



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

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 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:** Sirach 27:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** 92

**Second:** 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 39-45

### **Parishioner Prayers for:**

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

## ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

### March

- 1 Family Dinner
- 2 No Mass
- 4 Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner 5-7pm
- 5 Ash Wednesday Mass at 4 pm
- 6 Adoration and Benediction
- 7 Mass and Stations of the Cross at 1 pm
- 12 No Weekday Mass
- 13 Adoration and Benediction at 6 pm
- 14 Mass and Stations of the Cross at 1 pm
- 15 Wine and Cheese
- 16 Godspell screening at 3 pm
- 19 Feast of St. Joseph Mass at 1 pm
- 20 Adoration and Benediction at 6 pm
- 21 Mass and Stations of the Cross at 1 pm
- 23 Pancake Breakfast after 8 am Mass
- 26 No Weekday Mass
- 27 Adoration and Benediction at 6 pm
- 28 Mass and Stations of the Cross at 1 pm

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>:** Repose of the Soul of Greg Seely. Requested by Pam Gouldthorpe.

**Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>:** Repose of the Soul of Leonardo Infante. Requested by Marlene Swift.

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

### Announcements:

**Daily Mass and Stations of the Cross** will be held at 1 pm every Friday until Good Friday.

**Men's Group!** We are looking to bring men together for an hour on Saturday mornings at 8am beginning March 8th 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.

**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!

**Welcome and thank you** to Raquel Garcia who will be filling in while Jennifer is on maternity leave. The office hours will temporarily change to Tuesday 1 to 3, Wednesday 1 to 2:15, and Thursday 1 to 3. You can reach Raquel at St. Mary's between the hours of 8 am and 12 pm if necessary.

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

### March Birthdays

Ron Horwege	5
Mark Leuck	8
Carol Meade	9
Norman Carson	9
Joan Thompson	10
Rosanne Leuck	11
Christine Furlong	12
Ruth Morton	29
Ann Tucker	30

### 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 every Thursday of each month at 6 pm.

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

**Office Hours:** Tues. 1:00-3 pm; Wed. 1:00-2:15 pm; Thurs. 1:00-3 pm

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