



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

MARCH 18TH, 2018

THE FIFTH 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

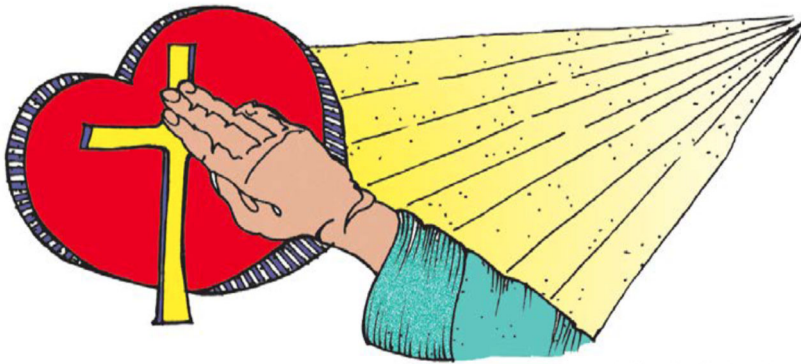
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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2018**

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

• *Jeremiah 31:33*

**Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma
18 de marzo de 2018**

Voy a poner mi ley en lo más profundo de su mente y voy a grabarla en sus corazones.

Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo.

— *Jeremías 31:33*

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

One of our parishioners has relayed a message to Fr. Ismael concerning the number of people who disregard the laws on parking in the RED ZONES in both the Church and School Parking Lots. Please Do Not Park your cars or SUVs in the Red Zone, for safety. Thank you.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 17TH, 2018 (Vigil)

5:30 PM- + Lee Dulac

Sunday, March 18TH, 2018—5th SUNDAY IN LENT

7:00am + Donald & Margaret Kelly

8:00AM + Ignacio Avila

10:00AM + Dec'd members- Knights of Columbus

11:30AM + Gim Foo & Oy Yee Tom

1:00pm + Gabriel Maciel

5:30PM + Maria N. Arizapa

7:00PM + Albertano Catalan Angeles

Monday, March 19th, 2018

6:30am + Brett Morehouse

8:30am + Maria Nebres Arizapa

Tuesday, March 20th, 2018—

6:30AM + Sister Mara Anne Palomares

8:30am In Thanksgiving— Feliciano L. Gaza

7:00PM Sp. Int.—Cesar Arriaga Torres

Wednesday, March 21st, 2018

6:30am Parishioners of St. Francis

8:30am + Barbara Williams

Thursday, MARCH 22nd, 2018

6:30am Sp. Int.— Danielle LeeAnn MacArt

8:30am + Lee Dulac

Friday, MARCH 23rd, 2018

6:30am + Vernita Guillory

8:30am + Alma Thibodeaux

Saturday, MARCH 24th, 2018

8:30AM + Rev. William Macchi

5:30PM (Vigil Mass) + Jean & Adrienne Reber

Sunday, MARCH 25th, 2018— PALM SUNDAY .

6:30am Sp. Int.—Marie Frisbie

8:00 AM + Ignacio Avila

10:00am Sp. Int. — Michael Chiacos

11:30AM + Leonardo Fernandez Sr.

1:00PM + Gabriela Cantu

5:30PM + Jose V. Torres

7:00PM + Javier Flores

Bold masses in Spanish

THE PARISH WILL BE CELEBRATING THE EARLY MASS ON PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 25TH) AND EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 1ST) AT 6:30AM INSTEAD OF 7:00AM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

Lourdes– Virtual Pilgrimage Experience

Lourdes– Virtual Pilgrimage Experience will be held at Christ the King Parish, 199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill Ca, 94523 on Sunday, March 18th at 3:00pm. For more information, contact aileen Peralta (510) 456-5709 or aileenbperalta@aol.com. A Plenary Indulgence granted by Papal Degree.

In Lent, we will have a 6:30am Mass or Liturgy of the Word– Monday through Friday. We will also have a Lenten Series in Holy Week.

We will have morning prayer services on Holy Thursday (3/29), Good Friday (3/30), and Holy Saturday (3/31) at 8:30am. No masses at 6:30am or 8:30am on these day.

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.

Join Carondelet High School on Monday, April 30 for its Cougar Classic Golf Tournament -- a fun-filled day at Blackhawk Country Club all to benefit young women's education. Ticket includes green and cart fees and all on-course gaming, box lunch, course treats, refreshments, 19th Hole premium hosted bar and clubhouse banquet. Register at CarondeletHS.org/ Golf

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: St. Agnes Annual Blood Drive on Good Friday, March 30th from 11am to 4PM. Call (925) 381-0526 for more information or to sign up to donate.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Coll: Mar. 10 & 11	\$ 10,213.
Faith Direct e-giving	\$ 3,190.
TOTAL	\$ 13,403.

YTD Shortfall (\$11,963.)

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

JAN– FEB OPERATING EXPEND: \$195,431.

Thank you to all who have sent in their Bishop's Appeal Pledges.

