



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

APRIL 29th, 2018

5TH 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

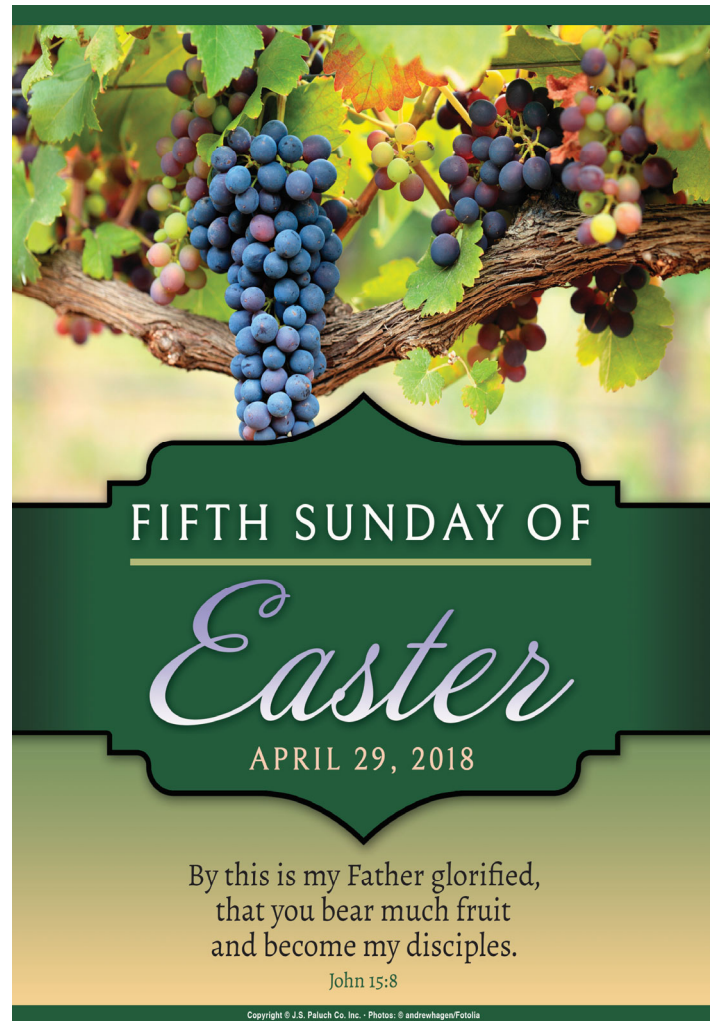
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

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.



The Rev. Ismael Gutierrez
Pastor

The Rev. Rafal Duda
Parochial Vicar

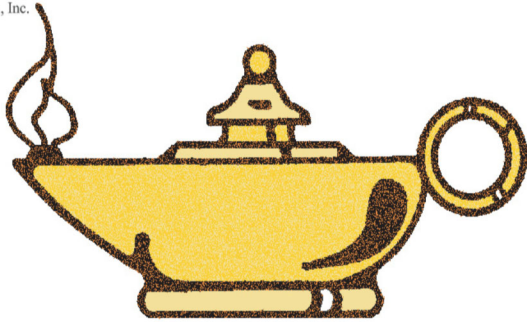
The Rev. Mr. Charles Palomares
The Rev. Mr. John Mazibrook
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OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday (Lunes) to Friday (Viernes) 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
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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
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The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have their May Crowning of Mary following the 8:30am mass on Sat. May 5th in JP II Center.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION –MAY 4TH AFTER 8:30AM TO NOON & EVENING.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

• 1 John 3:18

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

29 de abril de 2018

No amemos solamente de palabra; amemos de verdad y con las obras.

