



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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## OUR MISSION

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a community living out Christ's mission by extending our hearts to those in need through evangelization, nourished by the word and bread of life and with a *full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage*, to become witnesses in faith and strive to empower our community to live as Disciples of Christ.

### PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Innocent Eziefule

### PARISH SECRETARY

Mrs. Joanne Herrera

### CRE

Mrs. Mary Newman

### DEACONS

Dcn. Marc Main

Dcn. Eduardo Castillo

## NUESTRA MISIÓN

*La iglesia católica de San Francisco de Asís es una comunidad que vive a cabo la misión de Cristo mediante la ampliación de nuestro corazón a los necesitados a través de la evangelización, alimentada por la Palabra y el pan de la vida y con el corazón lleno enriquecida por un servicio honesto, amor, sacrificio y valor, a convertirse en testigos de la fe y se esfuerzan por capacitar a nuestra comunidad a vivir como discípulos de Cristo*

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed, & Fri. 9:00AM—5:00PM  
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00AM—3:00PM  
Closed for Lunch from 12:00PM to 1:00 PM

Saturday, Sunday: Closed  
Bulletin Deadline Wednesday @ Noon

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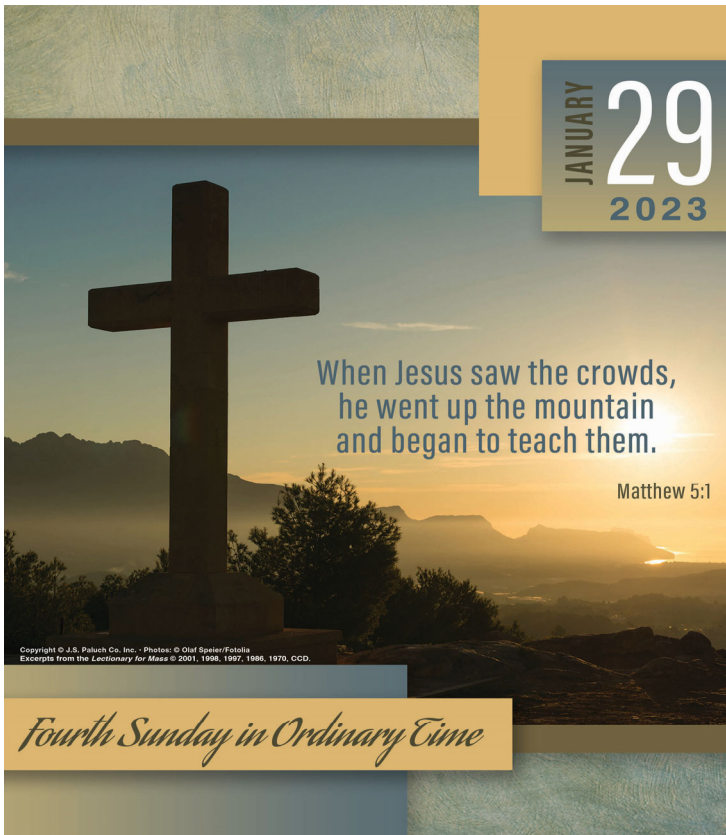
## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:00 pm (English)

Sunday - 9:00 am (English)  
and 11:00 am (Spanish)

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday -6:30pm (Bi-lingual); Wednesday -8:30am(English)  
Thursday- 8:30am(Bi-Lingual); Friday-8:30am (English)



Pastoral Council	Mr John Ford.....676-3708
Finance Council	Mr. Jose Corral
Vocations	Rosalba Serrato.....201-3102
Funeral Meals	Parish Office.....672-6695
Religious Education	Mrs. Mary Newman.....672-6695
Cursillo de Cristianidad	Mrs. Elena Navejas .....665-4529
Guadalupe Society	Mrs Linda Castillo.....455-6746
Hijos de Maria	Ms. Socorro Hernández.....721-1709
Youth Ministry	Parish Office.....672-6695
Lectors	Mr. John Ford.....676-3708
Altar Servers	Mrs. Maria Elena Devora-Portillo.....518-4600 Linda Castillo

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, January 28**  
4pm.(Saturday, January 27)  
.....+Juan Antonio Castro  
.....Lupe Castro

**Sunday, January 29**  
**(Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**  
9:00am .....+Melvin Lum  
.....by Pat and Larry Johnson  
11am..... + Poor Souls in  
.....Purgatory  
.....by Hector & Lupe Garcia

**Tuesday, January 31**  
**St. John Bosco, Priest**  
6:30pm.....Mass

**Wednesday February 1**  
8:30am.....Mass

**Thursday, February 2**  
**The Presentaiaon of the Lord**  
8:30am.....Mass

**Friday, February 3**  
**FIRST FRIDAY**  
**St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr**  
**St. Ansgar, Bishop**  
6:30pm.....+Juan Vasquez  
.....by Concepcion Flores

**Sunday, February 4**  
**(Saturday, February 4)**  
.....Health & Spiritual Well-  
.....Being of Ortega-Diaz family  
.....by Martha Ortega-Diaz

**Sunday, February 5**  
**(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**  
9:00am .....+Melvin Lum  
.....by Pat and Larry Johnson  
11am..... + Poor Souls in  
.....Purgatory  
.....by Hector & Lupe Garcia

**STEWARDSHIP**

**1/14/2023 &  
1/015/2023**

Masses..... \$ 45.12.29  
Children's.....\$ 56.00  
Other.....\$  
Building.....\$ 77.00  
Tithings .....\$  
Christmas Flowers...\$  
**TOTAL.....\$ 4645.29**

**Special Collection....\$ 856.45**

Thank you for your continuous contributions and sacrifices you make to your community. You are greatly appreciated.

