



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

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017

THE THIRTY-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

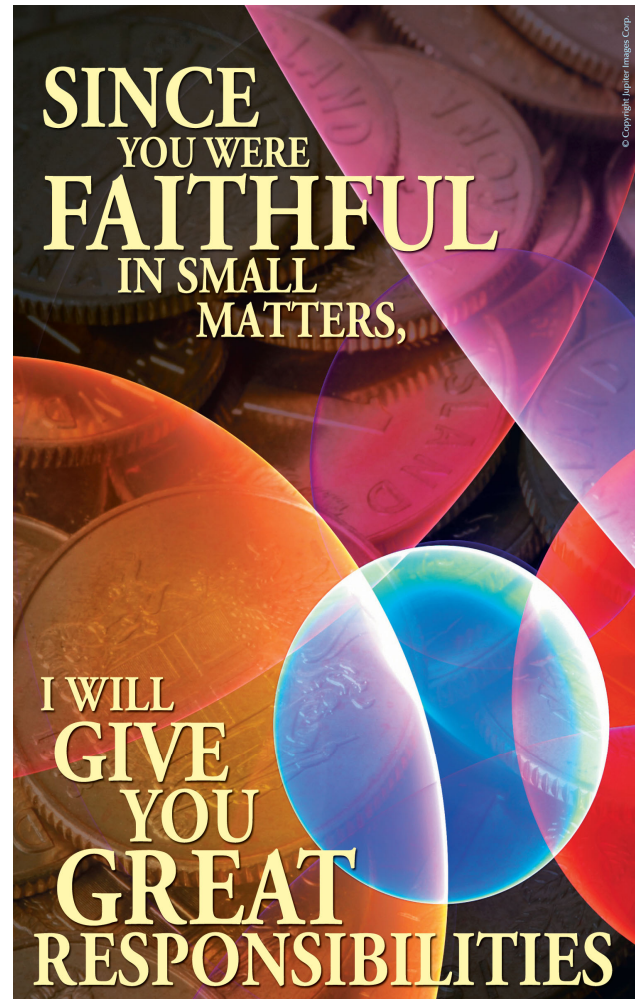
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

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

ADDRESS/ DIRECCION

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OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

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



**YOU
are children
of the
LIGHT**

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD.
• *Psalm 128:1a*

**Trigésimo Tercer Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario
19 de noviembre de 2017**

Dichoso el que teme al Señor.
— *Salmo 128 (127):1a*

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
Phone:(925) 682-5414 FAX (925) 682-5480

CHURCH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday Collection Nov. 11/12	\$10,059.
Faith Direct eGiving Nov. 4	\$ 3,855.
TOTAL	\$13,914.

YTD SHORTFALL (\$42,816.)
2nd Collection— SVdP \$4,480.

Reminder the Parish needs \$15,250 weekly just to meet expenses.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 18th, 2017 (Vigil)
5:30 PM- + Ralph & Amy Granzow
Sunday, November 19th, 2017—The 33rd Sunday in O.T.
7:00am + *Celestina Gan*
8:00AM **Parishioners of SFA**
10:00AM + *Virgilio Bautista*
11:30AM + *Valentin Escoto Jr.*
1:00pm + **María Medrano Baltazar**
5:30PM + *Nena Asuelo*
7:00PM +**Simona Figueroa**
Monday, November 20th, 2017
8:30am + *Felisa Cruzit*
Tuesday, November 21st, 2017
8:30am + *Marissa Esquerra*
7:00PM + **Gabriela Cantu/Leonidas**
Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017—
8:30am + *Maximo Lomboy*
Thursday, November 23rd, 2017— Thanksgiving
10:00am *Parishioners of SFA*
Friday, November 24th, 2017
8:30am + *Margarita Garcia*
Saturday, November 25th, 2017
8:30AM + *Gerardo Garcia*
5:30PM (Vigil Mass) + *Joseph Streich*
Sunday, November 26th, 2017 - CHRIST THE KING
7:00am + *Ellen Small*
8:00 AM **Int. Esp— Mirna Rodriguez**
10:00AM *Parishioners of SFA*
11:30AM + *Lucrecia Quiambao*
1:00PM + **Laura Del Carmen Rodriguez Vargas**
5:30PM + *Jean Antczak*
7:00PM + **Jose & Leocadia Solis**
Spanish Masses are in Bold

