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Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00AM (Spanish)

Weekdays: Monday & Wednesday (6:00PM-chapel)

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00AM (chapel);

Friday: 6:00PM (English-church)

***** Tuesday : 6:00PM (Spanish)***

Mass (Spanish) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (6:00AM – chapel)

Sacrament of Baptism:: Sunday: Baptism is celebrated the third Sunday of each month at 12:30PM

Instruction for parents and godparents are held by appointment with the pastor.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:: Saturday :: 3:00PM (church) or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage :: Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Please call the rectory and make an appointment.

Devotions:: Rosary each weekday morning immediately after Mass (chapel) (Tuesday & Thursday).

:: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament :: Saturday from 12:30PM to 3:45PM



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Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM(English) **Sunday:** 9:00 AM(English) & 11:00 AM(Spanish)
Monday & Wednesday 6:00 PM (Chapel) English Mass Tuesday & Thursday 8:00AM (chapel)
Friday: 6:00 PM (church) English Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 6:00AM (chapel) Spanish Mass

Holy Days: 4:00PM (Vigil), 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00PM or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the rectory in advance. Instructions held by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Devotions: Rosary on Tuesdays & Thursdays mornings immediately after Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays from 12:30PM to 3:45PM

Welcome to new parishioners!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 17th

4:00PM †Robert Landry ... by M/M Alphonse Pagnotto
†Julia & Mary Erickson ...by Cathy North Erickson

Sunday, March 18th 5th Sunday Lent

9:00AM †Jane Melket (8th Ann) ...by Timothy Melket
11:00AM †Antonia Melendez (26th Ann) ...by Juanita Torres

Monday, March 19th St. Joseph

6:00PM †Aurore Rivard (75th Ann) ... by the fam.

Tuesday, March 20th

8:00AM †Peter North (20th Ann) ...by Cathy North

6:00PM †All Souls

Wednesday, March 21st

6:00PM †

Thursday, March 22nd

8:00AM †

Friday, March 23rd

6:00PM †Romeo Bernard ...by members of St. Vincent
de Paul of St. Francis

Saturday, March 24th

4:00PM †Romeo Bernard ...by St. Francis Ladies Guild
†Julia Erickson ...by Worcester North Serra Club

Sunday, March 25th Palm Sunday

9:00AM †Malvina Landry ...by M/M Alphonse Pagnotto
†Romeo Bernard (30th day) ...by the family

11:00AM †Pascual Rivera

Share Your Table with Love

The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul Food
Pantry for the month of MARCH: beef
stew, canned chicken, broth, tuna, Mac-
Cheese, spaghetti sauce, Ramen soups, jam
or jelly, baked beans, soups, THANK YOU
for your donations. When I was hungry
you gave food ...



Next Second Collection
Catholic Relief Services ... March 17/18

Annual Easter Flowers

Donations and names are now being accepted
for our annual Easter Flowers. This is a
wonderful way to remember your loved one!
Thanks!



The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit in memory of Pascual
Rivera.



A candle to Our Blessed Mother is lit for the
healing of Emilio Pedroza & Anibal Alberto
Martinez.

A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for the
health of Jeannette Johnson.

Parish Support



March 10 /11

Offertory: \$1,907.0

Fuel: \$251.85

maintenance: \$35.0

Partners in Charity: \$1,080.0

Easter flowers: \$163.00

Festival Fund: \$1,870.0

Candles: \$250.0

Others: \$5.00

Total: \$5,566.85

Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with
you nothing that you have received, only what you have
given St. Francis of Assisi



HOLY Week at St. Francis of Assisi

The Passion of the Lord ... Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 24th ..Palm Sunday (4:00PM)

Sunday, March 25th ...Palm Sunday ...9:00AM

Sunday, March 25th ...Palm Sunday 11:00AM (Sp.)