— 1 Juan 3:18

WEEKLEY Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 28th, 2018 (Vigil)

5:30PM- Sp .Int.– Hermie & Demi Echanol– (Ann'y)

Sun. APRIL 29th, 2018—5TH Sunday Easter

7:00 am + Juan Alfaro

8:00AM + Ramona Velazquez y Jesus Santoyo

10:00AM + Leonora B. Torres

11:30AM + Maximino A. Lomboy

1:00pm + Hortencia Jarquin

5:30PM + Kathy Cornelius

7:00PM + Viva Xavier

Monday, APRIL 30th, 2018

8:30am + Maria Ester Urias

Tuesday, MAY 1ST, 2018

8:30am + Doris Hoblitt

7:00PM + Hortencia Jarquin

Wednesday, MAY 2ND, 2018

8:30am + Paul Maria Esguerra

Thursday, MAY 3RD 2018

8:30am + Richard Del Curto

Friday, MAY 4TH, 2018

8:30am + Elena Garcia

Saturday, MAY 5, 2018

8:30AM + Harry Fegan

Sat., Vigil Mass): 5:30pm- Sister Mara Anne Palomares

Sunday, MAY 6TH, 2018– 6th Sunday of Easter

7:00am + Jeannie Russo

8:00 AM + Maria Teresita Racelis Collavecchia

10:00am Parishioners of St. Francis

11:30AM + Gim Foo & Oy Yee Tom

1:00PM + Selene Padilla

5:30pm + Craig Marlborough

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.

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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OTHER EVENTS AT SAN DAMIANO:

Mother's Day Brunch on May 13 with mass at 10am followed by brunch. Adults \$40, Kids 12 and under \$15. Call (925) 837-9141

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!

"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 on May 3rd in the Parish Office. 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.

Events at San Damiano:

Spirituality & Conscious Aging: Finding Meaning and Purpose in Retirement

A Retreat with Jim Briggs at San Damiano, May 11-12. Register today at 925-837-9141 or visit www.sandamiano.org. San Damiano Retreat is located at 710 Highland Drive in Danville.

Sunday May 20: Pasta Dinner at San Damiano. 4:30-6:30 PM. Adults \$15, kids 12 and under are \$10. Please make reservations at www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141 x315. 710 Highland Dr., Danville.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Coll: April 22	\$ 10,381.
Faith Direct e-giving: April 15	\$ 3,980.
TOTAL	\$ 14,361.

YTD Shortfall (\$14,559.)

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

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.

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

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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!**

Hospice Volunteers Needed in Our Area

Patients who are nearing end of life have a variety of needs that can be filled by volunteers. Some patients have little or no support and are in need of companionship. Volunteer visits can include reading, journaling, helping with hobbies and relieving family members and friends. Have you ever considered becoming a hospice volunteer? Volunteers must be at least 18 and have not suffered a close personal loss in the last 12 months. The commitment is usually 1-2 hours per week. Thorough training will be provided to help volunteers feel comfortable with their assignments. There are patients in our area who are awaiting volunteer assistance. If you want to volunteer or get more information, contact Laurie Herbert at Kindred Hospice at 925 737-0203 or Laurie.Herbert@Gentiva.com.

St. Francis of Assisi School ENROLLING NOW- Kindergarten through Grade 8

St Francis of Assisi School, accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association, is accepting application for the 2018-2019 school year. The school embraces its Mission, "*Inspired by our patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi, in collaboration with the Parish, community, parents, and students, our school celebrates an environment which is dedicated to providing quality faith-based Catholic education in a safe and nurturing environment for students in grades K-8. Our value-centered academic programs empower the students with the skills to be faith-filled people, life-long learners and problem solvers, globally responsible citizens, and effective communicators.*"

Contact the school office at 925-682-5414 to schedule a tour today!

FLORES DE FE

Algunas veces nuestra fe es como esta clemátide renuente. A pesar de que tratamos de alimentar y cuidar nuestra vida espiritual, muchas veces solamente producimos unas cuantas "flores". La metáfora usada por Jesús, la vid y las ramas, es un imagen hermosa y dice mucho de la persistencia en la vida de fe del creyente de hoy. Algunas veces nuestras experiencias de conversión llegan lentamente, y requieren de mucho tiempo y cuidado. Mientras mantengamos nuestra atención enfocada en el Señor, siempre habrá esperanza para que la fe profunda y la conversión florezcan dentro y alrededor de nosotros. Las palabras del Señor que continúan animándonos están cimentadas en el Evangelio de hoy: "El que permanece en mí y yo en él, ése da fruto abundante, porque sin mí nada pueden hacer".

