



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

SEPTEMBER 16th, 2018

TWENTY FOURTH 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

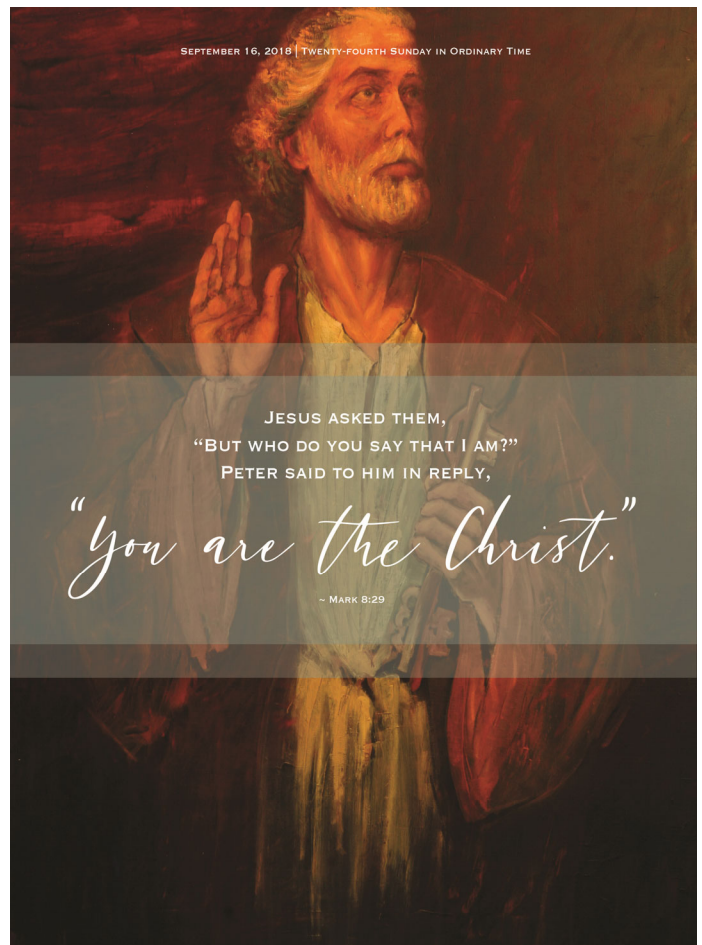
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

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.



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JESUS ASKED THEM,
"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,

"You are the Christ."

- MARK 8:29

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The Rev. Ismael Gutierrez
Pastor

The Rev. Rafal Duda
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OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

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



Catechetical Sunday

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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
866 Oak Grove Rd., Concord CA 94518
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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.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2018

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.
—Isaiah 50:7

Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 16 de septiembre de 2018

El Señor me ayuda,
por eso no quedaré confundido.
— Isaías 50:7

WEEKLY Mass Intentions

Saturday, SEPT 15TH, 2018 (Vigil)

5:30PM- IN THANKSGIVING- Le Hong

Sunday, SEPT 16TH, 2018—24TH Sunday in O.T.

7:00 am Rick Davis & family

8:00AM + Reynalda Vazquez

10:00AM + Randy Tirabassi

11:30AM + Maximino A. Lomboy

1:00pm + Valentin Mejia Chavez

5:30PM + John Krajcir

7:00PM + Juana Obando Garcia

Monday, SEPT 17th, 2018

8:30am + Salvatore & Vincent Consul

Tuesday, SEPT 18th, 2018

8:30am + Marissa Esquerra

7:00PM + Juana Maciel Romero

Wednesday, SEPT 19th, 2018—

8:30am + Anna Le Thi Kim Lan

Thursday, SEPT 20th, 2018

8:30am + William Lesser

Friday, SEPT 21ST, 2018

8:30am Sp. Int. — Jaime & Scarlett Salaverria

Saturday, SEPT 22ND, 2018

8:30AM + Roger Peters

(Vigil Mass): 5:30pm- I+ John David Bernard

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2018— 25th SUNDAY IN O.T.

7:00am + Alexander Pawlakos

8:00 AM + Ignacio Avila Jr.

10:00am + Roman Ibarra

11:30AM + Angelo Maraccini

1:00PM + Gabriela Cantu

5:30pm + Librada & Floro de la Pena

7:00 PM + Mario Vazquez Villa

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 call

(925) 375-1057 or Youth@Sfaconcord.org

FROM THE FILIPINO Clergy of the Oakland Diocese

On **September 29, 2018 (Saturday)** from 9:00am-3:00pm, we will host the **1st Symposium** (one of a series of Symposia) with the theme: **"Rooting, Uprooting, and Re-planting: The Filipino Experience of Moving from Home (Philippines) to Home (Oakland Diocese, Bay Area),"** also dubbed as **"Celebrating Our Faith from the Islands to the Mainland."** It will be held at the **Monsignor Cardelli Activity Center, St. Isidore Church, Danville CA.**

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. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, and Dec. 11.**

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

PROPER POSTURE

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees.

