



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 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: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

Second: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Responsorial Psalm: 103

Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

Parishioner Prayers for:

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

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

March

- 1 Family Dinner
- 2 No Mass
- 4 Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner 5-7pm
- 5 Ash Wednesday Mass at 4 pm
- 13 Adoration and Benediction
- 15 Wine and Cheese
- 23 Pancake Breakfast

Mass Intentions

Sunday February 16th: Celebration of Inestella Infante's Birthday. Requested by Marlene Swift.

Sunday February 23rd: Repose of the Soul of Bill Chesney. Requested by Maureen Chesney.

Saturday March 1st: Repose of the Soul of Greg Seely. Requested by Pam Gouldthorpe.

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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 or cell: (301) 922-4331.

Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner. Come on Tuesday, March 4th. from 5-7 for our annual pancake dinner. Please sign up on the form in the narthex so we will know how much to prepare. Laissez Les Bon Ton Roulet!

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

December		Fiscal Year to Date
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: 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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