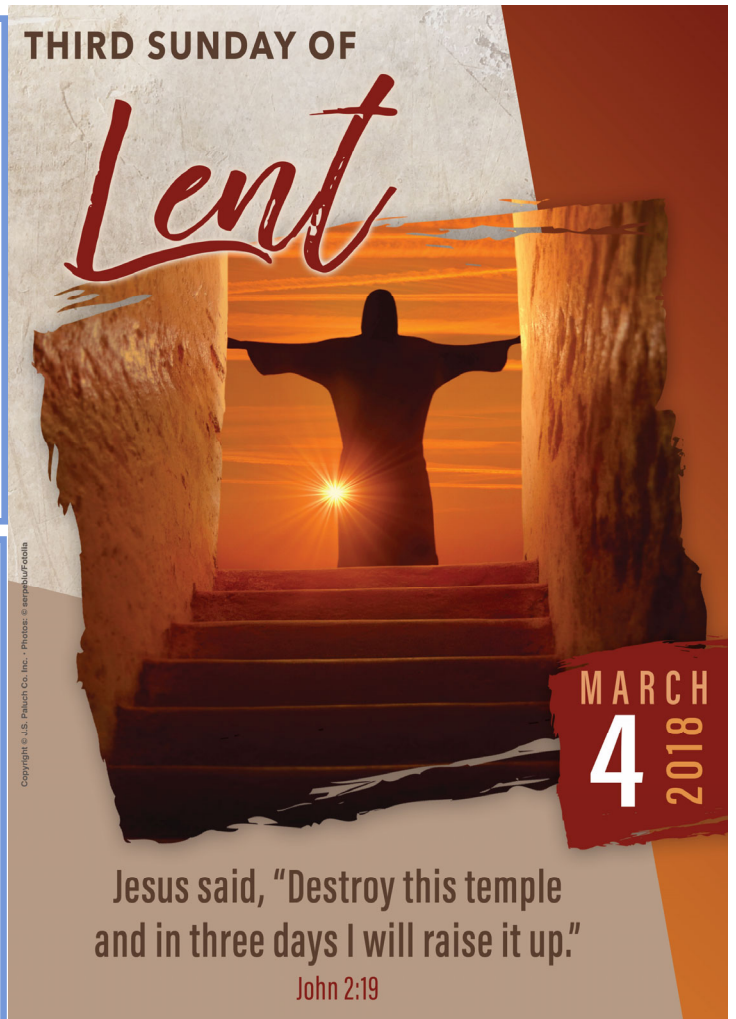
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

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.



The Rev. Ismael Gutierrez
Pastor

The Rev. Rafal Duda
Parochial Vicar

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

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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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**Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018**

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.
— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

**Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma
4 de marzo de 2018**

Yo soy el Señor, tu Dios . . .
No tendrás otros dioses fuera de mí.
— *Exodo 20:2a, 3*

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

St. Francis of Assisi School
866 Oak Grove Rd., Concord CA 94518
Phone:(925) 682-5414 FAX (925) 682-5480

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, March 3rd, 2018 (Vigil)
5:30 PM- + Paul Reber & Adrienne Reber-Kotelat

Sunday, March 4th, 2018—3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

7:00am + Margie Wedia

8:00AM + Ignacio Avila

10:00AM + John Wermuth

11:30AM + Lee Nash

1:00pm + Luis Angel Alvarez

5:30PM + Sixto Eslabon Jr.

7:00PM + Micelina Guayta

Monday, March 5th, 2018

6:30am Parishioners of St. Francis

8:30am + Constancia & Benjamin Maranon

Tuesday, March 6th, 2018—

6:30am + Margaret Drewes

8:30am Sp. Int.— Estella Quiambao

7:00PM + Rev. Germain Muniz & Rev. Ivan Anorde

Wednesday, March 7th, 2018

6:30am + Peter Kong Qiang Lam

8:30am + Regina & Felix Villamor Sr.

Thursday, MARCH 8th, 2018

6:30am + Sister Mara Anne Palomares

8:30am + Denis Fafard

Friday, MARCH 9th, 2018

6:30am + Michael Cordova

8:30am + Denis Fafard

Saturday, MARCH 10th, 2018

8:30AM Sp. Int.— Rev. Ismael Gutierrez

5:30PM (Vigil Mass) Sp. Int.— Mary Androtti

Sunday, MARCH 11th, 2018— 4th SUNDAY IN LENT.

