



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

DECEMBER 30, 2018

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



**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*

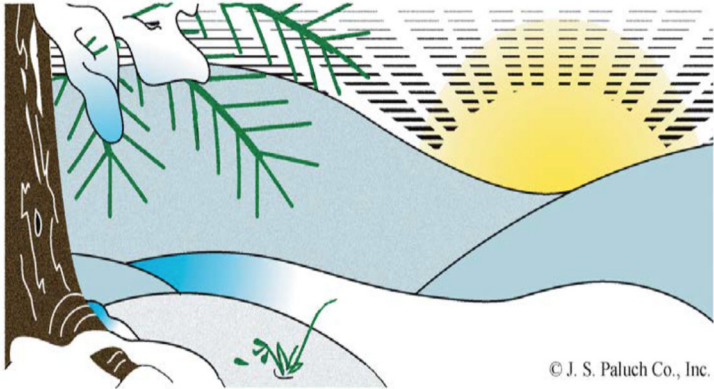
The Rev. Mr. Charles Palomares  
The Rev. Mr. John Mazibrook  
*Deacons/Diáconos*

**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](http://www.sfaconcord.com)



**The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 30, 2018**

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

• 1 John 3:2a

**La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José  
30 de diciembre de 2018**

Hermanos míos, ahora somos hijos de Dios,  
pero aún no se ha manifestado cómo  
seremos al fin.

— 1 Juan 3:2a

**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  
Mrs. Patti Calton, 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 MEET-  
INGS AND THEIR PRAYER GROUPS AT A  
SET TIME AND DATE EACH WEEK. THANK  
YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

**WEEKLY Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 29th, 2018 (Vigil)  
5:30PM– Vigil - + Venancio & Lucrecia Gaddi

Sunday, December 30th, 2018 **The Holy Family**  
7:00 am + Donald & Margaret Kelly  
**8:00AM Almas Purgatorio**  
10:00AM Sp. Int.—Marcelita Fernandez  
11:30AM + Caridad Librea  
**1:00pm + Valentin Mejia Chavez**  
5:30PM + Domingo Posadas  
**7:00PM Int. Esp.— Epitanio & Rosa Gonzalez**

Monday, December 31st, 2018 , 2018  
8:30am + Claro Cavaros

Tuesday, January 1, 2019– Solemnity of Mary  
10:00am(Eng) Spec. Int.—Ken Chase  
**7:00pm (Spanish) Parishioners of St. Francis**

Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019  
8:30 am Sp. Int.—Fr. Rafal Duda

Thursday, January 3rd, 2019  
8:30am + Marilyn Simpkins

Friday, January 4th, 2019  
8:30am + Leonardo Espinosa

Saturday, January 5th, 2019  
8:30AM In Gratitude for all your help– Martha Tom  
(Vigil Mass): 5:30pm- + Erlinda Bonafacio

Sunday, JANUARY 6TH, 2019– THE EPIPHANY  
7:00am Spec. Int.—Declan Fitzsimmons  
**8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Francis de Asis**  
10:00am + Jazmine Fontecha  
11:30am + Gim Foo Tom  
**1:00PM + Macedonio Magallon Flores**  
5:30pm + Angela Singson  
**7:00 PM + Rogelia Gutierrez**

**Bold masses in Spanish**

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**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
ON MONDAY, DEC. 31ST AND TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 1ST AND REOPEN ON  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2ND AT 9:00AM.  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**

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We are accepting applications for Baptisms for 2019. Classes are scheduled for January 7th so you must be registered before that date for a Baptism in January.

## 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code: **CA762**

God bless you.

Fr. Ismael Gutierrez

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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

## 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 3-6:30PM 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

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***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](mailto:Youth@SFAconcord.org).***

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL!!

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### **Enrolling NOW for the 2019-2020 School Year**

St. Francis of Assisi School is a private Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Through the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

School Office closed

December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **January**

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| 24 | TK & Kindergarten Sneak Peek<br>6:30 pm               |
| 27 | Family Mass & Open House TK – 8<br>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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## 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!

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**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.**

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*The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 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.

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### HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.  
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### CHURCH WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Sunday, Dec. 15 &amp; 16</b>	<b>\$9,816.</b>
<b>Faith Direct eGiving</b>	<b>\$3,445.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,261.</b>

**2ND Collection Nor Cal Fire \$4,540.**

**YTD SHORTFALL (\$22,220.)**

**JAN– NOV EXPENSES= \$1,069,086.**

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](mailto:Scarlett@sfaconcord.org).

Religious Education in English for children and adults: (925) 375-1067 or [Nathan@sfaconcord.org](mailto:Nathan@sfaconcord.org).

