



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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## SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS

Committed to living and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ within the Catholic tradition, we are blessed to have as our patron saint someone who continues to call us to reach out to others in charity and compassion.

### **Church of**

### **St Francis of Assisi**

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Rochester, MN 55904  
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<http://stfrancis-church.org>

### **Parish Center Hours**

Mon-Fri: 8AM - 4PM

### **Weekday Mass:**

Tuesday - Friday 7AM

### **School Mass:**

Tuesday 9:30AM

### **Weekend Mass:**

Saturday 4:30PM  
Sunday 8AM, 10AM

### **In Spanish:**

Thursday 7PM  
Sunday 12PM

### **Misa En Español:**

Jueves 7PM  
Domingo 12PM

### **Pastor**

Rev. Jim Berning

### **Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Luis Vargas



Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."  
- John 14:26-27a

## A MESSAGE FROM FR JIM BERNING



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.** Jesus invites all of us to come and He comes to us and brings us strength, comfort, protection and guidance through the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. Jesus lives in us and we forever rejoice that we are God's children!

**KC PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their Pancake Breakfast last weekend. Thanks to everyone for their generosity in support of St. Francis of Assisi School. Our school is 70 years old this year. We welcome all to attend Rochester Catholic Schools!

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATE.** It is with great joy that I welcome Becky Cleveland, Melissa Scaccio and Viri Anguiano to our staff as our new Faith Formation Team for the parish. With their combined energy and passion for our Catholic faith, we look forward to an exciting and beautiful year of Faith Formation at the Church of St Francis of Assisi. We ask you to pray for them as we are embarking on this new journey. I know the Lord has great plans for us and I can't wait to see it unfold!

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES.** Congratulations and blessings to all of our students who are graduating from High School and other schools of higher education. This is a time for celebrating all your achievements, preparing for your future, and embracing a world filled with possibilities. God bless you all!

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS.** On Monday, May 30, we will have a Memorial Day Mass at 9AM to remember our deceased who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in our Armed Forces. We give thanks to God for them and for all who have served in the Armed Forces and continue to do so for us. God Bless them all!

**CALVARY CEMETERY | SECOND COLLECTION: June 4/5.** A Catholic cemetery offers a blessed, final resting place where one can visit, honor and remember the deceased. Calvary Cemetery offers varied burial options including in ground, crypt & columbarium. For daily operations, the cemetery relies on business transactions, financial support of benefactors & the kind generosity of our Catholic parishioners. In memory of loved ones, we appreciate your support of Calvary Cemetery.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2022.** We are OFFICIALLY OVER GOAL! We are so grateful to the 133 parish families that have pledged and/or given \$55,911 towards our 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$49,661. NOW, all monies reached over our goal will be returned to the parish for our designated building project - refinishing the pews, woodwork and cabinetry.

A Blessed Easter Season to all!

*Fr. Jim C. Berning*

## WELCOME

Welcome to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. Our church has helped to bring Jesus Christ to the city of Rochester since 1937. We seek to foster the spiritual growth of our parishioners through the celebration of the Sacraments, catechesis, community life, and personal prayer. Like our patron saint, we strive to rebuild the Church and to console the heart of Jesus by serving our neighbors in need.

## PARISH CONTACTS

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**RETIRO ESPIRITUAL PARA SACERDOTES HISPANOS.**

Todos los sacerdotes hacemos al menos un retiro Espiritual al Año, es una necesidad espiritual para que el sacerdote este fortaleciendo su ministerio sacerdotal y purificándolo, cada Diocesis ofrece retiros espirituales para los sacerdotes, nuestra Diocesis de Winona Rochester nos ofrece usualmente un Retiro

