



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

SEPTEMBER 9th, 2018

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

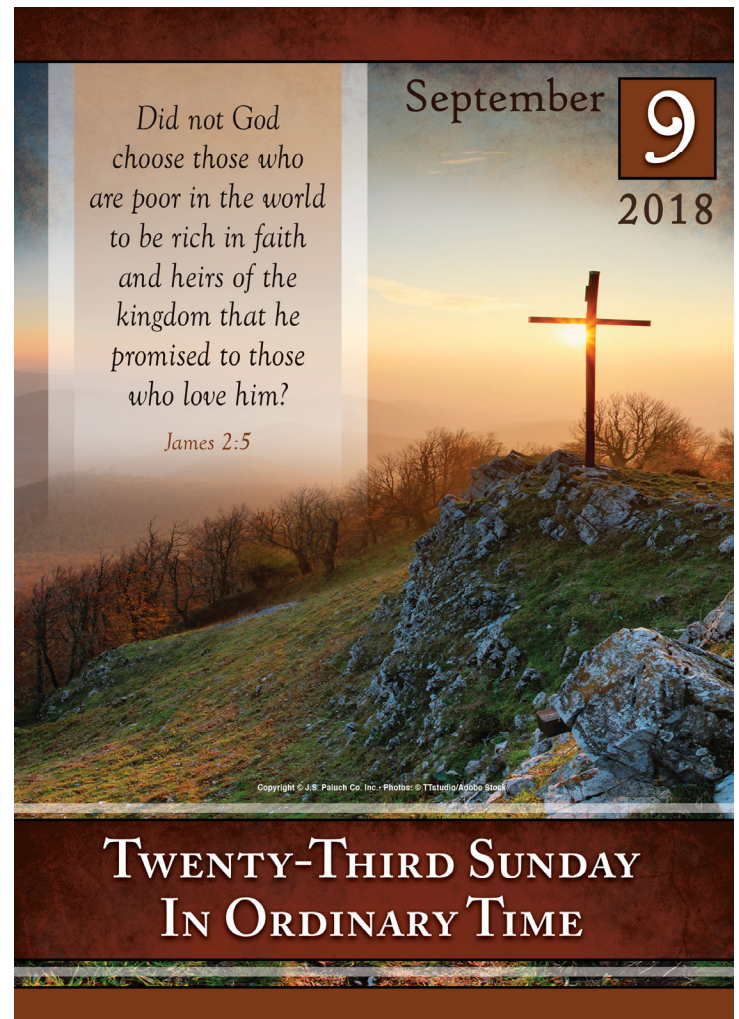
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

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
www.sfaconcord.com



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

- James 2:5

**Vigésimo Tercer Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario
9 de septiembre de 2018**

¿Acaso no ha elegido Dios a los pobres de este mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe y herederos del Reino?

— Santiago 2:5

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

WEEKLY Mass Intentions

Saturday, SEPT 8th, 2018 (Vigil)
5:30PM- Spec. Int.— Ernesto & Corazon Rea

Sunday, SEPT 9th, 2018—**23rd Sunday in O.T.**
7:00 am + Anguina ;M. Anasco
8:00AM + Ignacio Avila Jr.
10:00AM + Luis & Salud Garcia
11:30AM + John Krajcir
1:00pm + Hortensia Sevilla
5:30PM + Mary Louise & Bill Chapman
7:00PM + Erick Cruz

Monday, SEPT 10th, 2018
8:30am Sp. Int— Prayers to St. Joseph by parishioners

Tuesday, SEPT 11th, 2018
8:30am + Dana Gong
7:00PM + Alfonso Hernandez

Wednesday, SEPT 12th, 2018—
8:30am Sp. Int.—Corazon Rea

Thursday, SEPT 13th, 2018
8:30am + Leonor Gonzales Santos

Friday, SEPT 14th, 2018
8:30am Sp. Int. —Nelia Marable I

Saturday, SEPT 15th, 2018
8:30AM + Mr. & Mrs. H. Drewes
(Vigil Mass): 5:30pm- In Thanksgiving— Le Hong

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2018– 24th SUNDAY IN O.T.
7:00am Rick Davis & family
8:00 AM + Reynalda Vazquez
10:00am + Randy Tirabassi
11:30AM + Maximino A. Lomboy
1:00PM + Valentin Mejia Chavez
5:30pm + John Krajcir
7:00 PM + Juana Obando Garcia

Bold masses in Spanish

Questions on all registration should be addressed to one of the following coordinators:

Religious Education in Spanish for children and adults: (925) 375-1066 or Scarlett@sfaconcord.org.
Religious Education in English for children and adults: (925) 375-1067 or Nathan@sfaconcord.org.
Youth Ministry and Teen Sacraments: Kathy De Lemos (925) 375-1057 or Youth@Sfaconcord.org

**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 necesitan 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

ATTENTION. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EVERY TUESDAY FROM 11AM TO 1:00PM. THIS IS TO ALLOW THE STAFF TO HOLD MEETINGS AND THEIR PRAYER GROUPS AT A SET TIME AND DATE EACH WEEK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

YOUTH GROUPS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES— Must Sign Up Ahead of time with Kathy D.