Youth Ministry and Teen Sacraments:  
Kathy De Lemos call  
(925) 375-1057 or [Youth@Sfaconcord.org](mailto:Youth@Sfaconcord.org)  
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**MASSES FOR NEW YEARS 2018**  
Sunday, December 30th– Feast-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.*

**NO CONFESSIONS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST AT 6:00PM.**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY**  
The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Crab Feed on Saturday, January 19th 2019 at the Family Center.

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### REFLECTING ON THE WORD

*Parents can identify with Mary and Joseph's concern and then be taken aback by Jesus' reply. This reading gives us a chance to consider the mysteries that are part of our lives. Jesus' statement did not give his parents an easy answer; it presented them with a mystery. Joseph and Mary went home with Jesus to live out the mystery. When we are confronted with what we do not understand, we need to hand ourselves over to live out the mystery.*

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*Thank you to all who helped with our many celebrations in December. All the events for the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Simbang Gabi, and Christmas. The Staff of St. Francis wish you and your families a very Happy New Year! Blessing to each and everyone of our parishioners..*

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Ana entregó su hijo Samuel al Señor, dejándolo en el templo de Siló (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) o *Sirácide* 3:2-7, 12-14.

**Salmo** — Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa (Salmo 84 [83]) o *Salmo* 128(127).

**Segunda lectura** — Somos hijos de Dios cuando creemos en el nombre de su Hijo, Jesucristo (1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24) o *Colosenses* 3:12-21 [12-17].

**Evangelio** — José y María encuentran a Jesús perdido en el templo en medio de los maestros (Lucas 2:41-52).

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## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El primer domingo después de la Navidad celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. Los latinos somos un pueblo muy unido en familia. Para nosotros es más que un pequeño grupo compuesto de padre, madre, hijos e hijas. La familia para nosotros los latinos es un conjunto grande de abuelos, abuelas, tíos, tías, primos, primas, compadres, comadres, suegros, suegras y otros más además del padre, la madre y los hijos. Para los latinos una fiesta que celebra la familia de Jesús es la cosa más natural del mundo.

Extrañamente esta fiesta no es muy antigua. En realidad es una celebración que data de comienzos de la época moderna en el siglo XVII. Antes de estas fechas la familia de Jesús casi siempre era entendida como compuesta por Jesús, María y Ana (la madre de María). Se daba por hecho que José estaba por allí. Pero en el siglo XVII muchos perdieron sus padres pues tenían que ir a las fábricas a trabajar. Por eso el magisterio instituyó la conmemoración de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José para recordar a los padres cristianos su deber ante sus hijos y su esposa.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

## OFICINA PARROQUIAL

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

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

## 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 está a la venta y lo puede encontrar en la tienda parroquial a un módico precio.

## HORARIO DE MISAS

### 30 de Diciembre

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

### 31 de Diciembre 2018

8;30am Inglés

### 1 de Enero, 2019

(Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios)

10:00 a.m. Inglés

7:00p.m. Misa en Español

No habrá confesiones

## GANADORES

*Rifa Pro Celebración Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*

El pasado 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.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
Martes: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21  
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
Jueves: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
Viernes: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
Sábado: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Jn 1:43-51  
Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## MINISTERIO DE 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.**

## 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.

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

## DONACIONES DIRECTAS A NUESTRA PARROQUIA Faith Direct

Estimado feligrés,  
Como Ud. sabrá, nuestra parroquia tiene un programa para donaciones electrónicas llamado *Faith Direct*. Este programa ya ha impactado de manera positiva nuestra colecta semanal. Espero que Ud. se una a los parroquianos que ya se inscribieron en este programa. El programa es una manera conveniente para la parroquia el recibir donaciones. Gracias a las familias que ya se inscribieron en el programa de *Faith Direct*, hemos reducido el costo de comprar y enviar los sobres. Además, este método ha reducido el manejo de efectivo y cheques en la oficina y así nos brinda una manera más segura para contribuir a nuestra parroquia.

Como Ud., me preocupo por la situación económica en la que nos encontramos. Todos sentimos los efectos de la economía actual. Les agradezco muchísimo a los parroquianos que continúan generosamente apoyando a nuestra parroquia. La inscripción en el programa de *Faith Direct* ayuda a la parroquia a tener una estabilización en el ramo de las finanzas. Si tiene algunas preguntas acerca del programa, favor de ponerse en contacto conmigo o llamar directamente a *Faith Direct* al 866-507-8757 (gratis; se habla español).

Para inscribirse en el programa, recoja una forma de inscripción en la oficina de la parroquia o visite [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) y use nuestro código: **CA762**.

Qué dios le bendiga.

Rev. Ismael Gutierrez

## CATEQUESIS

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