de silencio en el mes de Mayo y otro predicado en el mes de Noviembre. De igual manera está La Asociación de Sacerdotes Hispanos en los Estados Unidos, esta es una asociación que se fundo hace ya mas de 30 años con el objetivo de fortalecer la fraternidad sacerdotal y el crecimiento educacional y espiritual entre los mismos sacerdotes. Yo tengo la dicha de pertenecer a la asociación desde hace ya 8 años y me ha sido de gran ayuda espiritual, pastoral y humana. La Asociación igualmente ofrece un retiro espiritual para sacerdotes hispanos, este Retiro se hace en la Casa Monserat, esta es una casa especial para muchos retiros espirituales, está ubicada en Dallas Texas, esta vez tengo la dicha de poder participar en este Retiro Espiritual que estará dirigido por el Sacerdote Jesuita Jose Luis Serra, vive en México y vendrá a dirigirnos este momento de reflexión y oración. Agradezco inmensamente al grupo de feligreses que me animaron a participar en este Retiro y además me apoyaron económicamente. Esta semana estaré viviendo esta experiencia Espiritual, de lunes 23 al viernes 27 de Mayo, estaré en Dallas Texas en la Casa Moserrat fortaleciéndome espiritualmente junto a otros sacerdotes hispanos que trabaja en diferentes Diocesis de los Estados Unidos. Cuento con sus oraciones y los tendré igualmente en mis oraciones.

**FELICIDADES POR SU GRADUACION.** Una persona cristiana que lleva una vida religiosa y entregada al Señor siempre será bendecida. Si todas las acciones que tienes que realizar se las entregas a Dios en tu día a día, Él te bendecirá, te acompañará y te guiará en todo lo que tengas que hacer. Tú que estas por conseguir tu graduación, confía y ten fe en Dios pues Él es el único que podrá ver tu real sacrificio, tú esfuerzo diario y te bendecirá consiguiendo tus metas y objetivos al margen de cualquier impedimento. Para Dios no hay nada imposible.

“Primeramente quiero felicitarlos por ese logro obtenido, el de su graduación. Adherido a ello, quiero expresarles que gracias a su fe y cristianismo han sido bendecidos por el Señor. Ustedes son unos niños y jóvenes que siempre dejan todas las acciones a la voluntad de Dios, quien los protege y los bendice por intermedio de sus logros. Gracias a Dios por todo el esfuerzo que pusieron para graduarse.”

Bendiciones para todos.

MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of May 23 2022

MON May 23		<b>NO MASS</b>
TUES May 24	7:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
	* 9:30 AM	John & Louise Preuschl †
WED May 25	7:00 AM	Gen & Herb Pattinson †
THU May 26	7:00 AM	Isidro & Cynthia Duarte (Wedding Anniversary)
	7:00 PM	Sebastian Ibarra (Birthday)
FRI May 27	7:00 AM	Fr. Shawn Haremza (Ordination Anniversary)
SAT May 28	4:30PM	Helen & Louie Sell †
SUN May 29	8:00 AM	For the Parish
	10:00 AM	Charles Duryea †
	** 12:00 PM	Cerda Family

\* School Mass \*\* Spanish Mass

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions are available every day for our weekday Masses and on the weekends. You are welcome to stop by the Parish Office and schedule a Mass intention during normal office hours.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022**

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/ Jn 14:23-29  
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53  
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28  
 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26

**LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 22 DE MAYO DE 2022**

Domingo: Hch 15, 1-2. 22-29/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 [4]/Ap 21, 10-14. 22-23/Jn 14, 23-29  
 Lunes: Hch 16, 11-15/Sal 148, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9/Jn 15, 26—16, 4  
 Martes: Hch 16, 22-34/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8/Jn 16, 5-11  
 Miércoles: Hch 17, 15-16. 22—18, 1/Sal 148, 1-2. 11-12. 13. 14/Jn 16, 12-15  
 Jueves: Hch 18, 1-8/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/ Jn 16, 16-20 Ascensión: Hch 1, 1-11/Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 [6]/Ef 1, 17-23 o Heb 9, 24-28; 10, 19-23/ Lc 24, 46-53  
 Viernes: Hch 18, 9-18/Sal 46, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Jn 16, 20-23  
 Sábado: Hch 18, 23-28/ Sal 46, 2-3. 8-9. 10/Jn 16, 23-28  
 Domingo siguiente: Ascensión: Hch 1, 1-11/ Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 [6]/ Ef 1, 17-23 o Heb 9, 24-28; 10, 19-23/Lc 24, 46-53  
 7º Domingo de Pascua: Hch 7, 55-60/Sal 96, 1-2. 6-7. 9 [1. 9]/ Ap 22, 12-14. 16-17. 20/Jn 17, 20-26

