



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

APRIL 8, 2018

2ND SUNDAY EASTER- DIVINE MERCY



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

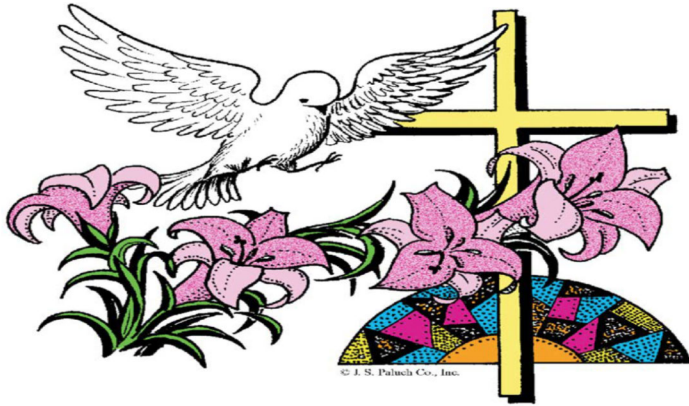
The Rev. Mr. Charles Palomares
The Rev. Mr. John Mazibrook
Deacons/Diáconos

ADDRESS/ DIRECCION

860 Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA 94518
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OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday (Lunes) to Friday (Viernes) 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
www.sfaconcord.com



**Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 8, 2018**

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of
God?

• 1 John 5:5

**Segundo Domingo de Pascua
(Domingo de la Divina Misericordia)
8 de abril de 2018**

¿Quién es el que vence al mundo?
Sólo el que cree que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios.
— 1 Juan 5:5

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

**Catholic@Work is hosting US House of Representa-
tive's Chaplain, Father Patrick Conroy, SJ on April
10th.** Open to the public, the program is from 7am-
8:15am at Crow Canyon Country Club. (Mass will be
celebrated at 6:30am) All are welcome to attend;
please make reservations at :CatholicaatWork.org.
Price is \$30 per person, but only \$20 for members.
For more information, please go to
CatholicsatWork.org.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 7th, 2018 (Vigil)
5:30PM- Sp. Int.— Ana Wilkenson

Sun. APRIL 8th, 2018—**2nd Sunday Easter (Divine Mercy)**
7:00 am + Herman Wyrsh
8:00AM + Maria De Jesus Gonzalez
10:00AM Sp. Int.—Kavanaugh Family
11:30AM + Gim Foo & Oy Ye Tom
1:00pm + Aurielia Magallon y Tomas Gonzalez
5:30PM +Maria Ibulan Tiu
7:00PM + Michael Cordova

Monday, APRIL 9th,, 2018
8:30am + Herman Drewes

Tuesday, APRIL 10th, 2018
8:30am + Renato Miyamoto
7:00PM Parishioners of St. Francis

Wednesday, APRIL 11th, 2018
8:30am + June Rusconi

Thursday, APRIL 12th, 2018
8:30am + John O'Neill

Friday, APRIL 13th, 2018
8:30am + Milagros A. Lansang

Saturday, APRIL 14th, 2018
8:30AM + Francisco Flora

Sat., Vigil Mass): 5:30pm- + John David Bernard

Sunday, APRIL 15th, 2018— **3rd Sunday of Easter**
7:00am + Clarence Dutra
8:00 AM + Dolores Martinez
10:00am + Erlinda E. De La Cruz
11:30AM + Lee Dulac
1:00PM Int. Esp.— Merith & Luis Herrera Jr.
5:30pm + Beatriz Lounsbury
7:00PM + Teresa Avalos

NO EVENING MASSES

Bold masses in Spanish

**ATTENTION— Invitation for Altar Servers— Sat. May 12 at
12 Noon!!**

*Did you ever watch the young people on the
altar assisting at Mass and think you would like to do the very same
thing?*

*What is stopping you? The only qualification is that you have
received your First Communion. You do not need to be a student at St.
Francis School.*

*Come to a training session on May 12 and be ready to take your place
assisting the priest and deacon at Mass.*

*Call the Parish Office (925.682.5447) with your name, home
telephone number, and an email address we can use to send out the
monthly schedule. We should finish by 2:30 and will have pizza. We'll
see you then!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next **Senior Luncheon** is scheduled for April 10th in the Pope John Paul II Center at 12:Noon. All are invited.

