



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

APRIL 22nd, 2018

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 22, 2018

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

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Monday (Lunes) to Friday (Viernes) 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
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**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018**

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

- 1 John 3:1

**Cuarto Domingo de Pascua
22 de abril de 2018**

Miren cuánto amor nos ha tenido el Padre, pues no sólo nos llamamos hijos de Dios, sino que lo somos.

— 1 Juan 3:1

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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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!

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have their May Crowning of Mary following the 8:30am mass on Sat. May 5th in JPll Center.

WEEKLEY Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 21ST, 2018 (Vigil)
5:30PM- + Connie Israel
Sun. APRIL 22ND, 2018—4TH Sunday Easter
7:00 am + Margaret Soares
8:00AM + Rafael Alvarez
10:00AM + Thomas E. Conley
11:30AM + Lee Dulac
1:00pm + Gabriela Cantu
5:30PM Sp. Int.—David Fabillaran
7:00PM + Ana Gabriela Galindo Nunez
Monday, APRIL 23RD, 2018
8:30am + Lee Dulac
Tuesday, APRIL 24TH, 2018
8:30am + Josie Godinez
7:00PM + Ortencia Jarquin
Wednesday, APRIL 25TH, 2018
8:30am + Tati Casteneda
Thursday, APRIL 26TH, 2018
8:30am Sp. Int.—Silvia Castro
Friday, APRIL 27TH, 2018
8:30am + Peter Nguyen Lai
Saturday, APRIL 28TH, 2018
8:30AM + Joan Armitage
Sat., Vigil Mass): 5:30pm- Sp. Int.– Hermie & Demi Echano
Sunday, APRIL 29TH, 2018– 5th Sunday of Easter
7:00am + Juan Alfaro
8:00 AM + Ramona Velazquez & Jesus Santoyo
10:00am + Leonora B. Torres
11:30AM + Maximino A. Lomboy
1:00PM + Ortencia Jarquin
5:30pm + Kathy Cornelius
7:00PM + Viva Xavier

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!

YOUTH GROUPS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Sunday, **May 6th** from 3-6:30pm in JPll Center
Sunday, **May 20th** from 3-6:30pm in JPll Center
CONFIRMATION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON JUNE 3RD AT
THE 5:00pm MASS. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME
FOR THAT MASS ONLY.

TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL

Teen Mass is the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 5:30pm
Sunday, **May 6th** – No social due to Teen First Communions
Sunday, **May 20th**, No Social

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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

SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God.

—St. Vincent Pallotti

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 this weekend, 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 session in the Hospitality Room. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to better understand the importance of a Catholic funeral and burial.

“Come Together” Free Thanksgiving Luncheon Committee. *It is time to start planning for the St. Francis of Assisi's annual Free Thanksgiving Luncheon. This event serves the St. Francis of Assisi family and reaches out to the local homeless community. Our first meeting will take place in late April. If you would like to be involved in the planning of the wonderful event, please call Janice at (510) 853-9458 or Vicky at (925) 285-2458.*

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Coll: April 15th	\$ 10,584.
Faith Direct e-giving: April 4th	\$ 3,980.
TOTAL	\$ 14,564.

YTD Shortfall (\$12,980.)

JAN– MARCH -EXPENSES: : \$315,807.

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

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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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.

SAINT PETER: EXAMPLE FOR ALL

What an extraordinary example we have in the person of Saint Peter. On this Good Shepherd Sunday it is fitting that the first reading draws our attention to the "rock." The scene depicted in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles contains an example that can be useful to all of us, whether ordained or lay. Notice that after the miracle of the curing of the crippled person, Peter immediately turns everyone's attention not to himself, but to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what we are called to do when we experience the presence of God in the struggles of our own Christian journeys. Like Saint Peter, we can let other people know that it is only through the power of Christ within each of us that we are able to embrace the cross and experience the power of the Lord's resurrection.

ROOTED IN BAPTISM

Today gives us the opportunity to take the time to pray for those who lead us in ordained ministry. In this time of crisis in the Church, our bishops, deacons, and priests need our support as they continue to embrace their vocation to do as Saint Peter did—to point others to the Lord. Since all vocations are rooted in the sacrament of baptism, it is good for us to remember that it was at the moment of our baptism that we became Christ for others. Each of us is called to become more and more like the Good Shepherd as we learn to live out our baptismal call. As we make our way along the Christian journey, we need nourishment and guidance from those appointed to be our shepherds. We need to pray that God will strengthen those who have become weary. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray especially for the ordained and all those called to point us to the Lord.

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 provided 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.*

MAY DINNER in honor of MARY

May is the month dedicated to Mary. To celebrate, St. Bonaventure's Women's Christian Fellowship (WCF) will again be hosting its annual May Dinner, an Evening in Honor of Our Blessed Mother. Our guest speaker, Fr. Sergius Propst, OP, from St. Albert's Priory in Oakland, will present a talk entitled "Blessed Are You Among Women", focusing on The Visitation of Mary, what it means and its implications for us.

Please come and enjoy a wonderful Chicken Marsala and Pasta Dinner.

Date: THURSDAY, May 31st

Time: 6:30-9:00 pm

Place: St. Bonaventure Large Hall

Cost: \$25 per person

Reservation flyers are available at the St Bonaventure parish office, St. Bonaventure's website and 2018maydinner.eventbrite.com.

