



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second: Romans 10:8-13

Responsorial Psalm: 91

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Parishioner Prayers for:

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

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

March

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

Sunday March 9th: Repose of the Soul of Leonardo Infante. Requested by Marlene Swift.

Sunday March 23rd: 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 during the season of Lent.

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 or cell: (301) 922-4331.

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

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 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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