



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

DECEMBER 3RD, 2017

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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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**First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017**
Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
◇ *Mark 13:33*
**Primer Domingo de Adviento
3 de diciembre de 2017**
Velen y estén preparados,
porque no saben cuándo llegará el momen-
to.
— *Marcos 13:33*

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, Nov. 18 & 19	\$11,084
Faith Direct Nov. 15	\$ 2,965.
TOTAL	\$14,049.
2nd Coll– NorCal Fire Disaster	\$2,650.
Sunday, Nov. 25 & 26	\$10,053.
Faith Direct e-Giving	\$2,965.
TOTAL	\$13,018
	YTD Shortfall (\$41,998.)
2nd Coll– Parish Repairs	\$4,563.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 (Vigil)
5:30 PM- Sp. Int.– Albert & Deanna De Nurra
Sunday, December 3rd, 2017—**THE 1ST SUNDAY ADVENT**
7:00am + Bill Gripe
8:00AM + **Antonio Herrera**
10:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:30AM + Dec. Members– Knights of Columbus
1:00pm + **Members of Rodezno family**
5:30PM + Renato C. Famy
7:00PM + **Jesus Contreras y Juan Solis**
Monday, December 4th, 2017
8:30am + Lena B. Fraga
Tuesday, December 5th 2017
8:30am + Promencio Olgado
7:00PM **Parishioners of St. Francis de Assis**
Wednesday, December 6th, 2017–
8:30am + Salvatore & Vincent Consul
Thursday, December 7th, 2017–
8:30am + William Yu Yau Fai
Friday, December 8th, 2017 — Imm. Conception
6:30am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
8:30am + Jerome Tuholski
7:00pm Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday, December 9th, 2017
8:30AM + Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
5:30PM (Vigil Mass) Sp. Int.– Gracita O. Gaza
Sunday, December 10th, 2017 –2nd **Sunday of Advent**
7:00am + Victor Soares
8:00 AM + **Rigoberto Elias Hernandez**
10:00AM + Thomas P. Monahan
11:30AM + Floyd Gordon
1:00PM **Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi**
5:30PM Sp. Int.— David & Jane Galli
7:00PM **Int. Esp.—Javier Pacheco Jorge**
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 Communal Reconciliation
Service will be here at St. Francis on
Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00PM
in Church.**

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!

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

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 also 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.

Attention all Parishioners: There will be NO Confessions on Tuesdays, Dec. 5th and 12th at 6:00PM, but we will have confessions on Saturdays, Dec. 2nd and 9th along with the Communal Reconciliation Service on Monday, Dec. 4th for all.

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 JJPII 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 JPPII 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.

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's. —St. Nicholas

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

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.

A Thank You from the Pastor:

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.

COULD YOU BE A FRIEND TO THE CARING HANDS PROGRAM? *The next Caring Hands Volunteer training is coming up Jan. 19th in Walnut Creek - 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. Enriching matches and deep relationships have been created. These seniors treasure a friendly visit, a walk, or a social outing or rides to the doctors. Providing occasional respite care are services for the non-medical volunteers that can make a big difference. The program is flexible. For more information about this program, contact Stacy Appel, Volunteer coordinator at (925) 952-2999 or email them at: caing.hands.@johnmuirhealth.com*

In preparation for Advent, we will have a **Communal Reconciliation Service on Monday, December 4th at 7:00pm in Church.** We hope that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to prepare for Christmas.

Other Churches in the Area will have their Reconciliation Services: **St. Agnes**, Mon, Dec. 19th at 9:30am; **St. Bonaventure**, Tues, Dec. 19th at 7:30pm; **St. Catherine**, Tues, Dec. 5th at 7:00pm; **Christ the King**, Sat., Dec. 16 at 3:30pm and Mon, Dec. 18th at 7pm; **Queen of All Saints**, Wed. Dec. 20th at 7:30PM.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have masses here on that Friday at 6:30am, 8:30am and 7:00PM Bilingual.

Following the 7:00PM mass, everyone is invited to share a celebration with others at a "Grittera" in the Family Center/Gym. Come and join us

28th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE! :COME PRAY WITH US!! Join in Unity of Prayer with others across America to protect Life, Liberty, and the Faith!! Date: Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday, December 8th from 9 PM to Midnight, 12:00 A.M., December 9. America needs the Blessed Mother's Intercession. Come for Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction before Midnight. English & Hispanic parishioners are invited to attend, with programs available in both languages.

For information, contact Liz Froelich at [925-586-4350/](tel:925-586-4350) lizfroelich@sbcglobal.net.

The **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be celebrated here at St. Francis of Assisi will a Procession on Sunday, Dec. 10th beginning at Cambridge Park to the Church for the 1pm Mass. Following mass we will have food on sale at the FC/Gym. Then on Monday evening, Dec. 11th we will begin our celebration at 10:00pm with a Rosary to Our Lady followed by a Mass at 11:00pm in Spanish with Serenata with Mariachi at Midnight. On Tuesday, December 12th we will have 5:00am Mañanitas
6:00am Mass in Spanish
8:30am Mass in English
4:30pm Mass (bilingual) for all children
7:00pm Mass in Spanish.

The Novena Masses for Simbang Gabi will be held at St. Francis beginning Dec. 16th through Dec. 24th with mass at 5:30am each morning and a warm and pleasant breakfast following. All are invited to attend and celebrate the wonderful custom with our Fil-Am Community and friends.

COME AND JOIN SFA SCHOOL FOR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

St. Francis of Assisi School invites the Parish Community to join them on Saturday morning, December 16th for their "Breakfast with Santa". The Family Center/Gym will be open from 8-11am for a pancake breakfast. Santa will be there for pictures— bring your cameras and cell phones. There will be a raffle, craft stations and cookie decorating. As well as lots of holiday cheer.

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 — Isaías ruega por el retorno del Señor (Isaías 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7).

Salmo — Señor, Dios nuestro, restáuranos que brille tu rostro y nos salve (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo está agradecido por las bendiciones que los corintios han recibido debido a su fe en Jesús (1 Corintios 1:3-9).

Evangelio — Jesús dice a los discípulos que estén siempre alertas a la llegada del tiempo designado (Marcos 13:33-37).

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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.

Confesiones en el mes de Diciembre

Favor tomar en cuenta que en las siguientes fechas no tendremos confesiones martes 5 y 12, se les invita a participar de las confesiones comunitarias a realizarse el lunes 4 de diciembre o sábados previos a la navidad.

EVENTOS PRO MEXICO

Recientemente realizamos dos eventos para recaudación de fondos para los damnificados del terremoto en México, la Charreada, Jaripeo y la Cena Baile, de los cuales hemos recaudado aproximadamente \$30,000 dólares, gracias a todos ustedes que escucharon el llamado de ayudar a quien lo necesita.

¡MIL GRACIAS POR SU APOYO!

BAILE DE FIN DE AÑO 31 DE DICIEMBRE

Lugar: Gimnasio de la parroquia San Francisco de Asís. Hora: 8:00p.m. – 12:30a.m.

Mas información próximo boletín.

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

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 Guerrero
1521 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: Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24
Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Viernes: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Domingo: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 85 (84):9-14; 2 Pe 3:8-14; Mc 1:1-8

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) 323-0913.

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.