Covenant of Love next date night is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th in the Pope John Paul II Center

Summer @Carondelet: *Whether your child is looking for educational, enrichment or sports programs this summer, Carondelet High School has it all!! Our co-ed programs for students age 7-17 include: Middle School classes; High School Advancement and Remediation; Sports Clinics for Girls; iD Tech Courses; and a Girls Leadership camp. Visit: www.CarondeletHS.org/Summer for more details and to register today!*

Community Outreach Staff from the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services, a Ministry of the Diocese of Oakland will be here on Saturday April 21 and Sunday, April 22 at all masses to discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic funeral & Cemetery Services. After each Mass, there will be a short presentation along with a question and answer sesión in the Hospitality Room. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of a Catholic funeral and burial.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Coll: April 1st	\$ 21,854.
Faith Direct e-giving: April 4th	\$ 3,980.
TOTAL	\$ 25,834.

YTD Shortfall (\$10,728.)

JAN- FEB -EXPENSES: : \$195,431

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

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.

YOUTH GROUPS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Sunday, **Apr. 15th** from 3- 6:30pm in Church
Sunday, **May 6th** from 3-6:30pm in JPll Center

TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL

Teen Mass is the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 5:30pm
Sunday, **Apr. 15th**- Potluck Dinner and Games in JPll

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 JPll Center.

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

The Annual Bishop's Appeal has begun- The Theme this year is "Lighting the Way". 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 does make a difference!

BIRTHRIGHT of Concord Pregnancy Support Center would like to invite you to our "Spring into Action" Luncheon on Thursday, April 19 at 11:30 a.m. at The Clubhouse Ballroom at beautiful Boundary Oak Golf Course, 3800 Valley Vista Rd., Walnut Creek. Guest speaker will be Clare Caputi, an inspiring young leader, formerly President of Students for Life at UNLV. She is currently a Co-Coordinator for Gabriel Project. Cost is \$40 per person. Menu choices available when making reservations thru contacting Pat or Libby at Office at 925-789-7227 or on-line at birthrightlunch2018.eventbrite.com

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK APRIL 8-14

National Crime Victims' Right Week was established in 1981 to inspire the community, raise awareness of victims' rights, and address unmet needs Please remember the needs of many crime victims and survivors, so they are acknowledged and support by our Church this week. Liturgical resources are available online. For more information, contact Cristina Hernandez at (510) 267-8379 or chernandez@oadioese.org. or visit the California Catholic Conference website at www.cacatholic.org. or www.restorejustice.com.

Invitation to Centering Prayer Workshop II

For those of you who missed our first Centering Prayer workshop, we have scheduled a second workshop. It will be held on **Saturday April 21st from 9:00 – 12noon at Cauchi Hall**

“Centering Prayer does not replace other kinds of prayer, rather this discipline of listening to God enhances our other prayers and we form a closer relationship with God.”

Our presenter, Eileen Halliburton, is a Spiritual Director, who is a graduate of Holy Names University of Oakland. She has been practicing Centering Prayer since 1997 and is the past Coordinator of Contemplative Outreach of Oakland/East Bay. Eileen has facilitated Centering Prayer Introductory Workshops and retreats throughout Northern California.

Mystics, such as Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux “the Little Flower” and Francis of Assisi practiced this method of prayer seeking union with God. Centering Prayer moves beyond verbal prayer; we communicate with God by listening in silence.

Come join us and experience God’s presence and love in a very special way.

Please RSVP no later than: April 14th.

Marie Rojo @ (925) 639-9901 Marieroj@ymail.com or Gloria Schafer @ (925) 209-6912 Gaschafer@sbcglobal.net

Snacks will be provided. Free will donation.

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.

Day of Retreat for Young Women: Want to learn more about living your Catholic faith as a young, single woman in today’s culture? *Janua Caeli* is for you! The theme for the April 21st *Janua Caeli* Retreat Day is **Fullness of Grace: How to Receive an Overabundance of God’s Gifts**; our retreat master is Rev. Quan Tran, priest for the Diocese of Orange in California and founder of Fullness of Grace, a ministry aimed at helping Catholics and other Christians grow in their spiritual life by better understanding supernatural grace, and how to gain an abundance of God's gifts by imitating the qualities of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day of retreat will include talks, confessions and opportunities for one-on-one spiritual guidance, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and the Divine Office prayed with the Dominican nuns, and more! For more information and to register, visit our website at www.opnunsmenlo.org or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Food Pantry Activity:

- An emergency supply of food was given to **102** households (**410** individuals) in **January** and to **86** households (**352** individuals) in **February**.
- **Food Maxx** gift cards were given to **35** eligible families in January and to **29** families in **February**.
- **Special Assistance** (utility, rent, etc.) was provide for **two** families in **January** and for **three** families in **February**.