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION



**PRESCHOOL OFFERED AT ALL FIVE RCS LOCATIONS THIS FALL: APPLY TODAY!** New for the 2022-2023 school year: The Nest Preschool at Rochester Catholic Schools is growing and will feature expanded offerings including programs at all five of our convenient RCS locations for the fall of 2022! In addition to exciting new offerings among the three current RCS locations, The Nest will also launch programs at the two other campuses, Lourdes High School and the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School. Lourdes High School will offer an innovative nature-based program for Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 4-5). The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School will provide all-day options for Preschool (Age 3) & Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 4-5). New offerings at the current Nest locations will include an Early Preschool program (Age 2) at Holy Spirit Catholic School. Our classrooms are filling fast. Register today: <https://www.rcsmn.org/admissions/newfamilies>

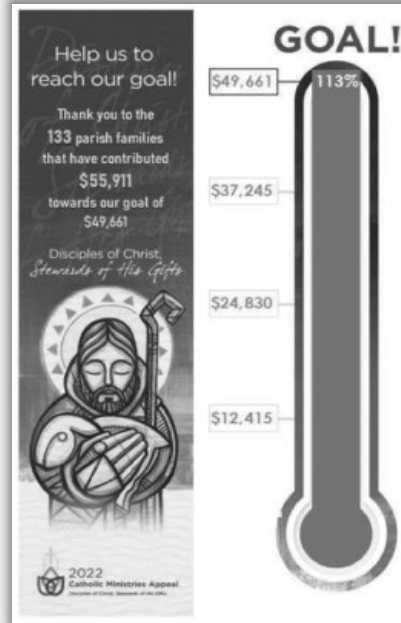
**RCS SUMMER ACADEMY, TUTORING & SPORTS CAMPS.** Register today for RCS Summer Academy, Tutoring, and Sports Camps! Summer Academy is offering art, science, math, and theater camps. Summer Tutoring includes K-5 reading, K-5 math, and 6-8 reading/writing. Sports Camps feature sports performance, basketball, volleyball, football, and soccer. For more information or to register, visit [rcsmn.org/summerprograms](http://rcsmn.org/summerprograms)



**ROCHESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** The Rochester Catholic Schools Board of Trustees is seeking applications for a new lay trustee member. The Board of Trustees articulates the vision, mission, and overall policy for the five schools that make up the RCS system.

Applications are due Tuesday, May 31. A description of the responsibilities of a trustee and application materials are available on the Rochester Catholic Schools website in the "Board of Trustees" section at: [rcsmn.org/boardapplication](http://rcsmn.org/boardapplication)

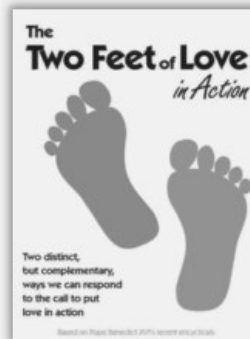
## 2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL.** As Catholics, we are blessed to be strengthened and united by Christ in the Eucharist and sent forth to bring the peace and joy of our Triune God to all those we encounter. As individual members of the Body of Christ, we all possess different gifts and talents for furthering the ministry of Christ and His Church. During this year, may we all strive to be Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts

throughout the Catholic community, using our personal gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Please support the 2022 CMA so that we may be Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts. Every gift makes a difference! To give: [www.catholicismn.org](http://www.catholicismn.org)



### THE TWO FEET OF LOVE IN ACTION.

The document "The Two Feet of Love in Action" was developed by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. This tool describes two distinct, but complementary, ways that we can put the Gospel into action. The first is through charitable works which is described as short-term emergency assistance for individ-

uals. Saint Francis of Assisi parish is very generous in providing charitable works for our neighbors in need. The second is through social justice which is described as addressing systemic, root causes of problems that affect many people. Some ways that you can be more active in social justice is to sign up for emails from the Minnesota Catholic Conference. These emails tell you about Minnesota Legislative bills that affect the disadvantaged in our state. It explains the bills and informs you on how you can let your legislators know how you wish them to vote. The Minnesota Catholic Conference emails can be attained by registering at [www.mncatholic.org/join](http://www.mncatholic.org/join). Another local option is to sign up to receive the Diocese's Social Concerns Newsletter by contacting Isaac Landsteiner, Director of Parish Social Ministry, at [ilandsteiner@ccsomn.org](mailto:ilandsteiner@ccsomn.org). The full document can be found at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

**SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS.** Summer's almost here! Check out the many ways to stay active in your faith all year! Sign up is available on our website under the YOUTH tab.



