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Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3: 15-16a

Como el pueblo estaba en expectación y todos pensaban que quizá Juan era el Mesías, Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: "Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo".
- Lc 3, 15-16

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TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS

Cualquiera que sea su estado actual en la Iglesia Católica, cualquiera que sea su situación familiar o matrimonial, cualquiera que sea su afiliación religiosa, su historia personal, su edad, sus antecedentes u origen étnico, su estado migratorio, su orientación sexual, sea cual sea su su imagen propia o estima; usted está invitado, es bienvenido, es aceptado, amado y respetado en la Iglesia San Francisco de Asís.

MANTENERSE EN CONTACTO

Si conoce a un feligrés que ahora no puede asistir a misa por alguna razón, llame a la oficina para que podamos enviarles un boletín y traerles la Sagrada Comunión.

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INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

Saturday, Dec. 15, 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday, Dec. 16

9:00 am (English):

for the intentions of those who donated for the Christmas Flowers

12 noon (Spanish):

Por las intenciones personales de la personas que donaron las flores de Navidad.

Monday, Dec. 17, 5:00 pm

† Isabelle & Edgar Giemza

r/b. Art & Diane Morin

† Geralyn Markowski

r/b. Myron Markowski

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 5:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 20, 5:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 21, NO MASS

Saturday, Dec. 22, 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday, Dec. 23

9:00 am (English):

† Deceased Member of Sauv  & Truska Families

r/b. Grisham Family

† Antonio Monarca (2nd Ann.)

r/b. Family

12 noon (Spanish):

† Sofia Navarrete r/b. Catalina



Pray For... RECUERDE
ORAR POR:

Helen LoGuidice Bousquet, Rick Csuhta, Jack Romegiali, Norma Ramirez, Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James Rosado, Carmelita Rivera, Frank & Sandy Magnoli, Sue D'Antonio, Sal Quadarella, Tatiana Johnson, Robert Condron, Ron Sirles, Wilma Atanasoff, Marisa Frisk, Collen Watrous, Guaroa Peralta, David Monte, Allyson Matteo.



Ofrenda Semanal

Dec. 08/09, 2018 = \$ 4,064.00

Dec. 09/10, 2017 = \$ 1,942.00

YTD (Year to Date)

2017/18 = \$ 79,237.27

2016/17 = \$ 81,688.00

ATTENDANCE FOR DEC. 08/09, 2018



Sat. 5:00 pm = 60

Sun. 9:00 am = 88

Sun. 12 noon = 285

TOTAL = 433

Cereal Donation: 87 lbs

Christmas Mass Schedule
Horario de Misas para La Navidad



Lunes/Monday, 24 de Diciembre.

Misa de Navidad/Christmas Eve Mass:
4:00p.m.

Martes/Tuesday, Diciembre 25:

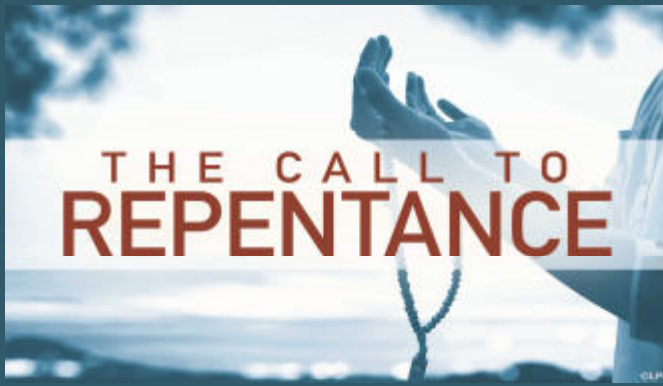
9:00 a.m. and 12 noon **Solemnidad de la Natividad del Se or/Christmas Day**

Lunes/Monday, Diciembre 31, 2018:

5:00 p.m. **Misa de Acci n de Gracias por el fin de A o/New Years Eve Mass**

Martes/Tuesday, Enero 1, 2019:

10:00 a.m. **Solemnidad de Santa Mar a, Madre de Dios/New Year Day Mass**



GOSPEL MEDITATION -

In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas?

