



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

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 42:1-4, 6-7

Second: Acts 10:34-38

Responsorial Psalm: 29

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Parishioner Prayers for:

David Swift, Maria Infante Brabo, Sandy Brown, Jerry Sanita, Karen Baxter

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

January

- 15** No Daily Mass
18 Wine and Cheese after 5 pm Mass
26 Pancake Breakfast following our 8 am Mass

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 11th: Repose of the Soul of Michael Nanton and Alan Fuchs. Requested by Genna Cockerham.

Saturday January 18th: Celebrating John Pelissier's 100th Birthday! Requested by the parishioners of St. Francis.

Sunday January 26th: Repose of the Soul of Bill Chesney. Requested by Maureen Chesney

Announcements:

Attention! There will be no Daily Mass Wednesday, January 15th. Fr. Roger has a meeting at the Diocese.

Thank you to all volunteers and children who helped decorate the church and set up the creche outside for Christmas! Your generosity with your time is greatly appreciated! God Bless and Happy New Year!

Family Dinner! As always, it's nice to see everyone come together as a family of God once a month to share a meal. We thank you all for your generosity of bringing delicious entrees and desserts. We have been close to running out of food the past couple of dinners. We would like to ask, if you are able, to please bring a dish to contribute. If bringing a dessert, please consider bringing a side dish as well. We want all parishioners to enjoy a full meal. Beverages, bread and butter will be provided. Thank you!

Spaghetti Dinner! Mark your calendar! Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on February 14th. More information will follow.

To all St. Francis' ministers that have an announcement be in the bulletin, please give your announcement on or before Wednesday.

January Birthdays

Isaac Cochran	5
Callahan Cochran	5
Stella Nagy	6
Jim Clarke	7
Eric Baron	9
John Pelissier	19
Pam Gouldthorpe	19
Colleen Coleman	19
Margaret Golightly	30
Fiora Grey	31

Collections Report FY 2024-25

November

Weekly totals	\$ 4,729.00	\$ 28,281.60
E- giving	\$ 3,270.00	\$ 4,856.00
Parish Partnership	\$ 198.00	
Military Services	\$ 161.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 70,000.00
YTD Budget		\$ 29,166.65
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 3,970.95

Fiscal Year to Date

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: 1st Wednesday of the month after 1 pm Mass and the 2nd 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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