**Our next Senior Luncheon is
scheduled for Tuesday, December
12th . Hope to see many new and old
friends.**

**The Parish Office will be closed on Thurs-
day, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24th for the
Thanksgiving Day Holiday. We wish all our
parishioners a Blessed and Safe Holiday
surrounded by family and friends.**

Attention all knitters and crocheters:

Christmas at Sea has been an integral part of Catholic Daughters' Seafarers Ministry through the Apostleship of the Sea for decades. We yearly fill 1500 "ditty bags" with articles of razors, combs, cards etc. and our special WATCH CAP. This small gift reminds them that they are not forgotten by us, and most of all by Jesus. Please contact Pat Fegan (925) 934-1059 if you want to help. Thank you.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

We greatly appreciate your generous financial donations in the quarterly second collections for SVdP, especially at this time of year. We are now in the process of signing up low-income families for our annual holiday programs: (Thanksgiving turkey & food distribution and the "Adopt-A-Family" for Christmas program.)

New Food Pantry Hours: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY.**
Closed on Tuesday and Thursday. Please call SVdP at (925) 682-5811 for information or to volunteer.

Thank you and may God bless all for your support!

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.

THE PARISH IS ALSO LOOKING FOR NEW USHERS AT SUNDAY AND HOLIDAY MASSES. **IF INTERESTED CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.**

Church of the Good Shepherd Craft Fair and Fashion Show: Sunday, November 19, 2017 from 9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.
3200 Harbor Blvd, Pittsburg, CA 94565
Please join them for a Cultural Fashion Show and Great Holiday Bargains!!
Contact A. Graff at (925)642-0876 for any questions

MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY- Nov. 23rd AT 10:00AM ONLY.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS
Sunday, Nov. 19th from 3-6:30pm in the JPll Center
Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 3-6:30pm in Church
Meeting with Sponsors and Candidates

TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL
Sunday, Nov. 19th—5:30pm Teen Mass in Church
No Teen Social

Youth Ministry
Youth Ministry Group for Gr. 7th -12th meets on Monday Nights from 7-9PM in the Gym and Y/R.
No Meeting on Nov. 20th -Thanksgiving

Teen Sacraments of First Rec. and First Communion for all 7th -12 Graders:
Year I Meets Tues.— 4-5:30pm in the POC—No Meet Nov.21
Year II Meets Wed. —4-5:30pm in the POC—No Meet Nov 22

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 (925) 682-5447 Ext 29, or at Youth@SFAconcord.org.



In the month of November, we will have a **Book of the Dead (October 29th through November 17)**for you to write in the names of your deceased family members and friends to be remembered at mass throughout the month of November.

SACRISTANS NEEDED - We are in great need of new Sacristans here at St. Francis of Assisi. Some of the Sacristan duties include assisting the Priest by preparing the Church before Mass and then cleaning the sacred vessels after Mass. Training will be provided. If you are interested in helping in this most important role, please contact the Parish Office or let one of our Priests or Sacristans know you would like to volunteer

Attention current and potential ministers to the home bound. We have two sisters who are long time parishioners and have asked to receive Holy Communion in their home in Concord on every second Monday afternoon. They speak English and Spanish. If you can help please contact Betty Favello 925-798-7964 or Jim Baldrige at 925-689-9232.

Thanksgiving Donors and Diners

Thanksgiving is on its way and we will again be offering a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner for those who would like to dine with their St. Francis of Assisi family. The dinner is free but we need to know how many are coming so we can prepare enough food. Donations and helpers are needed. We need cooks, servers, and clean up volunteers for Wednesday and Thursday. We also need donations of certain food items, and paper goods as well as cash donations. If you can help with this worthwhile event, please sign up after Mass or call Janice at 510 853-9458 (for English) or Vicky at 925 285-2458 (for Spanish).

