



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

OCTOBER 7th, 2018

TWENTY SEVENTH 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
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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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**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 7, 2018**
Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs
to such as these.

• **Mark 10:14**

**Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario
7 de octubre de 2018**

Dejen que los niños se acerquen a mí y no se lo impidan, porque el Reino de Dios es de los que son como ellos.

— **Marcos 10:14**

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 MEET-
INGS AND THEIR PRAYER GROUPS AT A
SET TIME AND DATE EACH WEEK. THANK
YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

WEEKLY Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 6th, 2018 (Vigil)
5:30PM- + Robert Bailey
Sunday, October 7th, 2018—27TH Sunday in O.T.
7:00 am + Walt Garry
8:00AM + Rigoberto Elias Hernandez
10:00AM (Festival Mass) Bilingual + Msgr Edward T. Vani
NO 11:30AM OR 1:00pm MASSES THIS SUNDAY
5:30PM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
7:00PM Sp. Int.—Jeronimo Hermila Bautiste
Monday, OCTOBER 8th, 2018
8:30am + Virginia Herrera
Tuesday, OCTOBER 9th, 2018
8:30am + Peggy Drewes
7:00PM + Rigoberto Elias Hernandez
Wednesday, OCTOBER 10th, 2018—
8:30am + Angelo Maraccini
Thursday, OCTOBER 11TH, 2018
8:30am Sp. Int.—Ed & Toni Furrer
Friday, OCTOBER 12TH, 2018
8:30am + Henry Nau
Saturday, OCTOBER 13TH, 2018
8:30AM + Peter Nguyen Tuey
(Vigil Mass): 5:30pm- Sp. Int.—Rosario Adriano (B'day)
Sunday, OCTOBER 14TH, 2018— 28th SUNDAY IN O.T.
7:00am + John Zoeller
8:00 AM + Gabriel Maciel
10:00am + Leonardo Fernandez Jr.
11:30am + Lee Dulac
1:00PM + Hortensia Sevilla
5:30pm + Michael Kenneth Hill
7:00 PM Gregorio Flores Duenas

Bold masses in Spanish

**Questions on all registration should be ad-
dressed 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**

YOUTH GROUPS

Sacrament of Confirmation for Teens

Sunday, **Oct. 21** from 3-6:30pm in the JP11 Center
 Class: Faith & Sacraments
 Sunday, **Oct 28th** from 3-6:30PM in the JP11 Center
 Class: Bible & Scripture

Youth Ministry

Youth Group for all 7th –12th Graders Meet
 Monday's from 7-9PM in the Gym and Youth Room

Teen Sacraments of First Rec. & First Comm. For 7th to 12th Graders

Year One meets on Tues from 4-5:30Pm in the POC
 Year Two meets on Wed from 4-5 in the POC

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 JP11 Center.
Saturday, Nov. 3rd from 6-10PM in the FC/Gym
 Help the Knights of Columbus with Bingo Night

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**

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from “popery” to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a “chapel.” Catholic “Emancipation” was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil!

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

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: Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, and Dec. 11.

An Invitation to all our daily parishioners: As some of you know already, we recite the rosary daily before the 8:30am mass Mondays thru Saturdays. The Rosary begins at 8:10am and concludes before mass begins. It is a lovely way to begin your day by praying the rosary with others. If you are interested, please come a little earlier and join with others before mass.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH FOR THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY AND REOPEN ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT 9:00AM.

OUR NEXT SENIOR LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT 12 NOON IN THE POPE JOHN PAUL CENTER. WE HOLD SENIOR LUNCHEON ON THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH-SEPTEMBER THRU MAY EXCEPT FOR JANUARY.

CHURCH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORTING

Sunday, Sep 22 & 23	\$ 7,283.
Faith Direct e Giving	\$ 2,942.
Parish Repairs 2nd Coll	<u>\$ 3,162.</u>
TOTAL	\$13,387.
(Y.T.D. Shortfall	\$41,019.)

Sunday, Sept 29 & 30	\$30,470.
Faith Direct e-Giving Oct 4	<u>\$ 3,605.</u>
Total Collection	\$34,075.

(Y.T.D. Shortfall \$20,994)

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

Jan.—August Expenses = \$ 761,520.

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.

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*

Celebrate October as Respect Life Month: Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent

"By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death....Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.
Fr. Sergius Propst, O.P. of Dominican School of Philosophy will be our Respect Life guest homilist for weekend of October 13/14.

Birthright of Concord Pregnancy Support

. 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 Ed-da Rivera at (510) 709-6063. Retrouvaille provides marriage help! You are not alone!

HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God's love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ's love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

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Carondelet High School's Open House for interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents/guardians, will be held on Sunday, November 4 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at 1133 Winton Drive (corner of Treat Blvd.) in Concord. To register for this event, please visit

www.carondeleths.org/admissions .

Suggestion: Tell the children about St. Francis of Assisi, whose memorial was celebrated on October 4th. Explain the them that St. Francis was known for preaching with his life. He even preached to the birds and all the creation through his gentle deeds and actions. With your children, take time today to preach with your life to the small or forgotten, Perhaps the children will want to hang a bird feeder, help a younger child, or send a note or drawing to a grandparent. Let the children know that these actions make the gospel alive

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios crea una compañera apropiada para Adán: Eva (Génesis 2:18-24).

Salmo — Que Dios nos bendiga todos los días de nuestra vida (Salmo 128 [127]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo, el que consagra, y aquellos a quienes consagra tienen un mismo origen. (Hebreos 2:9-11).

Evangelio — Lo que Dios ha unido, que ningún ser humano lo separe. Dejen que los niños vengan a mí. El reino de Dios pertenece a los que son como ellos (Marcos 10:2-16).