7:00am + Robert Roebing

8:00 AM + Ignacio Avila

10:00am + Michael Cordova

11:30AM + Celestina Gan

1:00PM + Virginia Carrido Lozano

5:30PM + Mariano Gaza

7:00PM + Carlos Suarez

Bold masses in Spanish

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

NO CONFESSIONS ON TUESDAY
MARCH 6TH AT 6:00PM.

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. 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 for office (925) 682-5447 Ext 29, or at
Youth@SFAconcord.org.

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.
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**The Annual Bishop's Appeal begins today—
The Theme this year is "Lighting the Way"**
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!

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 baptistery 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

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.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Coll: Feb. 24 & 25	\$ 12,584.
Faith Direct e-giving	\$ 3,000.
TOTAL	\$15,584.
YTD Shortfall (\$6,466.)	

2ND COLLECTION— Parish Repairs \$4,045.

Reminder: The Parish now needs \$16,000 each week just to meet expenses. Thank you to all who use envelopes and Faith Direct Contributions.

**JANUARY OPERATING EXPENDITURES:
\$85,764.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple.

Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

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

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a **Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **April 20-22, 2018 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area)**. If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.** at **650/949-8890, 213-210-9903**, or email us at SrlLaguna@doc1633.org. Learn more about the Daughters of Charity on Facebook at: **Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S.**, follow us at **Twitter.com/DofCharity** or read about us on **www.DaughtersOfCharity.com**. Register for the retreat at **www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/**.

Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley, will offer summer sports and academic programs for grades 6 to 9 from June 18 through July 14. Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Flag Football, and Strength & Conditioning, as well as Math and English enrichment (grades 6, 7, and 8 only) are offered. Registration is now open on the Summer School link on Saint Mary's web site at **www.saintmaryschs.org**.

St. Francis of Assisi will have their Lenten Communal Reconciliation on Monday, March 5th at 7:00PM. Here are other services at neighboring parishes for Lent.

St. Agnes, Monday, March 12 at 7:00pm; St. Bonaventure on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00pm; St. Catherine on Monday, March 19th at 7:00pm; Christ the King on Sat. Mar. 17th at 3:30pm and Monday, March 19th at 7:00pm; and Queen of All Saints on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:30PM.

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*

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.

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

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (Éxodo 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) o *Éxodo 17:3-7*.

Salmo — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]) o *Salmo 95 (94)*.

Segunda lectura — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (1 Corintios 1:22-25) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Evangelio — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (Juan 2:13-25) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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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.

RETIRO CUARESMA

Todo servidor está llamado a participar en este retiro de crecimiento espiritual. Al servir tu entrega está con Nuestro Señor.

“Te Esperamos”

Conferencista: Hna. Pilar Fandos
10 de Marzo del 2018
8:30am – 4PM
Donación \$10

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.

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

Durante la Cuaresma es importante orar, pero muchas personas se declaran ignorantes sobre el tema de la oración. Dicen que nunca aprendieron a orar o que les gustaría poder orar mejor. Tristemente, muchos tienen un entendimiento equivocado sobre lo que es la oración. Piensan que orar es solo recitar oraciones memorizadas o esperan que la oración produzca visiones extraordinarias como la transfiguración de Jesucristo en el monte Tabor. Esperan que patriarcas y profetas, o por lo menos ángeles y santos, se les aparezcan de repente.

No digo que estas cosas no pasan, muchas personas lo han experimentado, algunos de ellos por ser muy santos mientras otros más por ser locos. Sinceramente la oración es otra cosa, es más fácil que aprender oraciones de memoria y mucho más simple que éxtasis y visiones. Orar es hablar como hijo o hija al Dios que nos ama como madre, padre, hermano, hermana, amante y amigo. Orar es contarle al Señor como nos van las cosas, nuestros temores, nuestros problemas, nuestros gozos y nuestros anhelos. Orar es pasar tiempo con Dios, a veces platicando, y a veces calladitos, pero siempre amados.

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

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30
Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23
Viernes: Os 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34
Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo: 2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23; Sal 137 (136):1-6; Ef 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Lecturas alternativas (Año A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

PERDÓN

Si una mala persona te ofende, perdónala no sea que haya entonces dos malas personas.

—Anónimo