



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

DECEMBER 23, 2018

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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.



The Rev. Ismael Gutierrez
Pastor

The Rev. Rafal Duda
Parochial Vicar

The Rev. Mr. Charles Palomares
The Rev. Mr. John Mazibrook
Deacons/Diáconos

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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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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Christmas is more than a day at the end of the year. More than a day of joy and good cheer. Christmas is really God's pattern for living, To be followed each day by unselfish giving. Then peace on earth will come to stay When we live Christmas every day.

Thank you for your generous support for the SVdP Food Pantry at St. Francis— during the holidays, and throughout the year! May God bless all who help us care for those in need in our community!

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.

Top Ten Reasons to SHOP SVdP

1. Shopping SVdP will support all of our safety-net programs provided to families in need.
 2. Shop SVdP to find unique HOLIDAY ITEMS at remarkable prices! Decorations, ornaments, etc!
 3. Shop SVdP to find unique *vintage* items including vinyl records, books, jewelry and knick-knacks!
 4. Shop SVdP to find that UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER or glittery holiday dress!
 5. Shop SVdP if you have extra guests coming into town. Furniture & mattresses at incredible prices!
 6. Shop SVdP - the original recycler! Be kind to the environment by re-using and re-purposing items!
 7. Shop SVdP if you like DIY! Shabby Chic and Rustic Farmhouse your style? Redecorate with us!
 8. Shopping SVdP is a great way to stretch your budget! Off-season items at even better prices!
 9. Shopping SVdP is FUN!
 10. Shopping SVdP supports charitable programs for our friends and neighbors in need.
- St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores: 2210 Gladstone Dr. Pittsburg CA 94565 (925) 439-9064 Open Mon-Sat. 9am-5PM; 2815 Contra Costa Blvd., PH CA 94523 (925) 934-5063 and 8890 Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood CA 94513 (925) 635-3214. Both open 7 days a week from 10am to 6PM.

The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 11th at 12:15pm in the Pope John Paul II Center. All seniors are invited to our luncheons celebrated on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September thru May (except January).

The Senior Luncheon is still looking for people to help with this ministry. If you could set up or clean up, or even prepare a meal or two, then please contact Marian Morbeto at (925) 676-6158.

Questions on our programs 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

Christmas Schedule of Masses

Sunday, Dec. 23rd– 4th Sunday of Advent
Regular Schedule of Masses with an additional mass at 5:30am.
Monday, Dec. 24th
5:30am
8:30am

Christmas Eve– Monday, Dec. 24th, 2018
Masses at 4:00pm for Children,
6:00pm Mass in English,
8:00pm Mass in Spanish and
12 Midnight (bilingual mass)

Christmas Day, December 25, 2018
8:00am Mass in English
10:00am Mass in English
12:00pm Mass in Spanish
NO EVENING MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

MASSES FOR NEW YEARS 2018
Sunday, December 30th– Holy Family
Our Regular mass schedule remains
Monday December 31st
8:30am (English)

Tuesday, January 1st 2019
Is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass at 10:00am English
Misa at 7:00PM Spanish.

CHURCH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORTING
Sunday Collection Dec. 1&2 \$11,226.
Faith Direct eGiving Dec. 4 \$ 4,505.
TOTAL \$15,731.

Sunday Collection Dec. 8 & 9 \$19,014.
Faith Direct eGiving Dec. 4 \$4,505.
TOTAL \$23,519

YTD SHORTFALL (\$19,481.)

JAN—NOV EXPENSES \$1,069,086.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel (Miquea 5:1-4a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Aquí estoy, Dios mío, para hacer tu voluntad (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio — Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:39-45).

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Esta semana recordamos a los niños judíos que fueron asesinados por orden del Rey Herodes en Belén. Esa tragedia que ocurrió cuando el viejo y celoso rey se enteró del nacimiento de un nuevo rey de los judíos. Él mandó a matar a todo niño que tuviera menos de dos años. El llanto de las familias que perdieron sus pobres inocentes se ha convertido en risas en varios países latinoamericanos. El 28 de diciembre en muchas partes es conmemorado como el día de los inocentes que viene siendo el *April Fools* de Latinoamérica. En ese día se hacen bromas para burlarse de los amigos. Si la broma funciona al pobre que fue engañado se le llama "inocente".

