



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

NOVEMBER 26TH, 2017

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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

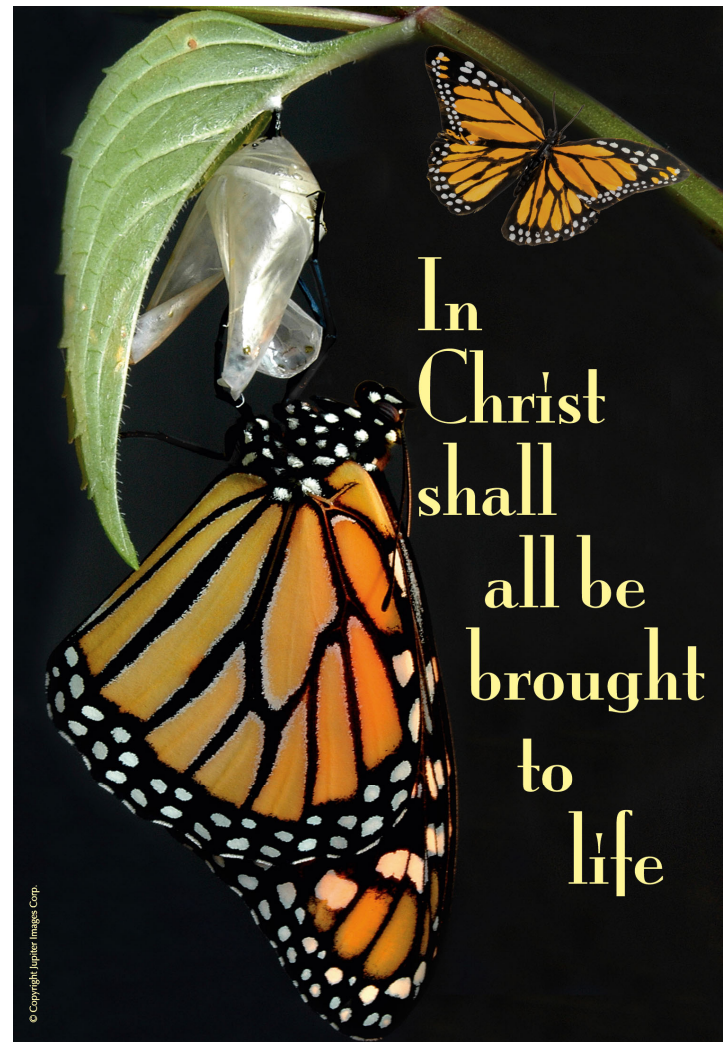
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

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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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
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**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 26, 2017**

“I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”

• *Matthew 25:35*

**Nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
Rey del Universo
26 de noviembre de 2017**

“[E]stuve hambriento y me dieron de comer,
sediento y me dieron de beber”.

— *Mateo 25:35*

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**

*Due to early transmittal of the bulletin, all fi-
nancial information will appear in a future bul-
letin.*

*Thank you for all your generous support to
your parish this year. Thank you to all who use
the envelopes and e-giving weekly/monthly.*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25th, 2017 (Vigil)

5:30 PM- + Joseph Streich

Sunday, Nov. 26th, 2017—**Our Lord, King of the Universe**

7:00am + Ellen Small

8:00AM **Int. Esp.— Mirna Rodriguez**

10:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:30AM + Lucrecia Quiambao

1:00pm + **Laura Del Carmen Rodriguez Vargas**

5:30PM + Jean Antczak

7:00PM + **Jose & Leocadia Solis**

Monday, November 27th, 2017

8:30am + Leo Baluyut

Tuesday, November 28th, 2017

8:30am + Robert Frisbie

7:00PM + **Soledad Alvarez**

Wednesday, November 29th, 2017—

8:30am + Ellen Small

Thursday, November 30th, 2017—

8:30am *Sp. Int.- Jim Keene*

Friday, December 1st, 2017

8:30am + Fr. Michael Joyce

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

8:30AM + **Ramzi & Henretta Girgis**

5:30PM (Vigil Mass) *Sp. Int.— Albert & Deanna DeNurra*

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 —**1st Sunday of Advent**

7:00am + Bill Gripe

8:00 AM + **Antonio Herrera**

10:00AM Parishioners of SFA

11:30AM + *Dec'd members Knights of Columbus*

1:00PM + **Dec'd members— Rodezno family**

5:30PM + Renato C. Famy

7:00PM + **Jesus Contreras & Juan Solis**

Spanish Masses are in Bold

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

This Friday, December 1st is First Friday and
we will have Adoration following the 8:30 morn-
ing mass until Noon in the Chapel and again
from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. All are welcome and
encouraged to come.