**TOTUS TUUS: July 10-15.** Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith. Totus Tuus will be offered at our parish this summer on July 10-15, 2022. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in, Jesus Christ. The teachers for Totus Tuus are college-age students.

The Grade School Program is designed for Catholic children going into 1st through 6th grades. The program strives to help students be clear and consistent in their faith and show the children that the humble yet courageous seeking of all believers is to be based upon the Word of God. The Program for 7th-12th grade Students, Totus Tuus Primetime, includes instruction, large and small group discussions, quiet meditation, skits, subject related activities, and prayer and fellowship. You can register at <https://stfrancis-church.org/totus-tuus>



**STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE: JULY 15-17.** Every summer over 1,500 Catholic high school students attend this event right here in Rochester. We have 6 students currently registered, but are hoping to reach 10.



**CAMP SUMMIT: AUGUST 1-4.** This Catholic camp for middle school youth is organized by the Diocese of Winona and is held at Eagle Bluff in Lanesboro. We currently have 5 students registered, but are hoping for 5 more.

Scholarships are available to help your children participate in any of these wonderful opportunities. Please call the parish center office at 288-7313 if you have a child (ren) interested in attending any of these events! Have a blessed summer!

**TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE**

*St. Augustine*

**SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SINGING!** St. Augustine said that when we sing, we pray twice. If you are interested in sharing your gift by singing at St. Francis, please join us as we start up our choir for the 10am Mass once a month during this Easter season.

Alleluia! How good to sing praise to our God; how pleasant to give fitting praise ... Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; with the lyre make music to our God - Psalm 147

"The power of sacred music increases the honor given to God by the Church in union with Christ, its Head. Sacred music likewise helps to increase the fruits which the faithful, moved by the sacred harmonies, derive from the holy liturgy. These fruits, as daily experience and many ancient and modern literary sources show, manifest themselves in a life and conduct worthy of a Christian." - Pope Pius XII

May all our voices join together to proclaim the goodness of the Lord.

- Hope ([liffranc@stfrancis-church.org](mailto:liffranc@stfrancis-church.org))

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE for May 28/29:**

	4:30PM SATURDAY	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jack Bowron Regan Stellpflug	Olivia Scaccio Victoria Scaccio	William Cleveland Nonie Foust
<b>Reader</b>	Maureen Jones Sahs	Pat Woodcock	Cris Charlesworth
<b>Hospitality Minister</b>	John Sibley Natalie Norris	Pat Stern [open]	Lori Paukert Mark Paukert
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Judy Syring	Paula Wick	Nancy Hockert

**PARISHIONERS.** Please, after Mass, would you make sure the blue book is up with the gold cross showing, and placed on the left and the maroon book down on the right. The reason the maroon book is down - there are two books in it and it saves on the binder. We have had to throw quite a few of the binders way. THANK YOU SO MUCH!





**CALVARY CEMETERY | KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.** The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be cleaning grave markers at Calvary Cemetery from 9AM to 12PM on Saturday, May 28. Everyone is invited to help! Our focus will be on infant's graves. If we have enough individuals participating, the Franciscan sisters' graves will also be cleaned. We suggest you bring knee pads, a scrubbing brush, rubber gloves and a personal water bottle or canteen. Water, buckets and cleaner will be provided. This task is very humbling and moving - but it does involve kneeling and reaching. Tasks will be found for individuals who need less strenuous activity. If the weather is bad, we will reschedule for a later date in the summer or fall.

**COUNCIL MEETING.** The St Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 14170 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7- 8PM in the St Clare Room in the basement of the church. We invite all men of the parish to join us to find out more about the KC's and about the men who belong to Council 14170. Questions? Please contact Bruce Anderson at 507-358-5478 or [branderson781983@gmail.com](mailto:branderson781983@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you!

