



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

MAY 6th, 2018

6TH 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**

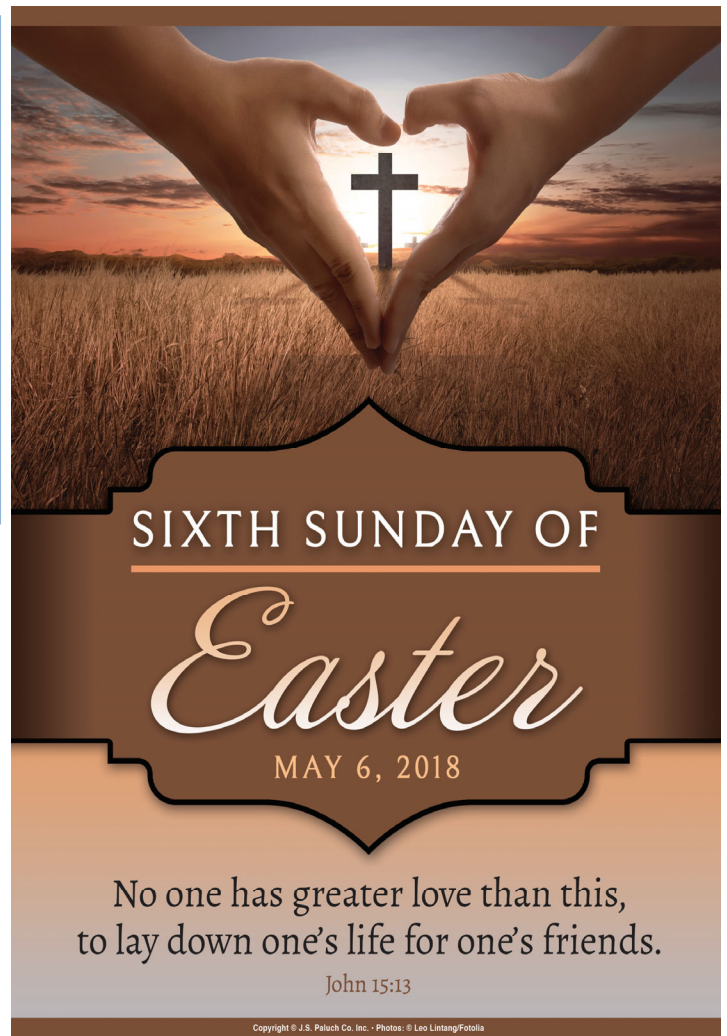
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

**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  
*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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**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 6, 2018**

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

• *John 15:16*

**Sexto Domingo de Pascua  
6 de mayo de 2018**

No son ustedes los que me han elegido, soy yo quien los ha elegido y los ha destinado para que vayan y den fruto.  
— *Juan 15:16*

**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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**Congratulations to all the children  
who have made their 1st Communions  
in this special month of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary.  
May God continue to bless you and  
your families.**

**WEEKLY Mass Intentions**

Saturday, May 5th, 2018 (Vigil)

5:30PM- + Sister Mara Anne Palomares

Sun. May 6th, 2018—**6TH Sunday Easter**

7:00 am + Jeannie Russo

**8:00AM + Maria Teresita Racelis Collavecchia**

10:00AM Parishioners of SFA

11:30AM + Gim Foo & Oy Yee Tom

**1:00pm + Selene Padilla**

5:30PM + Craig Marlborough

**7:00PM + Viva Xavier**

Monday, May 7th, 2018

8:30am + Fran Bagnasco

Tuesday, MAY 8th, 2018

8:30am + Fran Bagnasco

**7:00PM + Adislado y Carmen Perez**

Wednesday, MAY 9th, 2018

8:30am + Angelo Maraccini

Thursday, MAY 10th, 2018

8:30am + William & Ellen Small

Friday, MAY 11TH, 2018

8:30am + Harry Holsworth

Saturday, MAY 12th, 2018

8:30AM + Fran Bagnasco

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

Sunday, MAY 13th, 2018— 7th Sun Easter— **Ascension**

7:00am + Donald & Margaret Kelly

**8:00 AM + Agenor Espinosa Marengo**

10:00am + Tom Mescall

11:30AM + Lee Dulac

**1:00PM + Agenor Espinosa Marengo**

5:30pm Sp. Int. -Fr. Rafal Duda

**7:00PM + Alfonso Hernandez**

NO EVENING MASSES

**Bold masses in Spanish**

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**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

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### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer "shows partiality" to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.

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**Reflection:** *What does it take to remain in Jesus' love? Jesus spells it out for us in this Sunday's Gospel. We need to keep His commandments. The Ten Commandments are a start. By practicing them, we have an idea of what God wants. Jesus expands on them with His two-part Great Commandment. We are to love God with all our hearts, minds, and souls, and love our neighbors as ourselves. By practicing this, we have an idea of who God is. By living our love, we remain in God's love. We begin to experience that God is love on a deeper level. Keep a copy of this Sunday's Gospel and take it out or open it from time to time during the week, to remind yourself of this simple, essential law of love.*

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### PARISH FINANCE REPORT

#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Coll: April 29           \$ 7,305.  
Faith Direct e-giving: April 15   \$ 4,517.  
TOTAL                               \$11,822.