Respect Life and Gabriel Project

Thanks to all who so generously donated to the Gabriel Project at Masses on Respect Life weekend. Gabriel Project Co-coordinators Clare Finley and Liz Lara are very grateful to the support offered and the interest indicated by parishioners. Soon our parish will be an official Gabriel Project parish with a new sign at the entrance of the church driveway in English and Spanish. Clare may be contacted for more information at 702-280-4599 and Liz Lara (for Spanish-speaking parishioners) at 925-487-2736.

Gabriel Project will have a Bake Sale on Sunday, December 3rd from 8am to 1:00PM.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

—Cicero

COULD YOU BE A FRIEND TO THE CARING HANDS PROGRAM? *The next Caring Hands Volunteer training is coming up soon - If you have just an hour or two each week to offer friendship and occasional rides to a senior in your neighborhood, Caring Hands would love to talk with you. Perhaps you will be that friend who gives a waiting senior hope and help- or maybe you know just the person to do so! For an application or more information about this program, contact Stacy Appel, Volunteer coordinator at (925) 952-2999 or email them at: caring.hands@johnmuirhealth.com*

"What Sweeter Music" A Festival of Lessons and Carols presented by St. Bonaventure Catholic Church's Resurrection Choir and Orchestra on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 7:30pm at St. Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord CA. *You are invited to prepare your hearts for the experience of Christmas by joining them in singing traditional carols, as well as listening to the Choir tell the story of Christ's birth through the music of this cantata.*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the "Holy Year" of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today's fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had long been closed. Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they were never formally removed from the *Sacramentary* and have been incorporated into the new Roman Missal.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Un esposo es capaz de confiar su corazón a su esposa que es como una joya (Proverbios 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Salmo — Bendito sean los que temen al Señor (Salmo 128 [127]).

Segunda lectura — El día del Señor vendrá como el ladrón en la noche (1 Tesalonicenses 5:1-6).

Evangelio — Porque has sido fiel en lo poco, ven a compartir la alegría de tu Señor (Mateo 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

Salmo responsorial: *Leccionario Hispanoamericano Dominical*
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DIA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS

Misa bilingüe de Acción de Gracias, jueves 23 de noviembre a las 10:00a.m.

Comida de Acción de Gracias, acompáñenos a la ya tradicional deliciosa comida del día de Acción de Gracias que se realizará después de la Santa Misa en el gimnasio parroquial.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el jueves 23 y 24 de noviembre en observación del día de Acción de Gracias.

De nuestras familias a las suyas, deseamos que este tiempo de reunión familiar y de agradecimiento al Creador por las bendiciones recibidas durante este año, sea lleno de alegría y armonía.

AGRADECIMIENTOS

Recientemente se realizaron dos eventos para recaudar fondos para los damnificados del terremoto en México, la Charreada y Jaripeo y la Cena Baile, los cuales fueron todo un éxito, gracias a los dones, talentos y tesoros de muchos feligreses, servidores parroquiales, amigos y familiares que escucharon el llamado de ayudar a quien lo necesita y que contribuyeron con esta causa.

¡MIL GRACIAS POR SU APOYO!

COMPARTIENDO NUESTROS DONES

El otoño es la estación de la cosecha y de compartir los frutos de nuestra labor. Las lecturas bíblicas de esta semana emplean imágenes de la cosecha, la vida familiar, el embarazo y la inversión para describir la abundante cosecha en el Reino de Dios. Descubrimos que compartir los dones que hemos recibido trae recompensa eterna para todos.

En la parábola del Evangelio un hombre le encarga sus bienes a tres servidores antes de partir de viaje. A cada uno le da dinero. Lo que hacen con ese dinero determina lo que el amo hará con ellos cuando regrese. ¿Y qué de nosotros? ¿Qué estamos haciendo con nuestros talentos? ¿Cómo nos tratará nuestro Maestro cuando vuelva?

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SACRISTANES

Nuestras Misas están en necesidad de sacristanes, si usted puede ayudar con este ministerio favor de contactar la oficina parroquial, una de las funciones de la o el sacristán es el de asistir al sacerdote antes, durante y después de la Misa, se ofrecerá entrenamiento. Interesado (a) llamar al (925) 682-5447.