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

COMPARTIENDO LA PALABRA

Queridos hermanos, vamos avanzando en este camino hacia Belén. Este tercer domingo es llamado DOMINGO DEL GAUDETETE o del gozo.... Sí, nuestro corazón late mas fuerte, porque el esperado se aproxima, por eso encendemos hoy la vela rosada.

La Palabra de hoy es muy consoladora. En la primera lectura escuchamos a Dios que nos dice, te amo, no temas, me gozo en ti, he saldado tu deuda... Que comfortable mensaje, meditalo en tu corazón y si sientes tristeza, convéncete de que el Señor es capaz de devolverte la alegría si le abres tu corazón y lo dejas actuar.

Y en el Evangelio encontramos que para disfrutar de la venida del Señor es necesario realizar acciones concretas en nuestra vida, estas deben estar enmarcadas en la justicia y la caridad: Da sin esperar recompense, no cobres más de la cuenta, di no a la usura y al ventajismo. De esta manera nuestro corazón se ira haciendo mas libre de los propios intereses y dará cabida al Salvador que viene a traernos la paz. Vuelve a leer la Palabra y deja que el Señor te hable.

ORACION: Padre amado, me siento necesitado de tu amor para poder amar, perdonar, para poder ser misericordioso. Continua preparando mi corazón y ayúdame a liberarme de todo lo que me impide que tu seas EL SEÑOR DE MI VIDA. Amen. Dios te bendiga.

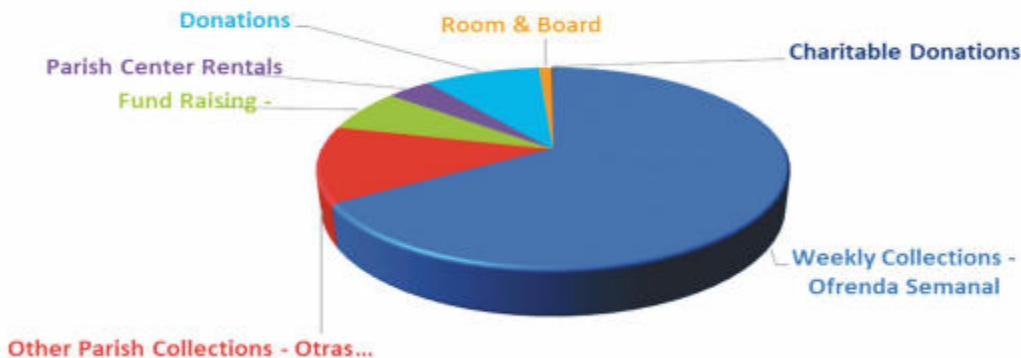
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ST. FRANCIS FINANCIAL REPORT - fiscal year ended June 30, 2018

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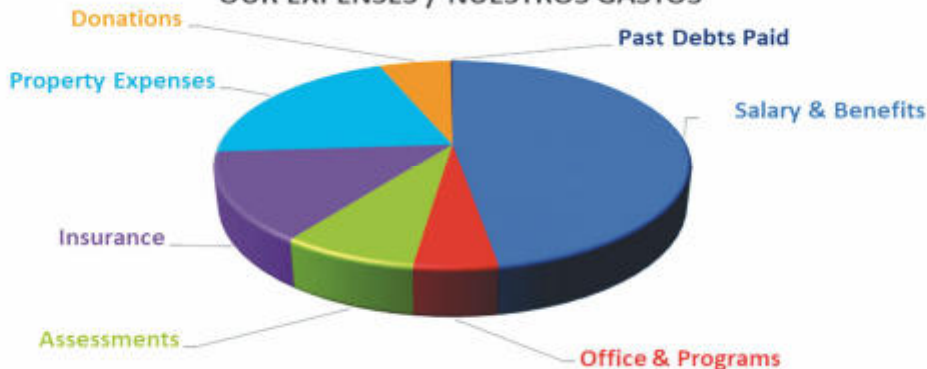
	Actual	Total BDG FY18'	\$ Difference
Weekly Collections - Ofrenda Semanal	\$ 186,038.90	182,400.00	3,638.90
Other Parish Collections - Otras	\$ 34,720.00	38,608.00	(3,888.00)
Fund Raising -	\$ 19,114.42	22,070.00	(2,955.58)
Parish Center Rentals	\$ 10,363.00	10,630.00	(267.00)
Donations	\$ 26,729.00	26,096.00	(213.49)
Room & Board	\$ 3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Charitable Donations	\$ 281.40	0.00	6,964.59
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 280,246.72	282,804.00	3,279.42