YOUTH GROUPS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Sunday, Mar. 18th from 3-6:30pm in JPIL Center
Sunday, Apr. 15th from 3- 6:30pm in Church

TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL

Teen Mass is the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 5:30pm

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

Sunday, April 1st No Teen Mass– Easter Sunday

Youth Ministry

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

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

No Meetings March 26th or April 4th –Holy Week & Break

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

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

No class April 3rd– Easter break

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

No class April 4th—Easter Break

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES–

Every **Sunday** from 8 –10am and 1-3pm

Help K of C distribute food outside the JPIL Center.

Fridays (Mar. 23) from 6-9pm—JPIL

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 ior office (925) 682-5447 Ext 29, or at

Youth@SFAconcord.org.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL BOUQUETE FOR BISHOP EMERITUS JOHN S. CUMMINS'90th BIRTHDAY

Please write what you would like to offer for the Bishop during Lent on the papers in vestibule or send the card to the parish if you are home-bound or ill, and we will send the spiritual bouquet to the Bishop at the end of Lent.

Spiritual Bouquets it means prayers or devotional acts that someone will offer.

Examples of Spiritual Bouquets:

Hail Mary's

Our Father's

Litanies

Rosaries

Masses

Communions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Stations of the Cross

Sacrifices/ Fast

Good Deeds

Spiritual Reading

Others

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE- 2018

Confession Saturday from 4-5 PM

Palm Sunday (March 25)— Regular* except at 6:30am not 7:00am- Weekend Masses (*Palms blessed outside at Sat. 5:30pm Vigil mass (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish). All other masses, palms blessed in baptistry.*

Mon. March 26th Mass at 6:30am
Mass at 8:30am

7:00PM-Spanish Lenten Series in Family Center
7:00PM—English Lenten Service in Main Church

Tues. March 27th Mass at 6:30am
Mass at 8:30am

7:00PM Spanish Lenten Series in Family Center (No Confessions or Mass)
7:00PM English Lenten Series in Main Church

Wed. March 28th Mass at 6:30am
Mass at 8:30am

7:00PM Spanish Lenten Series in Family Center
7:00PM English Lenten Series in Main Church

Holy Thursday, March 29th

8:30am Morning Prayer Service in Chapel
11:30am Living Stations with School children
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual) followed by Procession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (12am) in the Chapel

Good Friday: March 30th

8:30am Morning Prayer Service in Chapel
12:00 (Noon) Stations of the Cross—with School children (English)
1:30PM Veneration of the Cross/ Communion in English
6:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish) will start at the FC/Gym and end in Field behind FC.
7:30PM Service/Adoration & Communion in Spanish in Church

Holy Saturday, March 31st

8:30am Morning Prayer Service
7:30PM Easter Vigil Mass- Multilingual

Easter Sunday, April 1st

6:30am English Mass (*note earlier time for Sunday)
8:00am Mass in Spanish
10:00am Mass in English
11:30 am Mass in English
1:00PM Mass in Spanish
NO EVENING MASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY

Here are other RECONCILIATION services at neighboring parishes for Lent. St. Bonaventure on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00pm; St. Catherine on Monday, March 19th at 7:00pm; Christ the King on Monday, March 19th at 7:00pm; and Queen of All Saints on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00PM.

FORMATION PROGRAM FOR NEW HOSPITAL EU-CHARISTIC MINISTERS.

The Formation program continues with the next Saturday workshop, March 24 at Queen of All Saints Church, 12:30 to 3:15p.m.

The workshop is for all who participated in the recent Orientation Workshops and have completed the hospital requirements.

Contact Fr. Padraig at pgreene389@gmail.com.

“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.

REMINDER: If you have signed up to bring items for our week at the Martinez Family Homeless Shelter this week, please bring them to the Parish Office during regular scheduled office hours. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this program work; we couldn't do it without your help. More information, call 827-3619.

Divine Mercy Sunday— Feast of Mercy April 8th, 2018. The Divine Mercy Chaplet with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 3P:00pm on Sunday, April 8th followed by a Bilingual Mass. A short fellowship afterwards will be held in the Pope John Paul II Center. Everyone is welcome to bring food to share. For more information, call Gloria at 846-6227 or Krystyna at 687-9519.

SEMANA SANTA
26 Marzo – 1º Abril

25 de Marzo Domingo de Ramos

Misas en su horario habitual
Misa de 1:00p.m. Iniciar en el atrio del templo.

26 de Marzo Lunes Santo

Misas 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (Inglés) L - V

7:00 p.m. Reflexiones Cuaresmales
Español (Gimnasio parroquial)
Inglés (Iglesia)

27 de Marzo Martes Santo

7:00 p.m. Reflexiones Cuaresmales
Español (Gimnasio parroquial)
Inglés (Iglesia)

No habrá confesiones o Misa.

28 de Marzo Miércoles Santo

7:00 p.m. Reflexiones Cuaresmales
Español (Gimnasio parroquial)
Inglés (Iglesia)

29 de Marzo Jueves Santo

8:30 a.m. Servicio de Oración en la capilla (ing.)
11:30 a.m. Vía Crucis- Niños de la Escuela SFA

7:30p.m. Misa bilingüe de la Última Cena del Señor y Adoración al Santísimo hasta la media noche en la capilla.