Every **Sunday** from 8 –10am and 1-3pm
Help K of C distribute food outside the JPPII Center.

Sacrament of Confirmation for Teens

There will no Teen Confirmation registration packets available online or in the Parish Office, only at the above meetings. Fully completed registration packets for Teen Confirmation can be turned into the Parish Office anytime up to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 30th, 2018 when registration closes.

Teen Sacraments of First Rec. and First Comm. for 7th – 12th Graders

St. Francis of Assisi's Teen Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion is a two-year program. To begin this two-year process, you need to be in the 7th - 12th grade in the fall of 2018, and make an appointment with Coordinator Kathy De Lemos for an interview and registration packet. She can be reached in the Parish Office at 925-375-1057 or at Youth@SFAconcord.org.

If you have successfully passed our Teen Sacrament Year One Program, you are eligible for Year Two in the Teen Sacrament Program to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. Information is available in the Parish Office. Completed packets must be turned in anytime up to Sunday, October 7th, 2018, when registrations close.

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.

ONFIRE— NorCal Jam at Discovery Kingdom

On Saturday, Sep 15th from 9am– 9pm
Talented artists and dynamic speakers at ONFIRE, celebrate Mass with 4000 youth and many diocesan Bishops. Get inspired by speakers, and to top it off, treat your senses and praise God with an evening concert

Tickets available at www.onfirenorcal.com

Incredible Evening of HOPE AND HEALING

“Come Let Jesus Heal You!” at Church of the Good Shepherd on Sep. 23 & 24— Free Admission —free will offerings accepted. Sunday, Sep 23 @ 5pm Healing mass followed by a Healing Service and talk and Monday, Sep 24 at 7:00PM an Uplifting talk of hope. **Featuring: Fr. Jim Sullivan, Chaplin of Bishop O’Dowd H.S., Fr. James Blunt, SOLT, Exorcist, Missionary and Spiritual Director & Mark Mallett, Evangelist, Singer, Songwriter & Author.**

Know Your Rights: Catholic Charities of the East Bay (Concord) is hosting bi-monthly Know Your Rights presentations about recent immigration changes and individuals’ rights, regardless of immigrant status. No registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Deanna Salazar at 925.771.8524. Upcoming sessions are: Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, and Dec. 11.

St. Francis of Assisi Church will have a Concert on Friday, Sept 28th with Robert S. Cakebread, one of our former musician. All are invited to this wonderful event held here in our Church.

Casino Bus trip to Red Hawk Casino Saturday, September 22, 2018
Cost is \$35 per person, includes snacks & drinks.
Bus leaves church rear parking at 8:30am
For more information, please contact:
Tony Lansang @ 330-9391
Beng Beza @ 285-2613
Or the Parish office @ 682-5447

St. Joseph Prayer for the Protection & Renewal of the Church: *To you, St. Joseph we bring our broken hearts and all of the discouragement that weights us down. Impurity and scandal have wounded our Church and have brought much shame, sorrow and tears. We ask you dearest St. Joseph, to be our guide along this very dark path, for you are the model of faith, purity and devotion that we need so desperately. May the Lord send forth the burning fire of the Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Church, and the world. O St. Joseph, pray ceaselessly for the Church during this time of suffering and great mourning. May this current pain inflicted upon the Church be transformed by the power of Christ’s cross, and lead to further renewal and continued purification. Amen*

CHURCH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORTING

Sunday, Sept 1 & 2	\$ 8,599.
Faith Direct e Giving Sept 4	\$ 3,900.
TOTAL	\$12,499.

The Parish needs \$16,000 weekly just to meet expenses.

(Y.T.D. Shortfall \$35,523.)

Jan.—July Expenses = \$680,612.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 9:00AM TO 11:30AM. CLOSED ON TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND WEEKENDS. CALL THEM AT (925) 682-5811.

Marian Conference will be hosted by Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Brentwood Oct. 12-13. With the theme "With Mary, we say YES to the Lord!", the Conference will have a special focus on the role of the parents and the youth in building up the Church beginning with their own homes, the domestic church. All Catholics are invited; registration information is available at www.ihmbrentwood.com. For more information, contact Father Quang Minh Dong or Father John Erick Villa at 925.634.4154 or 2018MarianConference@ihmbrentwood.com.

Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers
The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers will be celebrated Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland. We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass as we celebrate your energy, dedication, and generosity. A reception and mental health resources fair will follow the Mass.

BOOK SALE: SFA Gift Shop will hold a sale of books and religious items on Sunday, September 9th from 9am to 1PM in the Hospitality Room. Hope to see many of you there.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS (St. John Baptist de la Salle Court 1934) invites you to come and join them for an afternoon of Wine Tasting, Hors d'oeuvres and fun! On Sunday, Sept 30th from 2-4PM at Viano's Winery, 150 Morello Avenue Martinez Ca 94553 Tickets are only \$20 per person. RSVP not later than 9/23 to Sandra Blanco (925) 864-5280.

Did you know that the Diocese of Oakland anticipates that there will be almost 70 retired priests within the next 5-10 years? They have given generously their entire lives in service to our Diocese, and now face retirement with little or no government assistance. Show them your appreciation by offering a donation to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust collection this weekend, and remembering them in your prayers.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
SUNDAY, OCT. 7, 2018

All are welcome and invited to our Annual Parish International Festival. This is a family day of fun, games, good food, free entertainment, and some lucky winners of cash prizes. Mark your calendars, and save the date to join in the festivities.

Raffle tickets will be sold after each weekend mass beginning September 1st. Cash prizes of \$2000, \$1000 and \$500 will be awarded to some lucky winners. Raffle Ticket sales will be \$5 for one ticket, or \$20 for five (5) tickets. Take a chance and be lucky winner!

Birthright of Concord Pregnancy Support Center is looking for more volunteers and Board members to assist us in our center on Clayton Road. We are a pro-life, nonprofit organization that gives emotional support to pregnant women. We are run by volunteers and have been in Concord for 45 years. It is a very rewarding experience to be a mentor and friend to those who often have no one to stand by them. Training provided. Hours are flexible. Especially need bilingual speakers, but anyone is welcome. Please call Libby at Birthright for more information. 925-798-7227.

Retrouvaille... A lifeline for marriages. Do you feel lost, frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages. The Retrouvaille Program begins with an initial weekend: Friday, September 7, 2018 - 7:00pm to Sunday, September 9, 2018 - 5:00pm. There are 12 follow up sessions over six Saturdays: Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Nov. 3, Nov. 17 & Dec. 1, 2018 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Register at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Gus and Ed-da Rivera at (510) 709-6063. Retrouvaille provides marriage help! You are not alone!

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Díganles a los que están asustados: Calma, no tengan miedo. Ya viene su Dios a salvarlos (Isaías 35:4-7a).

Salmo — Alaba, alma mía, al Señor (Salmo 146 [145]).

Segunda lectura — No hagan diferencias entre personas. Dios ha escogido a los pobres de este mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe (Santiago 2:1-5).

Evangelio — Jesús curó a un sordo que hablaba con dificultad. "Ábrete". (Marcos 7:31-37)

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ORACION A SAN JOSE PARA LA PROTECCION Y RENOVACION DE LA IGLESIA

Traemos ante ti, San José, nuestros corazones quebrantados y todo el desaliento que nos agobia. La impureza y el escándalo han herido a nuestra Iglesia y han traído mucha vergüenza, tristeza y lágrimas. Queridísimo San José, te pedimos que seas nuestro guía en este camino tan oscuro, pues tu eres el modelo de fe, pureza y devoción que necesitamos desesperadamente. Pedimos que el Señor envíe el fuego ardiente del Espíritu Santo y renueve la faz de la Iglesia y del mundo. Oh, San José, ruega incesantemente por la Iglesia en este tiempo de duelo y sufrimiento. Que este dolor actual infligido a la Iglesia sea transformado por el poder de la cruz de Cristo y conduzca a una renovación y purificación continua. *Amen*

Pedro de la Cruz, ajustado 2018

SERVIDORES PARROQUIALES DE SFA

Agradeciendo de ante mano su servicio a nuestra comunidad les pedimos encarecidamente que tomen el curso de ambiente seguro para los más vulnerables, esto lo puede hacer entrando a la página electrónica de la Diócesis de Oakland; abra la ventanilla de VIRTUS Registro, favor seguir las indicaciones del programa. Al final puede imprimir el certificado y tenerlo para sus archivos. Si tiene preguntas favor contactar a la oficina parroquial .

CATEQUESIS

Continúan abiertas las inscripciones para algunos programas de catequesis de niños, jóvenes y adultos. Para más información llamar al:

Ministerio de Educación Religiosa en español para niños y adultos contactar a Scarlett Salaverria al (925) 375-1066 o Scarlett@sfaconcord.org.