La inocencia normalmente se atribuye a los niños o a los ingenuos, pero en sí la inocencia es una virtud cristiana, de los que hemos sido perdonados por Cristo. Esta inocencia no es ingenuidad mas bien es la candidez, simplicidad y generosidad de una persona que conoce bien lo duro que es la vida y aún así mantiene la esperanza.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S.

OFICINA PARROQUIAL

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada 24,25 y 31 de diciembre, como también el 1º de enero.

Les deseamos a usted y a su familia una bendecida y cálida Navidad.

SIMBANG GABI NOVENA DE MISAS

La Comunidad Filipino Americana de San Francisco de Asís, le invita a la Misa de cierre de la Novena en anticipación a la Navidad a las 5:30a.m. Después de la Santa Misa, disfrute de un delicioso desayuno en compañía de feligreses locales como también de las parroquias vecinas.

HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD

Diciembre 24/ NOCHE BUENA

4:00p.m Inglés

6:00p.m Inglés

8:00p.m Español

Misa de Medianoche (Bilingüe)
(*Villancicos 11:30p.m*)

Diciembre 25/ NAVIDAD

8:00a.m Inglés

10:00a.m Inglés

12:00p.m Español

Nota: No tendremos misas por la Noche

30 de Diciembre

Misas de domingo de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José.

Horario habitual

31 de Diciembre 2018

8:30am Ingles

1 de Enero, 2019

(Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios)

10:00 a.m. Ingles

7:00p.m. Misa en Español

CATEQUESIS

Los programas de catequesis de niños jóvenes y adultos están en receso navideño, padres de familia favor de ver calendarios específicos de los diferentes programas para fecha de reinicio de clases.



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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 necesitan 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
Mrs. Patti Carlton, Interim Principal Ext #101

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.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018**

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

• *Luke 1:42*

**Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
23 de diciembre de 2018**

Bendita eres entre las mujeres,
y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre.

— *Lucas 1:42*

WEEKLY Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 22nd, 2018 (Vigil)

5:30PM– Vigil - Sp. Int.—Vergel & Connie Vedar

Sunday, December 23rd, 2018 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5:30am + Francisco Cuenco

7:00 am + *Elinor Dutra*

8:00AM + Michael Cordova

10:00AM + *Luis & Salud Garcia*

11:30AM + *Cecilia & Amador Gonzalez*

1:00pm + Gabriela Cantu

5:30PM + *Corazo Rigor*

7:00PM + Arnulfo Ggonzalez

Monday, December 24th, 2018, 2018

5:30am Sp Int.— *Nelia Anderson*

8:30am + *Maximino A. Lomboy*

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm (Eng) Parishioners of St. Francis

6:00PM (Eng) Parishioners of St. Francis

8:00pm (Spanish) Parishioners of St. Francis

Midnight Mass (Bilingual) Parishioners of St. Francis

Tuesday, December 25th, 2018 Christmas Day

8:00am(Eng) + *Leo Kavanaugh*

10:0am (Eng) Parishioners of St. Francis

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish—Parishioners of St. Francis

Wednesday, December 26th, 2018—

8:30 am + *James Lauer*

Thursday, December 27th, 2018

8:30am Parishioners of St. Francis

Friday, December 28th, 2018

8:30am + *Corazon P. Agbayani*

Saturday, Dec 29th, 2018

8:30AM + *Ann Dalton*

(Vigil Mass): 5:30pm- + *Venancio & Lucrecia Gaddi*

Sunday, DECEMBER 30th, 2018— THE HOLY FAMILY

7:00am + *Donald & Margaret Kelly*

8:00 AM Almas Purgatorio

10:00am Sp. Int.—*Marcelita Fernandez*

11:30am + *Caridad Librea*

1:00PM + Valentin Mejia Chavez

5:30pm + *Domingo Posadas*

7:00 PM Int. Esp.- Epitanio & Rosa Gonzalez

Bold masses in Spanish

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DEC. 24TH AND TUESDAY, DEC. 25TH AND REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26TH AT 9:00AM. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

FAITH DIRECT

As you may know, we have a program for electronic offertory donations called *Faith Direct*. This program has already had a positive impact on our Sunday collection. I am hopeful that you will join other parishioners and sign up for this service. The program is a cost effective way for the parish to receive donations. For every family that has signed up with *Faith Direct*, we have been able to eliminate the cost of purchasing and mailing envelopes. This method has also reduced the handling of cash and checks in the rectory and has proven to be a safe and secure method of making a church offering.