SARMIENTOS VIVOS

El Evangelio y la segunda lectura para este Quinto Domingo de Pascua hacen hincapié en la necesidad de que permanezcamos en Cristo y él permanecerá en nosotros. Esta vida compartida está representada en la imagen de la vid que tiene muchos sarmientos. Nos convertimos en sarmientos vivos de la vid, en miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo por el Bautismo, la Eucaristía y la Confirmación, por los sacramentos que nos hacen compartir la vida de Dios. La primera carta del apóstol san Juan describe el fruto de esta vid como el amor activo al prójimo: "Y este es su mandamiento: que creamos . . . y que nos amemos unos a otros" (1 Juan 3:23).

En la primera lectura de los Hechos contamos con un ejemplo de una persona que participa de la vida de Cristo en la persona de san Pablo. El audaz testimonio de Pablo, incluso a riesgo de perder su propia vida, es prueba para todos de que el Espíritu del Señor resucitado verdaderamente lo llena de vida y da fruto en él.

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Escuela Parroquial de san Francisco de Asís esta aceptando aplicaciones para estudiantes del *Kindergarten* hasta el 8º grado, padres de familia interesados en inscribir a sus hijos favor contactar la oficina de la escuela llamando al (925) 682-5414

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 encontrara 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 iniciara sus reuniones de planeación; este evento sirve alimentos a familias de nuestra parroquia como también a personas desamparadas. La primera reunión tendrá lugar en a finales del mes de mayo. 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. Talvez 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 to 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.



MINISTERIO SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

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

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Bernabé explica a los discípulos en Jerusalén la conversión de Pablo (Hechos 9:26-31).

Salmo — El Señor es mi alabanza en la gran asamblea (Salmo 22 [21]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos ordena que creamos en el nombre de Jesucristo y que nos amemos cómo el nos ama (1 Juan 3:18-24).

Evangelio — Los que viven en Jesús y Jesús vive en ellos producen mucho fruto (Juan 15:1-8).

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MATRIMONIOS

*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.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En el año 1674 una argentina, Doña Ana Mattos de Siqueyras se llevó a su casa una imagen de la Virgen María para hacerle una capillita en sus terrenos a un lado del río Luján. La imagen era de reputación milagrosa y Doña Ana deseaba tenerla cerquita de su hogar. Al día siguiente la imagen se había regresado a un eremitorio donde la cuidaba un esclavo africano llamado Manuel. Esto le pasó un par de veces hasta que se le ocurrió a Doña Ana llevarse en peregrinación a ambos María y Manuel. Desde entonces en una capilla abierta al público María se quedó sin ningún problema.

Como muchos ricos, Doña Ana quería echarse a Dios en el bolsillo llevándose para sí misma la imagen de María. Pero nuestra Señora de Luján tenía otro plan. Ella deseaba estar con el esclavo Manuel y con el pueblo. En fin, Doña Ana se fijó que a Dios y su madre no los controla nadie y nadie los puede hacer su propiedad, a lo contrario, ellos se entregan a los pobres y desamparados.

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

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 14:5-18; Sal 115 (114):1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145 (144):10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a o (por el conmemorativo) Gn 1:26 2:3 o Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Sal 90 (89):2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Jueves: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 57 (56):8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Domingo: Hch 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Sal 98 (97):1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 o 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 o Jn 17:11b-19

BAUTIZOS DE INFANTES

Los bautizos de niños y niñas menores de siete años se hacen en sábado a las 9:30 de la mañana. Nuestra parroquia ofrece diferentes fechas durante el año. Padres de familia interesados en bautizar, favor visitar la oficina parroquial lo más pronto posible para reservar algunas de las fechas disponibles. Para más información llamar al (925) 682-5447.