Educación Religiosa en Inglés para niños y adultos contactar a Nathan Cho al (925) 375-1067 o Nathan@sfaconcord.org.

Ministerio de Jóvenes Adolescentes, catequesis para la primera comunión y confirmación de adolescentes contactar a Kathy De Lemos al (925) 375-1057 Youth@Sfaconcord.org.

FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL

Nuestro 12avo Festival Internacional esta a la vuelta de la esquina, reserve la fecha del 7 de octubre de 9a.m. - 6:00p.m. en el campo de la parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, para disfrutar de deliciosos platillos tradicionales de los diferentes países que participaran, al igual de juegos para grandes y chicos como también diferentes bailables. Los esperamos.

RIFA: A realizarse durante el Festival Internacional (7 de octubre), tenga la oportunidad de ganar premios en efectivos de \$2,000 (1er), \$1,000 (2do.) y \$500 (3er). Los boletos estarán a la venta los fines de semana a partir del 1º de Septiembre. Precio \$5.00 por (1) boleto, \$20 por (5) boletos.

COMUNION A LOS ENFERMOS

Si usted es una de los feligreses que lleva la Santa Comunión a un familiar, amigo o vecino y no es Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía, le pedimos que contacte a la oficina parroquial lo más pronto posible. De ante mano gracias por su colaboración.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Sal 5:5-7, 12; Lc 6:6-11
Martes: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Lc 6:12-19
Miércoles: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Sal 45 (44):11-12,
14-17; Lc 6:20-26
Jueves: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Sal 139(138):
1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lc 6:27-38
Viernes: Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1bc-2, 34-
38; Flm 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sábado: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Sal 116 (115):12-13,
17-18; Lc 6:43-49
Domingo: Is 50:5-9a; Sal 116 (115):1-6, 8-
9; Sant 2:14-18; Mc 8:27-35

SOLO PARA MUJERES RETIRO ESPIRITUAL

RETIRO PARA MUJERES
Día: Sábado 22 de Septiembre
Hora: 8:00a.m.— 6:00 p.m.
Lugar: Gimnasio Iglesia de
San Francisco de Asís
Entrada Gratis
Habrá cuidado de niños.

Voluntarios estarán dando mas información e inscribiendo al final de la Santa Misa de los domingos 9 y 16 de septiembre.

VIAJE AL CASINO

Viaje al Casino Red Hawk el sábado 22 de septiembre, 2018. Precio \$35 por persona, incluye refrigerio y bebida. Autobús sale del estacionamiento de la iglesia (cerca de Gimnasio) a las 8:30a.m. Para mas información favor llamar a:
Tony Lansang @ 330-9391
Beng Beza @ 285-2613
Oficina parroquial 682-5447

BAUTIZOS

Estimados padres y madres de familia si ha un no bautizado a su hijo (a) y lo quiere hacer antes que termine el año. Los próximos bautizos disponibles son para el mes de Octubre y Noviembre. Interesados en inscribir a sus hijos para el Sacramento del bautizo y reservar alguna de las fechas disponibles, favor contactar a la oficina parroquial.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En muchos países latinoamericanos la Fiesta de la Santa Cruz se celebra el 3 de mayo, pero la Iglesia universal la celebra el 14 de septiembre. La fiesta del 14 de septiembre conmemora la consagración del santuario del Santo Sepulcro en Jerusalén. Este es el santuario más importante de la religión cristiana, pues en él se encuentran tanto el monte del Calvario donde falleció Jesús como el sepulcro del cual resucitó al tercer día. Sin estos dos acontecimientos no hubiese cristianismo.

Nosotros los latinos tenemos muchas fiestas y muchos santuarios. Ninguna de éstas puede ser más importante que las que recuerdan la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. El clima del año litúrgico cristiano es el Triduo Pascual el cual termina en la celebración de la Pascua Florida de 50 días.

En Puerto Rico se han celebrado tradicionalmente las fiestas de la cruz con una novena que termina en la fiesta de la Cruz (3 de mayo). Cada día de la novena se canta el rosario frente a un altar hecho para la cruz. Tal vez algunas comunidades hispanas quieran retomar esta devoción y celebración cultural en septiembre.

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

EDUCACIÓN

Las enseñanzas recibidas en escuelas y colegios no constituyen una educación, sino medios de adquirir una educación.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

♥ ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL ♥

Esta Invitación es para todas las parejas que les gustaría comunicarse mejor, ver más romanticismo, amor y alegría en su matrimonio; y también si les gustaría fortalecer su fe en Dios. Vengan a vivir la experiencia que cambiará su vida. Próximo Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial **Septiembre 14,15 y 16 .**

Información

Moisés & Raquel (925)826-8819
Víctor & Malena (925)705-3164.