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LOS ABRAZÓ Y LOS BENDIJO

Hoy Jesús recalca que el Reino de Dios pertenece a los que son como los niños. Son confiados, tiernos y tienen el corazón abierto al amor. Se alegran cuando se dan cuenta del amor que Dios siente por ellos y están más que dispuestos a retribuir ese amor. Este es el modelo que Jesús nos presenta si queremos recibir el Reino de Dios. Debemos abrir el corazón y amar. Debemos bajar la guardia, sin importar por qué la hayamos montado, y recibir con alegría el amor que Cristo siente por nosotros. Es imposible que hagamos esto sin ayuda. Sólo la gracia de Dios nos permitirá hacerlo y esa gracia se nos concede generosamente y sin condiciones. Lo único que debemos hacer es aceptarla.

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FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL

El Festival es un evento en donde como comunidad de fe nos unimos a compartir nuestras riquezas culturales, dones y talentos que hacen de nuestra parroquia de San Francisco de Asís una parroquia viva. Nuestro agradecimiento a todos y cada uno de ustedes que dieron alguna donación, aportaron su tiempo en los diferentes puestos de comida, diversión o información comunitaria, como también a todos los que participaron del evento, gracias a esa generosidad hacen que el Festival sea todo un éxito.

Bendiciones infinitas a cada uno de ustedes

Octubre Mes del Respeto a la Vida

TODA VIDA es atesorada, escogida, enviada.

Al abrazar la misión que se le confió, san Juan Diego ayudó a llevar el amor transformador de Cristo a culturas atrapadas en la opresión y la muerte. Hoy nuevamente vemos el desprecio por la vida humana. Niños son abortados antes de nacer y los enfermos reciben ayuda y apoyo para quitarse la vida.

¿Como responderemos?

La esencia de nuestra identidad es que somos creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios y somos amados por El. Nada puede disminuir el valor inestimable de cada vida humana. Cada persona es **atesorada**.

Dios crea a cada persona para la unión eterna con El y continuamente nos invita a tener una relación amorosa con El. Cada persona es **elegida**.

Estamos llamados a ser embajadores del amor de Dios, tratándonos uno a otros como personas atesoradas y elegidas por el. Al hacerlo, ayudamos a construir una cultura que respete a toda la vida humana. Cada persona es **enviada**.

Como san Juan Diego, abracemos nuestra misión diaria de ayudar a otros a encontrar el amor de Dios, que transforma y da vida.

Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos

RIFA FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL

A realizarse hoy 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). Precio \$5.00 por (1) boleto, \$20 por (5) boletos. Interesados en comprar boletos, ver el puesto de boletos.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gál 1:6-12; Sal 111 (110):1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lc 10:25-37
Martes: Gál 1:13-24; Sal 139 (138):1b-3, 13-15; Lc 10:38-42
Miércoles: Gál 2:1-2, 7-14; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Lc 11:1-4
Jueves: Gál 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 11:5-13
Viernes: Gál 3:7-14; Sal 111 (110):1b-6; Lc 11:15-26
Sábado: Gál 3:22-29; Sal 105 (104):2-7; Lc 11:27-28
Domingo: Sab 7:7-11; Sal 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mc 10:17-30 [17-27]

CONCIERTO MUSICA SACRA

El pasado viernes 28 de septiembre, fuimos deleitados con el Concierto de Música Sacra, compuesta por el talentoso Robert Cakebread, previo director musical de nuestra parroquia, junto con nuestro actual director de coros Kerry Leyden y nuestro coro de San Francisco de Asís, como también con el coro de la parroquia de Santa Teresa en Oakland, juntos con la orquesta del conductor guitarrista clásico Julio Reyes.

DIVINA MISERICORDIA

El ministerio de la Divina Misericordia le invita a quedarse ocho minutos después de las misas de 8:00a.m., y 1:00p.m., para rezar el Rosario de la Divina Misericordia.

OFICINA PARROQUIAL

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

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada mañana 8 de octubre en observación del día del descubrimiento de América.

Si desea contactar nuestra oficina favor llamar al (925) 682-5447.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Un viejo chiste relata que una ancianita por más que se apresuraba a llegar al templo, siempre llegaba tarde al rosario. Un día decidió adelantarse para ver por qué duraba tan poco tiempo el rezo del rosario. A la hora establecida salió un ministro de la sacristía y velozmente recitó “Cruz, Bola, bolita, bolita, bolita, Bola . . .”.

Esta es una exageración del hecho que muchos rezan el rosario como si fuera una serie de fórmulas que se repiten sin pensar. Esta devoción mariana debe meditarse con tranquilidad y en silencio. El enfoque del rezo del rosario son los misterios de la vida de Jesús. Los “Padrenuestros” y las “Ave Marías” nos ayudan a entrar en esa meditación en una forma mas profunda. Esas oraciones deben ayudarnos a penetrar el misterio de un acontecimiento gozoso, luminoso, doloroso, o glorioso de la vida de Jesucristo. Pero, una vez que estamos en presencia del misterio, debemos enfocarnos y contemplar a Dios. Esto no significa que el rosario no deba nunca rezarse en voz alta y en grupo. El rosario también tiene su dimensión comunitaria, pero ésta necesita fundarse en una verdadera meditación. En varias culturas latinoamericanas aún se canta el rosario. Ya sea a solas o en comunidad, rezado o cantado, el rosario es un tesoro de nuestra fe que nos puede facilitar la contemplación del salvador.

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

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REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

¿Desea inscribirse como miembro de nuestra parroquia? Lo puede hacer completando una registración parroquial, en ella puede incluir a los miembros de su familia inmediata. Las formas las encuentra a la entrada de la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial. También lo puede hacer vía electrónica www.sfaconcord.com.