30 de Marzo +Viernes Santo

8:30 a.m. Servicio de Oración en la capilla (Inglés)
12:00 p.m. Vía Crucis (Inglés)
Niños de la Escuela SFA.
1:30 p.m. Servicio Litúrgico de Viernes Santo (Inglés)

6:00 p.m. Vía Crucis en Vivo (Español)

7:30 p.m. Servicio Litúrgico de Viernes Santo (Español)

31 de Marzo Sábado Santo

8:30 a.m. Servicio de Oración en la capilla (Inglés)

7:30p.m. Vigilia Pascual (Multilingüe)

1º de Abril Domingo de Resurrección

Misas: 6:30 a.m. (Inglés); **8:00 a.m. (Español)**;
10:00a.m. (Inglés.); 11:30 a.m. (Inglés.);
1:00 p.m. (Español).

No habrá misas por la noche en domingo de Resurrección.

RAMILLETE ESPIRITUAL DE CUARESMA PARA
OBISPO EMERITUS JOHN S. CUMMINS

En ocasión de los 90 años de edad del Sr. Obispo Emeritus John Cummins, les pedimos a los feligreses que ofrezcan un ramillete en su celebración de vida. Recuerde escribir en una tarjetita lo que usted ofrecerá y dépositelo en el lugar asignado para el ramillete Espiritual ubicado en el bautisterio, si usted no puede traerlo directamente lo puede enviar a la oficina parroquial. Nosotros enviaremos el Ramillete Espiritual al final de la Cuaresma al Sr. Obispo. Un ramillete es un ramo de oraciones o actos devocionales que se ofrecen por una intención determinada. Ejemplos de Ramillete Espiritual:

Ave María
Padre Nuestros
Letanías
Visita al Santísimo Sacramento
Rosarios
Misas
Comuniones
Lecturas Espirituales
Sacrificios/ Ayuno
Vía Crucis

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.

Favor tomar nota que el martes 27 de marzo no habrá confesiones.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34) o *Ezequiel 37:12-14.*

Salmo — Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 [50]) o *Salmo 130 (129).*

Segunda lectura — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9) o *Romanos 8:8-11.*

Evangelio — Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33) o *Juan 11:1-45.*

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CELEBRACION DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

DOMINGO 8 de ABRIL 2018

*Todos están invitados a la gran celebración
Al Señor de La Divina Misericordia:*



JESUS EN TI CONFIO

**3pm: Coronilla y Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento y la Santa Misa (Bilingüe). A continuación: Convivio/Potluck
En el Salón San Pablo II
Para más información: Llamar a 925-848-6227**

Palabras del Señor a Santa Faustina: "El alma que se confiesa y reciba la Santa Comunión, El Domingo de La Divina Misericordia, obtendrá el perdón total de sus pecados y del castigo. En ese día están abiertas todas las compuertas divinas a través de las cuales fluyen las gracias". (Diary 699)

Indulgencias plenarias son concedidas a los que celebren El Domingo de La Divina Misericordia

VIERNES DE CUARESMA

Acompáñenos a la meditación del camino de nuestro Señor hacia la Cruz todos los viernes de Cuaresma.

- **Vía Crucis:** Meditación de el Vía Crucis de nuestro Señor a las 7:00p.m. Iglesia.

Seguido por:

- **Sopas en Cuaresma** en el salón Juan Pablo II.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En Latinoamérica, como en muchas partes del mundo, hay una horrible e impresionante pobreza. Enfrentado con la miseria humana, el cristiano puede responder con resignación "Yo no soy nadie, ¿qué puedo hacer yo? Nada." o puede responder con obras de caridad ayudando uno por uno a los pobres y necesitados. Esta virtud, es el pilar más importante de la conversión. Porque en ella imitamos a Jesucristo que vino no a condenar al mundo sino a salvarlo. Sin la caridad nuestros ayunos son dietas y nuestras oraciones son palabras necias.

La caridad es una virtud cristiana, porque Dios es el mejor ejemplo de lo que es la caridad. La caridad no es limosna, es amor y justicia, es salud y salvación; es cumplir con el mandamiento de amarnos los unos a los otros en un mundo donde la mayoría son pobres y desamparados. La caridad es dar al necesitado algo que uno aun necesite, es obrar por cambios sociales que promuevan la dignidad humana y el bienestar económico de todos. La caridad es amor y Dios es amor; vivamos en ese amor.

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

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a
Martes: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 102 (101):2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Miércoles: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105 (104):4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Viernes: Jer 20:10-13; Sal 18 (17):2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Domingo: Mc 11:1-10 o Jn 12:12-16; (procesión) Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21): 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Flp 2:6-11; Mc 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

ESTACIONAMIENTO



Estimados feligreses, les pedimos que se abstengan de no estacionarse en la franja roja aledaña a la Iglesia u otros salones de la parroquia.