Holy Monday ... March 26th ... 6:00PM (Chapel)

Holy Tuesday ... March 27th ... 8:00AM (chapel)

Holy Wednesday ... March 28th ... 6:00PM (chapel)

Holy Thursday ... March 29th ... church

Mass at 6:30PM (church) bilingual

Washing of the feet and hands within Mass

(Procession with Blessed Sacrament & candles lit)

Adoration Blessed Sacrament ... 11:00PM)



Good Friday ... March 30th

12:30PM ... Living Stations of the Cross

Starting from St. Anthony church

ending at St. Francis

6:00PM ... Good Friday Service

(Gospel reading + Veneration of the

Cross & Communion) ... church

HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT ... March 31st ... church ...

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord ... 7:15PM

EASTER Sunday ... APRIL 1st

9:00AM ... Mass (English)

11:00AM ... Mass (Spanish)



TENTH STATION of the Way of the Cross
“Jesus is stripped of his clothes.”



They gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall; but when he had tasted it, he would not drink. Then they divided his clothes casting lots, to fulfill what was spoken though the prophet, “They divided my clothes among them, and upon my garments they cast lots.” (St. Matthew 27: 34-35)

Happy is the man whom God chastises! Do not reject the punishment of the Almighty. For he wounds, but binds up; he smites, but his hands give healing. Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak; I looked for comforters, and I found none. Rather they put gall in my food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. (Job 5: 17).

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ stripped of everything. You stood exposed to the jeers and contempt of the people whom you loved. Clothe us with genuine love for others, so that nothing we suffer may ever fill our hearts with hatred or bitterness. Amen.

Taken from: The Way of the Cross
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LENTEN Retreat for CCD CHILDREN
on Palm Sunday March 25th

All the Students from CCD are having a lent retreat from **9am** to 12:30pm. Students will start the retreat with the 9am Mass following with Stations of the Cross. And then we will go back to CCD until 12:30. Parents could pick up your child after the Spanish Mass. Any questions please feel free to contact Yesenia at 978-342-3521.



Sing & Praise



**Creata clean heart in me
o God!**



Hymns: Fifth Sunday of LENT

Processional: #640 “Love divine”

Offertory: #650 “Prayer of St. Francis”

Communion #632 “The king of love”

Recessional #633 “I heard the voice of Jesus”



***The Divine Mercy Chaplet .. Saturdays at 3:25PM**

In Loving Remembrance

In your charity, please pray for the soul of David Feliciano and for all the souls of the faithful departed. May they rest in peace. AMEN.



PARTNERS in CHARITY 2018

Last weekend was our Parish Commitment weekend for the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. Thank you to those who made a gift and Thank You for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help in reaching our parish goal. We need the support of all members of St. Francis if we are to be successful in reaching our goal of \$20,000.00. If you have not completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church and place it into the collection basket.

PARTNERS in CHARITY 2018

St. Francis of Assisi GOAL is:

\$20,000 Faith in Action "Loving God by serving others"

Thank you



COME BACK to GOD'S MERCY

On Saturdays at 3:00PM

RECONCILIATION (Confession of sins) on Tuesday nights from 7:45PM to 9:00PM or Friday nights after the 7:30PM to 8:30PM.



Happening at St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, March 18th9:00PM....Mass.
 CCD classes (parish center)
 Monday, March 20th 6:00PM Masschapel
 Tuesday, March 21st ...8:00AM....Mass....chapel
 6:30PM....Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
 Wednesday, March 22nd6:00PM....Mass + chapel
 Thursday, March 23rd8:00AM.... Mass....chapel
 Friday, March 24th1:00PM....Food Pantry.....
 ...6:00PM....Mass + Stations of the Cross (English)
 Saturday, March 25th
 12:30PM ...3:45PM ...Adoration Blessed Sacrament
 3:00PM...Confessions

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 8th at St. Bernard's
 Parish at St. Camillus Church

Program

12:30PM.....Exposition of the Blessed
 Sacrament and Confessions
 2:00PM.....Holy Mass
 2:45PM....Eucharistic Adoration
 3:00PM ...Divine Mercy Chaplet
 3:15PM....Benediction and Final Blessing
 Veneration of Divine Mercy Image
 St. Faustina's Relics
 Blessing of Divine Mercy Pictures and religious articles
 *Petition Basket available.