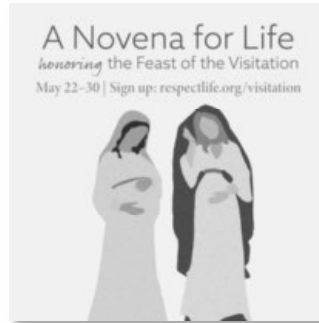


**UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND.** Join us today in supporting Ukraine Solidarity Fund! Inspired by our Order's first principle, Charity, please join us in praying for peace and consider a donation to our Ukraine Solidarity Fund. Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and 100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.



Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this effort. Your gift of any amount will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>



**A NOVENA FOR LIFE.** On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. Join

us in praying "A Novena for Life" from May 22-30. For more information, visit: <https://www.respectlife.org/visitation>

**THE PRAYING FAMILY.** The Praying Family is a new initiative by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. We provide prayer packages that fit the liturgical season, which include prayer activities that fit a family's schedule, and walk you through setting up a prayer space and creating intentional time to pray together. Our current prayer packs are May Crowning and Divine Mercy bags. More information on ordering or utilizing some of our FREE resources can be found at: [theprayingfamily.weebly.com](http://theprayingfamily.weebly.com)

**ROCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS.** Rochester Catholic is an initiative of the Rochester parishes seeking to connect young adults to Christ and His Church. Our website (<https://www.rochestercatholicmn.org>) is a landing page for young adults in the area desiring to: find a community of peers, plug into a parish, engage the world through outreach and service, and further commit their lives to Christ.

**Marveli and Ronci Game Nights:** 1st and 3rd Fridays, 4:00-7:00 PM at Pax Christi

**Co-ed Catechism Study:** Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM at St. James Coffee

**Fellowship and Food:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 PM at Chick-Fil-A Rochester

**DIOCESAN RETREAT.** Join us August 5-7, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, for The Witness of the Eucharist: A retreat for those seeking renewal in the Eucharist to "go be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Co-leaders will be Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht and Dr. Susan Windley-Daoust. This diocesan retreat is open to all Catholic adults and is one of the ways we are inaugurating the diocesan year of the Eucharistic Revival. Registration opens May 15. Questions? Contact Susan at [swindley@dowr.org](mailto:swindley@dowr.org)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY.** World Youth Day will be held in Portugal in the summer of 2023. If you are interested in attending, please contact Aaron Lofy at 507-858-1258 or [alofy@dowr.org](mailto:alofy@dowr.org)



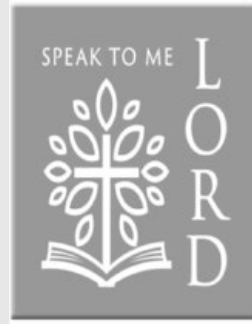
**FAMILY CONNECTION.**

Parents are always helping their children prepare for something, whether that consists of getting ready for school, preparing for an exam, or making preparations to go on vacation. In today's Gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for his Passion, death, and Resurrection. He promises his Holy Spirit, gives them the gift of his peace, and tells them not to be troubled.

As a family, talk about the kinds of events that you have prepared for together; surgeries, funerals, vacations, and first days of school are some examples. Talk about why it is important to prepare for important events in our lives. Then read aloud this Sunday's Gospel: John 14:23-29. Talk about how Jesus prepared his disciples for his Death and Resurrection and how he wanted them to be prepared for what would happen so that they would be able to believe.

Talk about how, as a family, you can prepare for Pentecost (only 2 weeks away), when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>



This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

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Hola! Bienvenue  
**welcome!**

**WELCOME!**

A warm WELCOME is extended to all who come to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi! We are grateful to our faithful parishioners and welcome our neighbors and guests who are visiting us. We want you to know that you are always welcome here!

**¡BIENVENIDOS!**

¡Una BIENVENIDA a todos los que vienen a la Iglesia San Francisco de Asís! Estamos agradecidos con nuestros fieles feligreses y damos la bienvenida a nuestros vecinos e invitados que nos visitan.

¡Queremos que sepan que siempre son bienvenidos aquí!

**INVOCATION OF PEACE.** God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. . . Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that. . . our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.




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