



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

DECEMBER 24TH, 2017

THE FOURTH 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.



The Rev. Ismael Gutierrez
Pastor

The Rev. Rafal Duda
Parochial Vicar

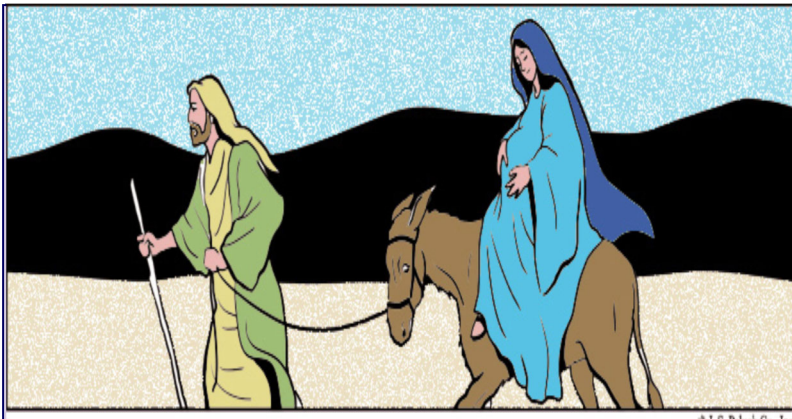
The Rev. Mr. Charles Palomares
The Rev. Mr. John Mazibrook
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Monday (Lunes) to Friday (Viernes) 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2017**

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

**Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
24 de diciembre de 2017**

El Santo, que va a nacer de ti,
será llamado Hijo de Dios.

—Lucas 1:35

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

**Monday, Jan. 1st– the Solemnity of
Mary, the Mother of God is not a Holy
Day of Obligation this year. We will
have only the 8:30am Mass.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23RD, 2017 (Vigil)
5:30 PM- + Bill Androtti
Sunday, Dec. 24th, 2017—THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30am + Leo Kavanaugh
7:00am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
8:00AM + Gonzalo y Cristina Reyes
10:00AM + William Lesser
11:30AM + Leo Kavanaugh
1:00pm Sp. Int.— Terry Merin (65th Birthday)

SUNDAY, DEC. 24TH—CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00PM + Ciriaco Espina
6:00PM + Maximo Lomboy
8:00PM Parishioners of St. Francis
12 MIDNIGHT Sp. Int. Priests at St. Francis

Monday, December 25th , 2017—CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
10:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
12:00 NOON Parishioners of St. Francis de Asis

Tuesday, Dec. 26th 2017—

8:30am Parishioners of St. Francis
7:00PM + Eliseo Arrieta Sanchez

Wednesday, December 27th, 2017—

8:30am + Renaldo Ordenez

Thursday, December 28TH , 2017—

8:30am + Eleanor B. Dutra

Friday, December 29TH, 2017 —

8:30am + Ann Dalton

Saturday, December 30TH , 2017

8:30AM + Andres Ochotorena
5:30PM (Vigil Mass) + Joseph Streich

Sunday, December 31ST, 2017 —FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY

7:00am Eleanor Dutra
8:00 AM Sp. Int. Fr. Rafal Duda
10:00AM Sp. Int. Marcelita Fernandez
11:30AM + Susan Anne Burrie
1:00PM Int. Esp— Fr. Fernando Rubio
5:30PM + Ellen Small
7:00PM Int. Esp.— Fr. Ismael Gutierrez

The Parish Office will be closed from Mon-
day, Dec. 25 until Tuesday, January 2,
2018 for the Christmas Holidays and in-
stallation work at the office. We wish all
our Parishioners a Very Merry Christmas
and a Blessed New Year. See you in 2018.

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!

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.

THINKING ABOUT A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Fr. Padraig Greene has just completed his first six months as Catholic Chaplain at John Muir, Concord and the Regional Medical Center Martinez. During those months he has discovered a need at both hospitals: an urgent need for more Eucharistic Minister to the Sick . He hopes to have expanded teams at both hospitals ready by Ash Wednesday 2018.

What about a New Year Resolution??? A gift of a few hours monthly to bring Holy Communion to the sick in their time of need. Think about it, then bring it to prayer

This ministry is open to all active Catholics, men, women and couples of all ages and ethnic background.