Candles for Holy Thursday NIGHT

On Holy Thursday night (March 29) we will
 celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper at **6:30PM**.
 Immediately after Mass we will have our traditional
 procession with the Blessed Sacrament in church
 carrying lit candles and then having adoration of the
 Blessed Sacrament until 11:00PM. Every year we ask
 people to donate one candle (\$10) for the intentions
 they would like to pray: a deceased loved one, the sick,
 wedding anniversary, special intentions, ...Envelopes
 marked Donations for a Candle on Holy Thursday
 Night are available in church.



Stations of the Cross

Friday after the 6:00PM Mass.
 You are invited to pray with us!

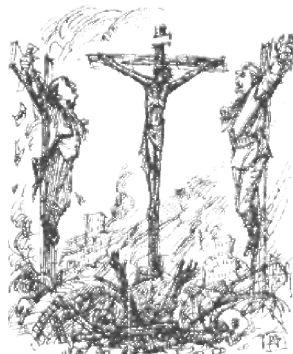


"When God created each of us, He did so with precision
 and purpose... let us treat each person as the masterpiece
 that he or she is." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life

11^{ra} Estación del Vía Crucis

"Jesús promete su reino al Buen ladrón."

"Uno de los malhechores colados le insultaba '¿No eres
 tu el Cristo? Pues sálvate a ti y a nosotros.' Pero el otro



le respondió diciendo '¿Es que
 no temes a Dios, tú que sufres
 la misma condena? Y nosotros
 con razón, porque nos lo
 hemos merecido con nuestros
 hechos; en cambio este nada
 ha hecho.' Y decía: 'Jesús,
 acuérdate de mí cuando
 vengas con tu reino.' Jesús le
 dijo: 'yo te aseguro: hoy
 estarás conmigo en el

Paraíso."

Allí esta Jesús, colgado del madero, contado entre los
 malhechores. Estas dos vidas, que también se están
 apagando junto a Él, son el ejemplo de tantas
 existencias apartadas de Dios; apartadas incluso de los
 hombres porque están ancladas en el egoísmo, en la
 desesperanza, en la falta de ideales nobles. A pesar de
 las propias limitaciones y errores, no podemos tener
 una visión pesimista y oscura de la propia vida. La
 misericordia y la gracia de Dios son más grandes que
 nuestros errores. La promesa de Cristo al Buen ladrón
 es una invitación a luchar por amor hasta el último
 instante. No podemos tener miedo de acogernos al
 perdón de Dios. San Juan Pablo II

EL Vía Crucis según el Evangelio, 1991

VIGILIA de la DIVINA MISERICORDIA
 en **ESPAÑOL** (Rosario Cantado)

SABADO 7 de MARZO

en **SAN FRANCISCO de Asis**

a las 6:00PM con Anibal & Ivelisse

**TODOS están invitados!! Todos están
 invitados!**



ATENCION: CLASES para BAUTISMO

Para Padres y Padrinos

SABADO, Abril 7 /// 2018 1:00PM (Centro)

GRACIAS DON TONY Por su
 dedicación, sabiduría y guía en el Retiro de
 Cuaresma para nuestra gente hispana. Sus
 palabra nos ayudan a ser mejores
 servidores del Señor.



Compañeros en la CARIDAD 2018

Colecta de las donaciones de Compañeros en la Caridad será en el fin de semana de MARZO 10/11 Si usted ha recibido su sobre de la Oficina de Compañeros en la Caridad en el correo, usted puede traerlo y depositarlo en la canasta de los domingos. También usted puede enviar su donación por correo a la oficina de Compañeros en la Caridad a la dirección que está escrita en el sobre. Sobres adicionales para la Campaña Compañeros en la Caridad están en las mesas de servicio en la Iglesia. .