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

Food Pantry Activity in the Month of October

- ◇ An emergency supply of food was given to 94 households (417 individuals) in October.
- ◇ Food Maxx gift cards were given to 47 eligible families.
- ◇ Special Assistance (utility, rent, etc.) as provided for two families.

Holiday Programs: Our annual Thanksgiving turkey/food distribution took place in the Family Center on Sat. Nov. 18th.

We hope to provide a joyous Christmas for over 50 families who have signed up for our Target gift card program. It's a wonderful and easy way to adopt a family for Christmas; simply indicate "Christmas Adoption" on your check made out to SVdP and we'll do the rest.

On Dec. 16th we will distribute chickens/turkeys (provided by Raley;s Nob Hill) and food to approximately 90 families for Christmas dinner.

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.

Reminder: We have Adoration every Monday evening at 7:30pm in the Chapel. As we begin the season of Advent and waiting for the birth of Jesus, we invite you to come and spend some quality time in prayer before the hectic days of Christmas.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 3-6:30pm in the Church for meeting with Candidates and Sponsors
 Sunday, Dec. 17th from 3-6PM in the Pope JPII Center

TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL

Sunday, Dec. 3rd—5:30pm Teen Mass in Church
 No Teen Social due to Confirmation Sponsor Event
 Sunday, Dec. 17th —5:30pm Teen Mass in Church
 No Teen Social due to Christmas Holidays

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 JPII 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.

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.

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.

The Parish Communal Reconciliation Service will be here at St. Francis on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00PM in Church.

Thanksgiving

Thank you to all who helped with our annual Thanksgiving Luncheons. We bless each and every one who gave a donation, shopped, prepared the food, served and cleaned up afterward, We could not have such an event without your help. God bless everyone!

Respect Life and Gabriel Project
The 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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

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

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 us in singing traditional carols, as well as listening to the Choir tell the story of Christ’s birth through the music of this cantata.

CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ’s work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ’s saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls “the least ones” (Matthew 25:45).

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A Thank You from the Pastor and Staff
All of the new Church light fixtures have now been sponsored. We would like to thank all those who donated the money needed to purchase the 26 new light fixtures for our Church. We are very grateful for your generosity and your help in beautifying and brightening our House of Worship. We are hoping that the light fixtures will arrive right before Christmas. The fixtures are made in the USA by a small company that is known for its craftsmanship and beautifully made Church lights and unfortunately there is great demand for their products right now.

Proyecto de Lámparas de la Iglesia

La primer etapa del proyecto de lámparas para iluminar la Iglesia se ha llevado a cabo, hemos colectado los fondos para las 26 lámparas, gracias al patrocinio de feligreses y algunos ministerios. Nuestro agradecimiento a todos y a cada uno de ellos por su generosidad y por ayudar a iluminar y a embellecer nuestra casa de oración.

Teníamos la esperanza, que las lámparas llegarán antes de Navidad. Los accesorios son hechos en Estados Unidos por una pequeña empresa, que es conocida por su maravillosa artesanía y la cual consta en estos momentos de muchos pedidos de sus productos. Por lo tanto debemos ser pacientes y esperar un poco más para dar el siguiente paso.

Gracias y que Dios los colme de muchas bendiciones.

San Vicente de Paúl

Resumen de actividades del mes de octubre

- Abastecimiento de comida de emergencia fue proveída a **94 hogares (417 personas)** en el mes de octubre.
- Entregamos **47** tarjetas del supermercado **Food Maxx** a diferentes familias.
- **Asistencia especial** (renta y utilidades etc.) fue dada a **dos** familias.

Programas Navideños

Tenemos la esperanza de proveer la alegría Navideña a más de **50 familias** quienes se han inscrito para recibir un tarjeta de regalo de la tienda **Target**. Si usted o su familia desean hacer alguna donación puede hacer un cheque a nombre de St. Vincent de Paul y exprese que quiere donarlo para el programa "*Christmas Adoption*" y no nosotros haremos el resto.