Fr. Padraig will plan orientation and formation as well as supervise and support the teams in the future .

Please contact him directly at pgreene389@gmail.com

Respect Life and Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project Co-coordinators Clare Finley and Liz Lara are very grateful to the support offered. Clare may be contacted for more information at 702-280-4599 and Liz Lara (for Spanish-speaking parishioners) at 925-487-2736.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, Jan. 6th from 10am to 10pm in FC/Gym
And Sunday, Jan. 7th from 9:30am to 6:45pm in FC/Gym
Sunday, Jan. 21st from 3-6:30pm in the Pope JP II Center

TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL

Sunday, Jan. 7th—5:30PM Teen Mass in Church

No Teen Social due to Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, Jan. 21st— 5:30pm Teen Mass in Church

Teen Social: After Mass meet in Baptistry, go to Chuck E. Cheese

Bring money for food and games!

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Group for Gr. 7th -12th meets on

Monday Nights from 7-9PM in the Gym and Y/R.

No Youth Group Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st.

Teen Sacraments of First Rec. and First Communion for all 7th -12 Graders:

Year I Meets Tues.— 4-5:30pm in the POC

No Classes on Tues, Dec. 26th or Jan. 2nd

Year II Meets Wed. — 4-5:30pm in the POC

No Classes on Dec. 20th, 27th or Jan. 3rd.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES-

Every Sunday from 8 -10am and 1-3pm

Help K of C distribute food outside the JP II Center.

Saturday, January 20th from 6-10PM in FC/Gym

Help serve at the Knight of Columbus Crab Feed

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 are still looking for help with this ministry for our home-bound parishioners who would enjoy receiving Holy Communion and a short visit with a church member. We have both English and Spanish speaking parishioners and if you would like to help, please contact Betty Favello 925-798-7964 or Jim Baldrige at 925-689-9232.

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

Schedule of Masses for 4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23rd Vigil mass
 Sunday, Dec. 24th– 4th Sunday of Advent
 5:30am,
 7:00am,
 8:00am (Mass in Spanish);
 10:00am;
 11:30am and
 1:00PM (Mass in Spanish)
No Evening Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Christmas Eve– Sunday, Dec. 24th , 2017

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, 2017

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

Sat. Dec. 30th Vigil mass 5:30pm
 Sunday, December 31st– Holy Family
 Our Regular mass schedule remains the same.
Monday, January 1st 2018
Is not a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass at 8:30am only.

Fire Damages SVdP Pleasant Hill Thrift Store:

On October 29,th, the St. Vincent de Paul Pleasant Hill Thrift Store experienced an early-morning fire that destroyed the donation area and caused substantial damage. Extensive fire and smoke damage was extended to the flooring, walls, ceiling, doorframes, windows, computers and merchandise, there is very little equipment and merchandise that is salvageable. Additionally, the store has been closed for clean-up and restoration since the fire, so we are losing sales revenue that support our safety-net programs. PLEASE help us rebuild our store by making a *merchandise donations of clothes, shoe, furniture and household goods*. Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County!

Additionally, donations are appreciated for the FIRE REBUILDING FUND, at www.svdpc-cc.org, or to: St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County, 2210 Gladstone Drive, Pittsburg, CA 94565, attn.: Fire Rebuilding Fund.

While insurance will help us recover most of the expenses associated with rebuilding, significant additional expenses will not be covered.

Please join us in the effort to re-open the Pleasant Hill Thrift Store by early January. **Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County**

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

St. Francis of Assisi School News!!
 The School will be having an **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, January 28th, 2018 from 11am to 1:00pm at 866 Oak Grove Road Concord 94518.

The School will also be having a "Peek of Kindergarten on January 25, 2018 at 6:30PM (NO CHILDREN PLEASE). Applications for the upcoming school year will be available at these times. If you have any questions, feel free to call the school office at (925) 682-5414.

The children of St. Francis of Assisi School will begin celebrating a Sunday mass with our parishioners beginning in the new year. They are scheduled to attend the 10am mass on the 1st Sunday of the month.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, Dec. 2 & 3	\$15,030.
Faith Direct eGiving	\$ 4,063
TOTAL	\$19,093.