Questions ? Contact JOY at 925-673-7025

"St. Francis of Assisi School will be having a fundraiser at Tutti Frutti Frozen Yogurt on Wednesday, April 25th. Please stop by and support our school. Flyers can be found in the church foyer. "

SAN PEDRO: EJEMPLO PARA TODOS

Qué ejemplo extraordinario tenemos en la persona de San Pedro. En este domingo del Buen Pastor es apropiado que la primera lectura atraiga nuestra atención hacia la "piedra". La escena descrita en la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles contiene un ejemplo que puede ser útil para todos nosotros, ya seamos miembros ordenados o laicos de la Iglesia. Observamos que después del milagro de la curación del lisiado, Pedro inmediatamente dirige la atención de todos no hacia él, sino hacia el Señor Jesucristo. Estamos llamados a hacer lo mismo cuando experimentamos la presencia de Dios en la lucha para avanzar en nuestro peregrinaje cristiano. Como San Pedro, podemos decir a los demás que solamente por medio del poder de Cristo dentro de nosotros podemos abrazar la cruz y experimentar el poder de la resurrección del Señor.

ENRAIZADOS EN EL BAUTISMO

Hoy tenemos la oportunidad de dedicar un tiempo para rezar por los hombres ordenados que nos guían. En este tiempo de crisis en la Iglesia, nuestros obispos, diáconos y sacerdotes necesitan nuestro apoyo mientras siguen su vocación de hacer lo que hizo San Pedro: guiar a otros hacia el Señor. Sabiendo que todas las vocaciones están enraizadas en el sacramento del Bautismo, es bueno recordar que en el momento de nuestro bautismo llegamos a ser Cristo para los demás. Cada uno de nosotros está llamado a ser cada vez más como el Buen Pastor mientras aprendemos a vivir nuestro llamado bautismal. Al continuar nuestra senda cristiana, necesitamos el alimento espiritual y la guía de quienes son designados a ser nuestros pastores. Necesitamos rezar para que Dios fortalezca a los que se sienten agobiados. En este domingo del Buen Pastor, oremos especialmente por los ordenados y por todos los llamados a guiarnos hacia el Señor.

BAUTIZOS DE INFANTES

Padres de familia interesados en bautizar a sus hijos menores de 7 años asegurarse de visitar la oficina parroquial lo más pronto posible para reservar una de las fechas disponibles. Para más información favor llamar a la oficina parroquial al (925) 682-5447.

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

Si usted y su familia son nuevos en nuestra parroquia, o tiene tiempo asistiendo a nuestras misas y desea ser parte de nuestra parroquia; lo puede hacer completando una forma de registración parroquial. Las formas las encontrará en la oficina parroquial o en la entrada de la iglesia como también lo puede hacer vía electrónica entrando a la página www.sfaconcord.com.

REUNION DE PLANEACION

El comité de la comida del Día de Acción de gracias iniciará sus reuniones de planeación; este evento sirve alimentos a familias de nuestra parroquia como también a personas desamparadas. La primera reunión tendrá lugar en finales del mes de abril. Personas o grupos parroquiales interesados en ayudar favor contactar a Janice (510) 853-9458 o a Vicky (925) 285-2458.

ACOLITOS / SERVIDORES DEL ALTAR

Nuestra parroquia necesita servidores del altar o también llamados acólitos. Tal vez haz notado a los niños que asisten al sacerdote durante las misas en el Altar, tu puedes ser uno de ellos, los requisitos de esta importante labor es que ya hayas recibido tu primera comunión y que completes el entrenamiento. Pídele a tus padres que te inscriban, el próximo entrenamiento será el **sábado 12 de mayo a las 12 del mediodía**.

Padres de familia favor contactar la oficina parroquial al (925) 682-5447.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sólo en Jesús encontrará el mundo la salvación (Hechos 4:8-12).

Salmo — La piedra que desecharon los arquitectos, es ahora la piedra angular (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Nos hemos convertido en hijos de Dios por el amor que el Padre nos tiene (1 Juan 3:1-2).

Evangelio — El Padre ama a Jesús, el Buen Pastor, que da la vida por sus ovejas (Juan 10:11-18).

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.

SALVADOS POR AQUEL QUE FUE RECHAZADO

Algunos adolescentes de la ciudad suelen menospreciar y rechazar a los chicos del campo. Sin embargo, no sería una exageración decir que la humanidad les debe la vida a los agricultores que cuidan los cultivos y el ganado por todo el mundo. La Sagrada Escritura para esta semana nos recuerda que Jesús fue rechazado como pastor, como chico del campo, sin embargo, a él le debemos la vida.

En la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles de este domingo, Pedro les dice a las personas que la salvación viene por Jesucristo, que fue rechazado y crucificado. En la carta del apóstol san Juan escuchamos que nos hemos convertido en los hijos amados de Dios por Jesús, a quien el mundo no conoció. Por último, en el Evangelio Jesús se describe como el buen Pastor: "yo doy la vida por las ovejas" (Juan 10:11). ¿Te unirás a Jesús para dar tu vida por el rebaño amado de Dios

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Hch 11:1-18; Sal 42 (41):2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
- Martes: Hch 11:19-26; Sal 87 (86):1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Miércoles: 1 Pe 5:5b-14; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mc 16:15-20
- Jueves: Hch 13:13-25; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Viernes: Hch 13:26-33; Sal 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Sábado: Hch 13:44-52; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Domingo: Hch 9:26-31; Sal 22 (21):26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

FUNERARIA Y CEMENTERIOS CATOLICOS

El servicio de Funeraria y Cementerios Católicos de nuestra Diócesis de Oakland, dará una breve presentación de los aspectos espirituales y prácticos de un funeral, **Hoy domingo 22 de abril después de todas las misas en el salón de hospitalidad.**

La presentación estará a cargo del Diácono Dave Holland, Gerente de Relaciones Parroquiales y el personal del Cementerio Católico Reina del Cielo. Para más información llamar al 855 407-7282