



## **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic church striving to be an instrument of peace and love through the sacramental life of Jesus Christ and service to others.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Through the grace of God, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Francis of Assisi aspires to be a family-oriented and Christ-centered community.

### **CORE VALUES**

- Spiritual devotion
- Devotion to the family unit and church family
- Charity work
- Respect for and promotion of human dignity
- Offering fellowship and help to our community in God's name

### **Pastor's Message**

I extend a warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors. St. Francis of Assisi is where we work, pray and journey as one united family. Together we create an environment that is Christ-centered and full of spirit. May you always feel welcome and find your place in our parish.

Rev. Fr. Roger Abadano  
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi

### **Readings:**

**First:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

**Psalm:** Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

**Second:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD...**Claudia and Mildred Szarnicki, Sue and Tom Hunnicutt, Baby Daniel  
**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

For a new intention please email or call the office. For intentions that have already been in the bulletin, please use the prayer intention book on the narthex table. Individuals are prayed for in the rosary group on Saturday and Sunday.

## ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

### December

- 17 Regular Weekend Masses
- 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent – Mass at 5 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Mass – 4 pm
- 25 The Nativity of the Lord Mass – 8 am
- 27 No Wed. Mass – possible Communion Service
- 30 Family Dinner after 5 pm Mass
- 31 No Mass on Sunday

### Mass intentions:

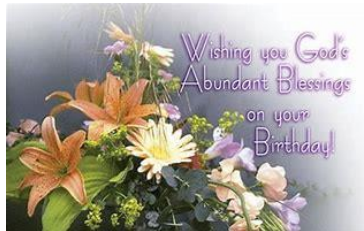
- Dec. 20 For the repose of the souls of +Guilberto, +Larry & +Ian Dael req: Norma Heinemann  
Dec. 23 For repose of the souls of +Travis Smith, +Kathleen & +Milton Carson req: Butch Carson

### Collections Report FY 2023-24

	November	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$5,312.07	\$ 27,997.07
Parish Partnership	\$ 204.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 67,900.00
YTD Budget		\$28,291.65
YTD Surplus (Shortfall)		\$ (294.58)

### December Birthdays

Richard Meyer	4
Felicity Cochran	7
Stanley Borowski	7
Bill Barcosky	15
Carol Charles	15
Luke Cockerham	19
Genna Cockerham	23
Pat Onestinghel	26
Sue Hunnicutt	29
Cindy Burns	29
Kathryn Cockerham	29



**Mass Times:** Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

**Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month after 1 pm Mass and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6 pm.

**Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30 pm –4:50 pm & by appt.

**Office Hours:** Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 11:00-3:00 pm; Sat. 2:30-4:30

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