For the last year our food statistics have decreased markedly, most likely due to the dire immigration and housing situations. On the other hand, “Special Assistance” requests are increasing. Among those, so far this year we have helped one client get emergency dental treatment, and two families who received shut-off notices of water or electricity service. We also partnered with SVdP at St. Agnes and others with financial help for a family with six children who were evicted from their home. We are most grateful for your continuing generosity which enables us to assist those who come to us in very desperate situations.

We are very happy to welcome three new SVdP volunteers: Margarita Hernandez, Ana Daise Pineda, and Sofia Wikstrom.

Food Pantry Hours: 9:30am-11:30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please call 682-5811 for information or to volunteer.

NOTE PLEASE: *Please do not bring clothing, etc, donations to the pantry or to Church. The SVdP Thrift Store on Contra Costa Blvd. will reopen soon.*

“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/**.

We begin planning for this year’s International Festival in October with a 1st meeting on Thursday April 12th at 7:00pm in the 8th Grade Classroom at School. All those interested should attend.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En tiempos pasados, cuando la Misa era en latín, no teníamos la oportunidad de escuchar en nuestra propia lengua las bellas palabras que Cristo pronunció durante la Última Cena y que el sacerdote repite durante la Consagración: “Esto es mi cuerpo”. . . “Esta es mi sangre”. Por tal razón los monaguillos sonaban unas campanitas indicando que algo importante estaba pasando. En ese momento los fieles levantábamos la cabeza para ver el pan convertido en cuerpo y el vino convertido en sangre. Lamentablemente el sacerdote nos daba la espalda y no podíamos ver lo que ocurría sobre el altar. Sin embargo, respondíamos con las palabras del apóstol Tomás: “Señor mío y Dios mío”.

Estas palabras reconocen y adoran la presencia de Jesús en el pan y el vino. A este momento se le consideraba el más importante de la Misa. No obstante, el Concilio Vaticano II vino a enseñarnos que este es el momento cumbre, junto con toda la Plegaria Eucarística, pues toda la Misa es igualmente importante, excepto que durante la Plegaria Eucarística alcanzamos el punto más alto de la celebración. Por esa razón ya no hay campanita, pues ahora escuchamos todo en nuestro propio idioma, así como los discípulos las escucharon de Cristo, en su propio idioma.

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

ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL

Excelente oportunidad para dar calidad a tu matrimonio. Te invitamos a vivir un **Encuentro Matrimonial**.

El siguiente será del **20 al 22 de abril**. Para conocer qué es esta experiencia te invito a ver el video en YouTube ¿Qué es Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial.

Para más informes llama a Lupita y Mario Martínez al (510) 479-5094.

PRIOCLAMA MATRIMONIAL

Diócesis de San Juan de Los Lagos
Parroquia de San José de Gracia

Yo, el infrascrito párroco de San José de Gracia, Jalisco Hago saber que ante mi se han presentado con el fin de contraer matrimonio canónico.

HUGO ACEVES Y FRANIA GONZALEZ

El primero originario de San José de Gracia Jalisco y vecino Concord, California. Soltero de 30 años de edad, hijo de (+) Carlos Aceves Navarro y Rosalba Macías Ruiz.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La comunidad de los creyentes compartía todo con el mismo amor (Hechos 4:32-35).

Salmo — Den gracias al Señor porque es bueno, porque es eterna su misericordia (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Si alguien cree que Jesús es el Enviado, ése ha nacido de Dios (1 Juan 5:1-6).

Evangelio — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

Salmo responsorial: *Leccionario Hispanoamericano Dominical* © 1970, Comis

EVENTOS DIOCESANOS MINISTERIO LATINO

- **La Justicia Brota de la Fe**, formación en la fe y en la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia. Presentación y Entrenamiento para coordinadores de Equipo Parroquiales del V encuentro. Martes 10 de abril 7-9p.m. Parroquia Santísimo Rosario, Antioch.
- **TALLERES DE LA ESCUELA DE PADRES DE FAMILIA. RSI MONTES.**
Tema: AUTOESTIMA.