WHERE DID OUR MONEY CAME FROM? - DE DONDE LLEGARON NUESTROS INGRESOS



Salary & Benefits	\$ 142,015.59	134,339.64	7,675.95
Office & Programs	\$ 14,332.59	14,718.70	(1,845.32)
Assessments	\$ 23,332.13	23,748.94	(416.81)
Insurance	\$ 41,644.58	41,920.80	(276.22)
Property Expenses	\$ 60,150.72	83,856.89	(23,706.17)
Donations	\$ 17,515.00	16,645.00	870.00
Past Debts Paid	\$ 464.93	3,600.00	(2,654.07)
Expenses	\$ 299,455.54	318,829.97	(20,352.64)
Deficit—Déficit	(19,208.82)	(36,025.97)	

OUR EXPENSES / NUESTROS GASTOS



THANK YOU PUERTO VALLARTA: As you recall, on Sunday, October 21, Puerto Vallarta sponsored a fundraiser to help us raise money to cover the cost for our top raffle item for the Angels' Fair, a 60" LG Smart TV. Thanks to the generosity of Puerto Vallarta, we received a check for \$600. We are very grateful to them for having sponsored this event for us for the past several years and encourage our parishioners to show your appreciation by supporting Puerto Vallarta. Thank you.

SPECIAL THANKS: Sherrie and I want to thank everyone who helped make our Fair the success that it was. This event could never happen without all of your hard work and dedication.



Our Lady of **GUADALUPE** Thanks to everyone who helped with the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A special thanks to Rommy and Margarito, for coordinating this event. The Virgin from Heaven reaches out to give you the grace that you need.

FAIR INCOME UPDATE: The Fair's profit has risen to \$9,000 with the additional income from Puerto Vallarta, the \$230 in sales after the Fair and the \$600 from the vendors (which was not reflected in the previous total reported). We also expect approximately \$200 from the sale of fresh green wreaths and baskets.



We are looking for donations of new or gently used girls clothing, sizes 6 and 4. Donations can be brought to the Parish office between 9am and 3pm/ Fri. from 9am to 1pm. Thank you!



EYEGLOSS DONATIONS

Ed and Maryby Drew are going to the Philippines in January 2019. They will be distributing eyeglasses to the poor, who cannot afford to buy them. Please bring in your old eyeglasses. We will have a donation box set up in the back of the church until January 6.

Thank you!



HINKA'S CUPBOARD

Would you like to make a monetary donation to our food pantry? Please make checks out to "St. Francis" with "Hinka's Cupboard" on the memo line. Thank you!

LADIES NIGHT OUT IS DECEMBER 20TH AT SIX THIRTY PM.

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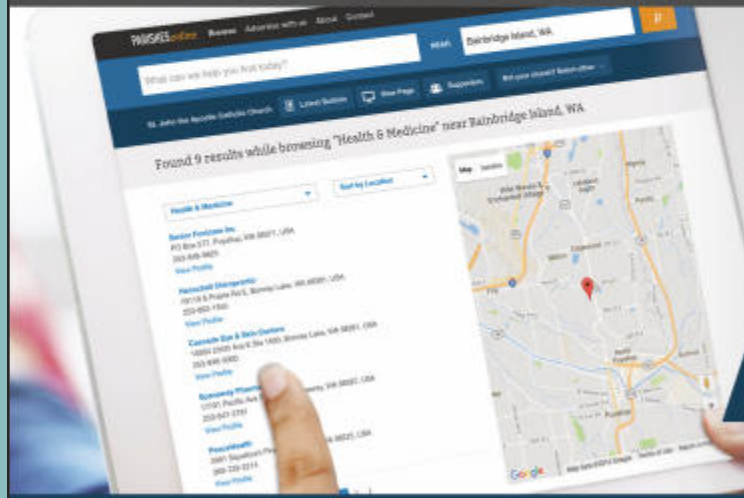
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