El 16 de diciembre entregaremos pollos y pavos (donados por Raley's Nob Hill) y comida aproximadamente para 90 familias para **cenas navideñas**.

Gracias y que Dios los bendiga por ayudarnos a ayudar a los mas necesitados de nuestra comunidad.

Horario de Oficina: 9:30-11:30a.m.

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes.

Favor de llamar al (925) 682-5811.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El pastor-rey busca a los perdidos y sana a los heridos (Ezequiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo nuestro rey ha conquistado la muerte (1 Corintios 15:20-26, 28).

Evangelio — El Hijo del hombre se sentará en su glorioso trono y los separará unos de otros (Mateo 25: 31-46).

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ALMUERZO DEL DIA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS

Se le agradece a todas las personas y grupos parroquiales que hicieron posible el almuerzo de Acción de Gracias, el pasado jueves 23 de noviembre. ¡ Mil gracias y que Dios continúe colmándoles sus vidas de bendiciones.

CONFESIONES COMUNITARIAS

El **lunes 4 de diciembre tendremos las confesiones comunitarias a las 7:00p.m.**, iniciaremos con 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.

PROCLAMA MATRIMONIAL

26 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

Párroco

**NOVENARIO GUADALUPANO
3 - 12 DICIEMBRE**

3 DE DICIEMBRE
Comunidad de Sahuayo Misa 7:00p.m.
1106 Victory Ln.

4 DE DICIEMBRE Confesiones 7:00p.m.
Iglesia San Francisco de Asís

5 DE DICIEMBRE Misa 7:00p.m.
Coros Parroquiales
Iglesia San Francisco de Asís

6 DE DICIEMBRE Misa 7:00p.m.
Comunidad de Guerrero
1521 Waltham Rd.

7 DE DICIEMBRE Misa 7:00p.m.
Los Hijos de María
1130 Virginia Ln.

8 DE DICIEMBRE día de precepto:
Inmaculada Concepción de María
6:30a.m. Santa Misa (Inglés)
8:30a.m. Santa Misa (Inglés)
7:00p.m. Santa Misa (Bilingüe)

Invitación: La comunidad Nicaragüense les invita a participar de "La Gritería" en honor a la Inmaculada Concepción de María. La Gritería se realizará inmediatamente después de la Santa Misa en el gimnasio parroquial.

9 DE DICIEMBRE Misa 7:00p.m.
Comunidad de Santa Ana
1593 Waltham Rd.

10 DE DICIEMBRE Peregrinación
11:00a.m. Saliendo parque Cambridge hacia
Iglesia de San Francisco de Asís

Comunidad de Juquila Misa 7:00p.m.
1162 Schaupp Ct. Concord

11 de Diciembre 10:00 p.m. Santo Rosario
11:00 p.m. Santa Misa
12:00a.m. Serenata con Mariachi
y cantos para la Virgen.

12 de Diciembre 5:00 a.m. Mañanitas
6:00 a.m. Santa Misa
8:30 a.m. Santa Misa (Inglés)
4:30 p.m. Santa Misa (niños)
7:00 p.m. Santa Misa

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lc 21:1-4
Martes: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lc 21:5-11
Miércoles: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Dn 3:62-67; Lc 21:12-19
Jueves: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11;
Mt 4:18-22
Viernes: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lc 21:29-33
Sábado: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lc 21:34-36
Domingo: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mc 13:33-37

**Pro celebración Nuestra
Señora de Guadalupe**

El Comité de celebración de nuestra señora de Guadalupe necesita donaciones de **chocolate caliente, atole y pan dulce**. Familias que deseen donar, favor de contactarse con Blanca al (925)

Donaciones económicas para la celebración las puede hacer colocando su donativo en los sobres titulados **Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe**, favor colocar los sobres en la canasta de la colecta.

**Boletos Rifa Pro Celebración
Ntra. Señora de Guadalupe**

12 de Diciembre 2017

1er. Premio \$1,000 e imagen Ntra. Sra. 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.

Almuerzo para Señores y Señoras

El próximo almuerzo para señores y señoras es el martes 12 de diciembre en el salón Juan Pablo II a las 12:15p.m. Todos cordialmente invitados.