Lunes 16 de abril Ntra. Sra. De Guadalupe, Fremont. 7-9p.m.

Martes 17 de abril San Clemente, Hayward. 7-9p.m.

Miércoles 18 de abril San Pedro Mártir, Pittsburg 7-p.m.

Jueves 19 de abril Santísimo Rosario, Antioch. 7-p.m.

Viernes 20 de abril San Joaquín 2 talleres
5:45– 7:00p.m. y 7:30 –9:00p.m.

Para más información contactar la oficina del Ministerio Latino llamando Héctor Medina al (510) 496-7224.

ALMUERZO PARA SEÑORAS Y SEÑORES

El próximo almuerzo para señores y señoras será el martes 10 de abril a las 12:15 p.m., en el salón Juan Pablo II, venga y disfrute de delicioso almuerzo y de buena compañía.

BODAS COMUNITARIAS

Nuestra parroquia ofrecerá nuevamente una celebración de Boda Comunitaria, el **Sábado 4 de agosto 2018**. Esta celebración del Sacramento del Matrimonio, es para todas aquellas parejas que ya están casadas por el registro civil, o que viven juntos y deseen recibir la bendición de Dios en dicho sacramento.

Documentación que necesita traer para iniciar el proceso:

- Copia reciente de la Fe de Bautismo del novio y la novia (solicitarla a la parroquia donde fue bautizado (a)).
- Certificado de matrimonio civil
- Presentar identificación de los contrayentes.

Para más información, llamar al (925) 682-5447.

Parejas que deseen fijar alguna otra fecha de matrimonio favor contactar la oficina parroquial lo más pronto posible.

MINISTERIO SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

- Abastecimiento de comida de emergencia fue proveída a **102 hogares (410 personas)** en enero y a **86 hogares (352 personas)** en el mes de **febrero**.
- Entregamos tarjetas del supermercado **Food Maxx** a **35** familias en **enero** y **29** familias en el mes de **febrero**.
- **Asistencia especial** (renta y utilidades etc.) fue dada a **dos** familias en enero y a **tres** familias en el mes de **febrero**.

Durante el último año nuestras estadísticas de alimentos han disminuido considerablemente, probablemente debido a la inmigración grave y situaciones de la vivienda. Por otro lado, están aumentando las solicitudes de "Asistencia especial". Entre las personas, este año hemos ayudado a un cliente obtener tratamiento dental de emergencia y dos familias que recibieron avisos de cierre del servicio de agua o electricidad. También nos asociamos con SVdP en St Agnes y otros con ayuda financiera de una familia con seis hijos que fueron desalojados de su hogar. Estamos muy agradecidos por su generosidad permanente que nos permite ayudar a los que vienen a nosotros en situaciones muy desesperantes.

Muy contentos de darle la bienvenida a tres nuevas voluntarias: Margarita Hernandez, Ana Daisy Pineda y Sofia Wikstrom.

Horario de Oficina: 9:30-11:30a.m. Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes. Favor de llamar al (925) 682-5811.

RETIRO MATRIMONIAL

Si el Señor no edifica la casa en vano trabajan los albañiles: si el Señor no custodia la ciudad en vano cuida el centinela.

Salmo 127.1

FECHA: Viernes 20 de abril

LUGAR: Gimnasio parroquial
SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS
860 Oak Grove Rd. Concord CA.

HORARIO: Viernes 20 6:30p.m a 9:00p.m.

Sábado: 21 8:00a.m. a 5:00p.m.

Sábado 21 habrá cuidado de niños

Invitados

Pbro. JORGE ARMANDO VAZQUEZ de México con 15 años trabajando con matrimonios y autor de libros en este tema.

CRISTIAN VALDEZ

Cantante y predicador católico de Bakersfield CA.

Donación: \$40 por pareja

Mas información:

Margarita E. 925 323-3654

Cesar O. 562-505-3639

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Sal 40 (41):7-11;

Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38

Martes: Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5;

Jn 3:7b-15

Miércoles: Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9;

Jn 3:16-21

Jueves: Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20;

Jn 3:31-36

Viernes: Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14;

Jn 6:1-15

Sábado: Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19;

Jn 6:16-21

Domingo: Hch 3:13-15, 17-19; Sal 4:2, 4, 7-9;

1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lc 24:35-48