Sunday, Dec. 9 & 10	\$8,439.
Faith Direct eGiving	\$4,063.
TOTAL	\$12,502.

Coll- Imm. Conception \$1,430.

Sunday, Dec. 16 & 17	\$8,382.
Faith Direct eGiving	\$3,418.
TOTAL	\$11,800.

2nd Coll- Parish Repairs \$3,802.
 YTD Shortfall (\$42,823.)

Reminder, the Parish needs \$15,250 /wk to meet expences

LA PROMESA DE DIOS

El largo pasaje de Samuel expone de manera maravillosa la promesa de Dios a la dinastía de David: que su trono siempre estaría ocupado gloriosamente por sus descendientes. Oculta en el misterio de la profecía está la promesa del Salvador, el Mesías, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de David. El profeta Natán, quien habla en nombre de Dios, desbarata poéticamente el plan de David de construir una casa para Dios y anuncia que el plan de Dios es construir una "casa", una dinastía, para David. De esta dinastía de David provendrá el Mesías, el Cristo, quien no llegará con el esplendor majestuoso con el que reinó David, sino que vendrá como un hombre humilde, que gobernará por los siglos de los siglos. Cuando Dios hace un regalo; lo que recibimos es asombroso: es muy distinto a lo que podríamos haber imaginado.

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GANADORES DE RIFA

El pasado 12 de diciembre se efectuó la Rifa en la celebración de las Fiestas Guadalupanas, los boletos ganadores fueron los siguientes:

Primer premio, boleto # 580

Segundo premio, boleto #565

Tercer premio, boleto #291

Felicidades Ganadores y a todos los que participaron en la rifa les agradecemos por su apoyo.

NOTICIAS DE NUESTRA ESCUELA PARROQUIAL

Si tiene niños o niñas listos para iniciar el kínder Garden para el ciclo escolar 2018-2019, la escuela tendrá una noche de información para Padres de Familia (favor no traer niños), el 25 de enero 2018 a las 6:30p.m; en el gimnasio parroquial. Las aplicaciones para el año escolar estarán disponibles ese día. Para preguntas llamar la escuela (925) 682-5414.

Open House, 2018-2019 la escuela parroquial de San Francisco de Asís, abrirá sus puertas el domingo **28 de enero, 2018 de 11:00a.m. a 1:00p.m.** Acompáñenos y visite los salones de clase, haga preguntas al personal docente, descubra como la escuela de SFA integra la Fe, la creatividad el servicio y entusiasmo por el aprendizaje duradero; mientras persigue la verdad, el honor, la justicia y la excelencia. Para mas información llamar al (925) 682-5447.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor promete a David que su casa permanecerá para siempre (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Salmo — Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor (Salmo 89 [88]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo ora para que Dios sea glorificado mediante Jesucristo (Romanos 16:25-27).

Evangelio — El ángel Gabriel anuncia a María que ella concebirá al hijo de Dios (Lucas 1:26-38).

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OFICINA PARROQUIAL La oficina parroquial estará cerrada desde el lunes 25 de diciembre hasta el 1º de enero, en observación de la Navidad y modificaciones en el sistema telefónico.

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

31 de Diciembre

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

1 de Enero, 2018

(Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios)

No es día de Precepto

Misa 8:30a.m. Inglés

San Vicente de Paúl

*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.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 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]

Martes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-9; Mt 10:17-22

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Jueves: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40

Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

BAUTIZOS INFANTILES

Las próximas fechas para los bautizos de infantes serán el sábado 20 y 27 de enero. Padres de familia interesados en bautizar a sus hijos e hijas durante estas fechas, favor contactar la oficina parroquial antes del 8 de enero 2018.

Evangeluario Diario 2018

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 al módico precio.

BAILE DE FIN DE AÑO 2017

Únete a la celebración de un año que termina y otro que comienza

Música en vivo con el grupo
AMISTAD DE MEXICO

31 de Diciembre
de 7:00 p.m. a 12:30 a.m.



Gimnasio de la Iglesia
San Francisco de Asís
860 Oak Grove Rd. Concord

\$15 Dólares por persona

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