



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

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 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:** Jeremiah 17: 5-8

**Second:** 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** 1

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 17, 20-26

### **Parishioner Prayers for:**

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

## ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

### February

- 1 Family Dinner
- 2 No Mass
- 5 Adoration and Benediction after 1 pm Mass
- 13 Adoration and Benediction – 6 pm
- 14 Spaghetti Dinner 11am – 7 pm
- 15 Wine and Cheese after 5 pm Mass
- 23 Pancake Breakfast after 8 am Mass

### Prayer for Fr. Roger's Priestly Ordination Anniversary

#### 16 FEBRUARY 2025

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father Roger L. Abadano, who celebrates today his Priestly Ordination Anniversary. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life. In his loneliness, comfort him in his sorrows, strengthen him in his frustrations, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption. O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much. Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen.

### Mass Intentions

**Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>:** Celebration of Inestella Infante's Birthday. Requested by Marlene Swift.

**Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Repose of the Soul of Bill Chesney. Requested by Maureen Chesney

### Announcements:

**Men's Group!** We are looking to bring men together for an hour on Saturday mornings at 8am beginning March 15th during Lent. As a group, we will review the readings for Sunday and share our reflections on the texts. Early birds for coffee and doughnuts at 7:30 are encouraged.

For additional information please contact Frank Watkins at

[fwatkins55@gmail.com](mailto:fwatkins55@gmail.com) or cell: (301) 922-4331.

**Poinsettias:** The poinsettias on the side board and floor in the vestibule can be taken home by anyone who would like one!

**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!

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

### February Birthdays

Karen Baxter	3
Sharon Johnsen	9
Emily Seawell	10
Ginger Graffeo	16
Genevieve Plail	18
Paula Davis	23
John Morton	25
Gene Onestinghel	26
Frederick Steinmann	27

### Collections Report FY 2024-25

<b>December</b>		<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>
Weekly totals	\$ 4,086.00	\$ 33,424.71
E- giving	\$ 4,354.00	\$ 9,210.63
Immaculate Conception	\$ 227.01	
Christmas	\$2198.00	
Parish Partnership	\$ 193.00	
Catholic Relief Serv.	\$ 118.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 70,000.00
YTD Budget		\$ 34,999.98
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 7,634.73

**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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