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL**

**Calendar of Events**

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

**Monday, January 30, 2023**  
**Tuesday, January 31 2023**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2023**

**Thursday, February 2, 2023**  
**Friday, February 3, 2023**

4pm	Mass
9am	Mass
11am	Mass
7pm	Legion of Mary (Spanish)
6:00pm	Prolife Rosary
6:30pm	Mass
7pm	Ultralla
7pm	Adult RCIA
8:30 am	Mass
6pm—7pm	K-5th RE
7:15-8:15pm	6th—12th RE
8:30am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass FIRST FRIDAY
7pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
7:30pm	Late evening Adoration

**Los Hijos de Maria** los invitan a un compartimiento el **lunes 30 de Enero a las 7pm** en el salon Homsey. (with covered dish; con plato tapado) Estan cordialmente invitados

**Guadalupana Meeting Saturday February 4, 5:15pm after mass.**

**Fr. Tom Chamberlain**, retired priest from The Diocese of Austin will be with us during the month of February. He will be celebrating Mass throughout the month. Please be sure to welcome him.

**Padre Tom Chamberlain**, sacerdote jubilado de la Diócesis de Austin estará con nosotros durante el mes de febrero. Estará celebrando misa durante todo el mes. Por favor, asegúrese de darle la bienvenida.

**ENGLISH BAPTISM CLASS**

**February 18 at 9am at the Church conference room. If you are needing to have your child baptized, please call or come by the office. There is a registration form to fill out. If you need to need the classes in spanish please call the office.**

**CLASE DE BAUTISMO EN INGLÉS**

*18 de febrero a las 9 am en la sala de conferencias de la Iglesia. Si necesita bautizar a su hijo, llame o pase por la oficina. Hay un formulario de registro para completar. Si necesita las clases en español, llame a la oficina.*

**Please pray for our brothers and sisters especially for:**

Don Zullo, Susie Rodriguez,, Eloidia Dominquez, Rudy Gaona, Paulina Rodriguez, Anthony Prieto, April Martinez, Sonya Gracia Tellez, Richard Ramirez, Noah Rangel, Christohper Rangel, Stella Deleon, Julia Jurado, Christina Biera White, Monica Rodriguez-Kelly, Elvira Biera, Angelina Biera Rodriguez, Juanita Biera Valdez, Luis Biera, Zac Biera Rodriguez, Nic Biera Rodriguez, Cooper Biera Lucas, Adolfo Hernandez, Frankie Estrada, Michael Gonzales, Sr, Pete Gallardo Sr., Robert Hernandez, Francisca Marquez, Isabel Quiroz ,Faviola Corral, Rick Badillo, Joyce Bacon-Whitt, Taz Herrera, Carola Ashworth, Pete Flores, Jr., Laura Alvarez, Jerri Main, Rudy Jacques, Alfonso Garcia, Dora Ramirez, Jimmy Rangell, Jr. Paulina Garcia, Diana Jimenez, Dorian Barrientes, Monique Cisneros, Tracy Herrera, Rachel Cox, Sharon Wilson Valdez, Adolfo Hernandez, Jr., Mario Carrillo, Joe Vargas, Maria Mendez, Francisco Herrera, Daniel Rodriguez



## THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

### EL PUEBLO DEL REINO DE DIOS

*En nuestra lectura del Evangelio de Mateo, escuchamos las Bienaventuranzas, la conmovedora apertura del Sermón de la Montaña. Jesús proclama la llegada del reino de Dios, y comienza considerando qué tipo de personas entrarán y participarán en este reino. Son los pobres de espíritu, los mansos, los limpios de corazón, los pacificadores. Tanto Sofonías como Pablo se hacen eco de esto, ya que Dios elige específicamente a los débiles y a los humildes para que sean los agentes de Dios en la instauración del reino de Dios. Al vivir con humildad e integridad, sus corazones están abiertos a ser transformados por la gracia de Dios. También nosotros estamos llamados a vivir así. Jesús nos invita a ser personas con el corazón abierto, para recibir la bendición de Dios. Y trabajando a través de nosotros, Dios puede bendecir a toda la creación.*

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### Candlemas (February 2)

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687–701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb *candere* (“to shine”) and from which also come the words *candelabra* and *candlestick*. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25–38).

### NUESTRA FASCINANTE FE

#### La Candelaria

*Gracias al Papa Sergio I (687–701), el día 2 de febrero se celebra la Presentación de Jesús en el Templo. En este día se conmemora también la Purificación de María que cumplía con la Ley Judía (Levítico 12:1–2). Dicha ley indicaba que una madre debía ser purificada cuarenta días después de que diera a luz a un varoncito. Desde el undécimo siglo, la celebración de la Purificación de María y la Presentación del Niño Jesús en el templo se conmemoran con la bendición de todas las velas y veladoras que se van a usar durante el año. Esto se hace con la esperanza de que nunca falte la luz, tanto material como espiritual en las casas de los fieles. La palabra candelaria viene del verbo latín *candere* (brillar), de allí la palabra *candela*, o sea, *veladora*. Esta fiesta de *candelas* recuerda que los cristianos como Simeón y la profetisa Ana en el Templo pueden decir que ellos también han visto la salvación; Jesús la verdadera luz que brilla en brazos de María (Lucas 2:25–38).*

## CONSTANT FAITH

If you remain constant in faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world, and forever in the next.

—St. Jerome Emiliani

## ALEGRÍA, ESTUDIO Y PIEDAD

Para ser bueno basta practicar tres cosas y todo te resultará a pedir de boca. ¿Cuáles son estas tres cosas? Alegría, estudio y piedad.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

INFORMATION SHEET

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