—Anonymous

CONCERT AT ST. FRANCIS : We are excited to announce that a concert Mass composed by our former music director, Robert Cakebread, will be presented in the church on September 28 at 7:00 pm. With the gracious cooperation of our own music director, Kerry Leyden, the choir of St Francis as well as that from St Theresa parish, located in Oakland, will sing together along with an 9 piece orchestra conducted by world renowned classical guitarist and conductor, Julio Reyes.

CHURCH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORTING

Sunday, Sept 9th	\$ 9,671.
Faith Direct e Giving	\$ <u>3,900.</u>
TOTAL	\$13,571.

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

(Y.T.D. Shortfall \$37,957.)

2nd Collection— Diocese Priest Retirement \$2,648.

Jan.—Aug. Expenses = \$761,520.

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 JPIL Center.

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.

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.

When we lose ourselves to the deep transformative love of God, we gain an entire world of understanding, compassion, and wisdom. Only by letting go of our attachments can we relinquish ourselves to God. During the times that we cling to the past, there is no space for god to come into our lives, and our humanity limits us. Losing our life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel is the only way we can truly save it for all eternity with God.
The question for today is "Where can you let God into you life more?"

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.

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.

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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 Tickets 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. Register at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Gus and Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063. Retrouvaille provides marriage help! You are not alone!

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

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — En la tribulación el Señor Yavé me ha abierto los oídos para que yo escuche.

(Isaías 50:5-9a).

Salmo — Caminaré en presencia del Señor, en el país de la vida (Salmo 116 [115]).

Segunda lectura — Demuestra tu fe por las buenas obras que produces (Santiago 2:14-18).

Evangelio — Después que Pedro profesó que Jesús es el Mesías, Jesús lo reprendió por tratar equivocadamente de apartar a Jesús de su misión. (Marcos 8:27-35).

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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 después de la Santa Misa de los domingos 9 y 16 de septiembre.

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.

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.

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
www.ChatholicPrayerCards.org

OFICINA PARROQUIAL: Estimados feligreses favor tomar en cuenta que los martes entre 11:00a.m. y 1:00p.m., el equipo laborar de San Francisco de Asís, se reúne ya sea para enriquecimiento espiritual o planeación pastoral, les pedimos de sus oraciones y de su comprensión.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Lc 7:1-10
Martes: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Sal 100 (99):1-5; Lc 7:11-17
Miércoles: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Sal 33 (32):2-5, 12, 22; Lc 7:31-35
Jueves: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Sal 118 (117):1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lc 7:36-50
Viernes: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sábado: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Sal 56 (55):10c-14; Lc 8:4-15
Domingo: Sab 2:12, 17-20; Sal 54 (53):3-8; Sant 3:16 — 4:3; Mc 9:30-37

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.

AGRADECIMIENTOS

Mil gracias a todos los voluntarios, que donaron su tiempo, dones, tesoros y talentos para el proyecto de Guatemala y Oaxaca, las recientes actividades de recaudación de fondos como el Kermes lavado de autos, venta de ropa fueron todo un éxito, gracias a la generosidad de todos los que participaron. Dios los bendiga a todos ellos y sus familias.

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.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Este año hemos estado reflexionando sobre algunas tradiciones latinoamericanas de nuestra fe. Creo que sería bueno reflexionar también sobre lo que es la Tradición y lo que son las tradiciones. En muchas ocasiones durante mi formación religiosa mis maestros me advertían de no confundir la Tradición en mayúscula con la tradición en minúscula.

“¿Cuál es la diferencia?”, preguntaba. Y de seguro algunos de ustedes se lo estarán preguntando también. Según el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (CIC 75-83) los Apóstoles transmitieron el Evangelio de Jesucristo de manera escrita y de manera oral. El Evangelio escrito nos ha llegado en forma del Nuevo Testamento, en especial por los cuatro evangelios. El Evangelio oral nos ha llegado por lo que llamamos la Tradición; ésta nos llega por la predicación, la vida y el ejemplo de los Apóstoles.

De esta Tradición o Evangelio oral nacen tradiciones teológicas, disciplinares, litúrgicas o devocionales para diversas escuelas espirituales o grupos étnicos y nacionales. Estas tradiciones necesitan medirse con la gran Tradición evangélica y sólo aquellas que animan a los fieles a vivir más de cerca el Evangelio deben ser promovidas.

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

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