2nd Collection (Parish Repairs) \$3,795.

**YTD Shortfall (\$10,627.)**

**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.**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Sunday, **May 6th** from 3-6:30pm in JP II Center  
Sunday, **May 20th** from 3-6:30pm in JP II 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 JP II 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](mailto:Youth@SFAconcord.org).

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**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/](http://www.CarondeletHS.org/) Summer for more details and to register today!

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### UP COMING 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](http://www.sandamiano.org). San Damiano Retreat is located at 710 Highland Drive in Danville.

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.

**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](http://www.sandamiano.org) or call 925-837-9141 x315. 710 Highland Dr., Danville.

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](http://www.saintmaryschs.org).

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### **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 31<sup>st</sup>

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](http://2018maydinner.eventbrite.com).

Questions ? Contact JOY at 925-673-7025

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### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

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

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***Throughout history, people have tried to make Christianity about politics, about power, about wars, about being right, about theology, about prosperity, about judgment. But they have been wrong. Christianity is about love. Pure and simple.***

*Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.*

-1 John 4-8

The Annual Bishop's Appeal continues— 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!

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### **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](mailto:Laurie.Herbert@Gentiva.com).

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### **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!

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### **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.

## ÁMENSE UNOS A OTROS

En el Evangelio para el Sexto Domingo de Pascua nos encontramos con un desafío extraordinario. Jesús nos dice: "ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado" (Juan 15:12). La carta del apóstol san Juan retoma este mandamiento. Por supuesto, debemos amar a nuestros familiares, nuestros colegas, las personas que nos agradan. Pero la Sagrada Escritura aclara que también debemos amar a los que ignoramos, a los que evitamos deliberadamente e incluso a los que nos sentimos tentados de despreciar.

En la selección de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este domingo, Pedro nos muestra hasta dónde llega el amor de Dios y hasta dónde debe llegar nuestra respuesta de amor. Pedro comprende que Dios ya "no hace distinciones" y no comparte su amor divino exclusivamente con los judíos. Cristo ha revelado que el amor de Dios llega a todas las personas y lo mismo debe hacer el nuestro.

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## PRIMERAS COMUNIONES

Nuestra Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís se llena de bendiciones durante el mes de mayo, ya que tendremos las primeras comuniones de los diferentes programas de catecismo de niños y jóvenes.

De ante mano agradecemos a Dios, Todo Poderoso por la gracia derramada en los corazones de nuestros hermanos. A sus catequistas, padres y padrinos por la labor de cultivar en ellos el fruto de la Fe.

## ESCUELA PARROQUIAL

*St. Francis  
of Assisi School*

**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](http://www.sfaconcord.com).

## REUNION DE COORDINADORES

Coordinadores parroquiales se les recuerda que la reunión se realizara el lunes 7 de mayo a las 7:00 de tarde en el salón de hospitalidad.

## 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 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**. El entrenamiento será impartido por el Diácono John Mazibrook, los niños que sean entrenados podrán servir en las misas de ingles o de español.

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** — Mediante las prédicas de Pedro, el Espíritu Santo viene a los gentiles (Hechos 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Salmo** — El Señor revela a las naciones su justicia (Salmo 98 [97]).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios es amor y Dios nos ama (1 Juan 4:7-10) o 1 Juan 4:11-16.

**Evangelio** — Jesús da este mandamiento a sus discípulos: ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado (Juan 15:9-17) o Juan 17:11b-19.

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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.**

## AMISTAD VERDADERA

La amistad verdadera requiere de un trabajo arduo. La amistad conlleva a caminar con la otra persona en sus momentos de felicidad o de frustración profunda y fracaso. Las amistades necesitan atención constante. Los amigos necesitan estar presentes. Los amigos necesitan hablar, ser honestamente críticos y tiempo para relacionarse. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús llama "amigos" a sus seguidores. Si nos incluimos entre los seguidores del Señor, esto significa que en el bautismo iniciamos una amistad con el Señor Jesús. A fin de cultivar nuestra amistad con el Señor, nos comprometemos a caminar con Él en las alegrías y en las frustraciones de la vida. Muchos de nosotros hemos perdido el contacto con bastantes personas. Conocemos la experiencia de los lazos débiles de la amistad. La mayoría de nosotros también admite que solamente tiene el tiempo y la energía para comprometerse a cultivar una o muy pocas amistades de verdad. ¿Cómo cultivamos nuestra amistad con el Señor Jesús?

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Martes: Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8;  
Jn 16:5-11

Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14;  
Jn 16:12-15

Jueves: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47:2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23 o  
Ef 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20 (para  
la Ascensión); o Hch 18:1-8;  
Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Viernes: Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47 (46):2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Sábado: Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 8-10;  
Jn 16:23b-28

Domingo: Hch 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Sal 103 (102):1-  
2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19;  
o, para la Ascensión, Hch 1:1-11;  
Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23 o  
Ef 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20

### 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.