I share with you our concern about the economic situation in which we now find ourselves. We very much feel the impact of the present economy. I am tremendously grateful that parishioners have remained consistent in their financial generosity to the parish. Our increased enrollment with *Faith Direct* will continue to stabilize our parish finances. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or *Faith Direct* at 866-507-8757 (toll-free). To enroll in the program, pick up an enrollment form from the parish office or visit www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code: **CA762**

God bless you.

Fr. Ismael Gutierrez

St. Francis of Assisi School News!!!

SCHOOL NEWS

Enrolling NOW for the 2019-2020 School Year

St. Francis of Assisi School is a private Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Through the 8th grade Catholic school. Our value-centered academic programs empower students to be faith-filled people, lifelong learners and problem solvers and globally responsible citizens. We invite you to the following upcoming events.

December

15 Breakfast with Santa

School Office closed

December 24th – January 3rd

January

24 TK & Kindergarten Sneak Peek
6:30 pm

27 Family Mass & Open House TK – 8
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please feel free to call the school office to schedule to tour and to get additional information about the events above or any of our academic programs.

Peace & Blessings,

Mrs. Patti Calton

Interim Principal

925-682-5414

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YOUTH GROUPS

Sacrament of Confirmation for Teens
Mandatory Retreat for all Confirmation Candidates
in the FC/Gym

Saturday, **Jan. 5th, 2019** from 10am to 10:00pm
And Sunday, **Jan. 6th, 2019** from 9:30am to 6:30PM

Sunday, Jan. 20th from 3-6³⁰PM in Pope JP II Center
Class: After Retreat Sharing

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 4-5:30pm 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 JP II Center.
Saturday, Jan. 19th from 6-10PM in FC/Gym
Helping with K of C Crab Feed

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.

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
Martes: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27,
29;
Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13;
Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12;
Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Miércoles: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6,
8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Jueves: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Viernes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18
Sábado: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6;
Lc 2:22-35
Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Sal 128:1-5 o Sal 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17]
o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

MINISTERIO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

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

GANADORES

Rifa Pro Celebración Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

El pasado miércoles 12 de Diciembre del año en curso, después de la Misa de siete de la noche, se realizó la tan esperada Rifa y los boletos ganadores fueron :

1er. Premio # 3656
2do. Premio # 4893
3er Premio # 645

¡ FELICIDADES GANADORES !

GRACIAS infinitas a todos los que participaron en dicha rifa, gracias por su generosidad.

BODAS 2019

Año Nuevo, Vida Nueva

Parejas planeando recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio para el año 2019, pueden pasar a reservar fechas, la reservación se deberá hacer seis meses o un año antes.

Este próximo año tendremos nuevamente bodas comunitarias para el 6 de abril.

Para requisitos fechas disponibles, favor contactar la oficina parroquial al (925) 682-5447.

MINISTERIO SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

La Navidad es más que un día al año. Mas de un día de alegría buenos deseos. Navidad es verdaderamente una característica expresiva del amor de Dios, para ser seguida cada día para dar desinteresadamente.

Entonces la paz reinara en la Tierra cuando vivamos La Navidad todos los días.

El ministerio de San Vicente Paúl desea darles las Gracias por su apoyo durante las fiestas y atreves de todo el año.

¡Que Dios los bendiga a todos aquellos que nos ayudaron a cuidar de los más

**Horario de Oficina: 9:30-11:30a.m.
Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes.
Favor de llamar al (925) 682-5811.**

OFICINA CERRADA Martes y Jueves.

EVANGELIARIO 2019

La Palabra comentada cada día, este libro de bolsillo, contiene los evangelios de cada día como también las reflexiones diarias. Este útil librito ya esta a la venta y lo puede encontrar en la tienda parroquial a un módico precio.