Compañeros en la CARIDAD 2018
La meta de nuestra Parroquia es: \$20,000 La FE en Acción
"Amando a Dios es sirviendo a los demás"

FLORES para Iglesia en la Pascua

Estamos solicitando donaciones para las flores de la Iglesia en la Pascua. Usted puede hacer las donaciones en memoria de algún familiar difunto o enfermo o en acción de gracias.
¡GRACIAS!



REGRESANDO a la MISERICORDIA de DIOS
...Sabados a las 3:00PM o MARTES en la noche de 7:45PM - 9:00PM en la Iglesia.



SEMANA SANTA San Francisco de Asís

DOMINGO de Ramos...La Pasión de Cristo
Domingo, Marzo 25 ...Domingo de Ramos
11:00AM



Lunes SantoMarzo 26 .. 6:00AM(Capilla)
Martes SantoMarzo 276:00AM (iglesia)
Via Crucis6:30PM (Iglesia)

Miércoles Santo ...Marzo 287:00PM (BIBLIA)

JUEVES SANTOMarzo 29 ...iglesia
Misa a 6:30PM (iglesia) bilingüe
Lavado de los pies y las manos en la Misa
(Procesión con el Santísimo & velas encendidas)
Adoración del Santísimo11:00PM)



VIERNES SANTO....Marzo 30
11:00AM... Lectura Pasión de Cristo y comunión
12:30PM....VIA CRUCIS en la calle
Comenzando en la Iglesia de San Anthony y terminando en San Francis



SABADO SANTO en la NocheMarzo 31 ...iglesia
Misa de la Resurrección del Señor7:15PM

LECTURAS BIBLICAS de la SEMANA

Lunes 19 /Marzo Monday, March 19
2 Samuel // 2 Samuel 7: 4 – 14 Salmo//Psalm 89
Romanos // Romans 4: 13 – 22
San Mateo//Matthew 1: 16 - 21

Martes 20//Marzo Tuesday, March 20
Numeros // Numbers 21: 4 – 9 Salmo//Psalm102
San Juan // John 8: 21 - 30

Miércoles, 21// Marzo Wednesday, March 21
Profeta Daniel // Daniel 3: 14 – 20 Salmo//Psalm 3
San Juan // John 8: 31 - 42

Jueves 22// Marzo Thursday, MARCH 22
Genesis // Genesis 17: 3 – 9 Salmo//Psalm 105
San Juan // John 8: 51 – 59

Viernes 23//MARZO Friday, MARCH 23
Profeta Ezequiel // Ezekiel 37:21–28 Salmo//Psalm 31
San Juan // John 10: 31 – 42

Saturday, 24//MARZO Saturday, MARCH 24
Profeta Jeremias //Jeremiah 20: 10– 13 Salmo//Psalm 18
San Juan // John 11: 45 – 56

Domingo 25//MARZO SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Profeta Isaías // Isaiah 50: 4 - 7 Salmo//Psalm 22
Filipenses // Phillipians 2: 6 – 11
San Marcos // Marck 14: 1 – 15; 47

VELAS para la Noche del JUEVES SANTO

En la noche del **Jueves Santo (Marzo 29)** celebraremos la Santa Misa de la Última Cena de Jesucristo con sus Apóstoles a las **6:30PM**
Inmediatamente después de la Misa, tendremos una procesión dentro de la iglesia con Santísimo y la gente llevara velas encendidas en la procesión y luego tendremos la vigilia en oración y hasta las 11:00PM. Todos los años le pedimos a la gente que done una o dos velas (\$10) para Procesión de las Velas Jueves Santo



GRAN RETIRO de CUARESMA para Niños Catecismo El Domingo de Ramos, MARZO 25

Todos los niños del Catecismo participaran de este RETIRO de CUARESMA comenzando con la Misa de las **9am, luego el Vía Crucis** y terminando a 12:30pm en el centro. Los Padres pueden recoger sus hijos después de la Misa (12:30PM) lama a Yesenia me at 978-342-3521.





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