PROYECTO GABRIEL

¿Embarazada? ¿Preocupada?
¿Necesitas Ayuda?

Llama al 1800 910-0191

No estas sola. Nosotros te podemos ayudar. Tú vida no es igual. Estás embarazada y tal vez te sientas sola, asustada y afligida por los nuevos desafíos. En estos momentos necesitas poder depender de alguien y confiar en una amistad. Alguien que camine a tu lado en la nueva jornada. Te preocupa tu vida y futuro y a nosotros también. Somos miembros de las iglesias de tu ciudad y vecindario. Nos impostas y te queremos ayudar. Te ofrecemos ayuda inmediata y práctica con tu embarazo. Y ante todo te acogeremos amistosamente como a un familiar. Estaremos encantados de reunirnos contigo para juntos poder determinar tus necesidades específicas.

DONACIONES PARA EL DIA DE DAR GRACIAS Y VOLUNTARIOS

El Día de Dar Gracias se aproxima y nuevamente estaremos compartiendo esta comida con la comunidad de San Francisco de Asís. Estaremos registrando personas interesadas en participar de dicha comida después de cada Misa.

La comida será gratis y necesitamos saber cuantas personas vendrán para así prepararnos con suficiente comida.

Necesitamos Donaciones de Comida y Dinero. Voluntarios para Cocinar, Servir y Limpiar los días Miércoles y Jueves.

Si están interesados en participar o donar para este gran evento, hacerlo inscribiéndose después de las misas. O llamar a Vicky Sagastume al (925) 285-2458.

Proclama Matrimonial

19 de noviembre 2017

Participamos a la Comunidad de la parroquia de San Francisco de Asís que
Francisco J. Zaragoza con domicilio en
Walnut Creek.

Desea contraer Matrimonio Canónico con

María R. Mendoza con domicilio en Concord.

Si alguna persona conoce algún impedimento en virtud del cual este matrimonio no debiera celebrarse, está obligado en conciencia a manifestarlo.

Fr. Ismael Gutiérrez

CONFESIONES COMUNITARIAS

El lunes 4 de diciembre tendremos las confesiones comunitarias a las 7:00p.m., tendremos un servicio bilingüe de reflexión, examen de conciencia como también confesiones individuales. Preparémonos de ante mano para celebrar las festividades de María Santísima y del nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, haciendo una buena confesión.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Mac 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Sal 119 (118):53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lc 18:35-43
Martes: 2 Mac 6:18-31; Sal 3:2-7; Lc 19:1-10
Miércoles: 2 Mac 7:1, 20-31; Sal 17 (16):1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lc 19:11-28
Jueves: 1 Mac 2:15-29; Sal 50 (49):1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lc 19:41-44
Día de Acción de Gracias (sugerencia): Sir 50:22-24; Sal 145 (144):2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 17:11-19
Viernes: 1 Mac 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Cr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lc 19:45-48
Sábado: 1 Mac 6:1-13; Sal 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lc 20:27-40
Domingo: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Sal 23 (22):1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Ministerio de San Vicente de Paul

Agradecemos las donaciones económicas de la segunda colecta, especialmente durante este tiempo. Estamos en proceso de inscribir a las familias de bajos ingresos en nuestro programa de Acción de Gracias y de Navidad.

Horario de Oficina:

9:30-11:30a.m.

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes.

Favor de llamar al (925) 682-5811.

OFICINA CERRADA Martes y Jueves.

OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Estimados feligreses favor tomar nota nuestra oficina parroquial estará cerrada entre **11:00 a.m. -1:00p.m.**, los días martes para reuniones de Planeación Pastoral y Crecimiento Espiritual, agradecemos su comprensión y les pedimos de sus oraciones.

Boletos Rifa Pro Celebración Ntra. Señora de Guadalupe

12 de Diciembre 2017

1er. Premio \$1,000 e imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe

2do. Premio \$ 500.

3er Premio \$ 250.

3 Boletos por \$10.00 dólares o 1 por \$5.00.

No necesita estar presente para ganar.

Tú donativo ayudará a los damnificados en México