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January 02, 2022

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Daily Schedule

Rosary8:20 am
Service.....9:00 am
MondayMass
Tuesday.....Communion Service
Wednesday ..Mass
ThursdayMass
Friday.....Mass

Weekend Mass Schedule

Horario de Misa de fin de semana

Saturday Vigil.....4:00pm
.....6:00pm (Español)
Sunday.....8:00am
.....10:00am
.....12:00 pm (Español)
Kenyan Mass the 3rd Sunday of the month
.....4:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi office hours

Monday- Friday8:00am to 2:00pm
Closed for lunch 12:00to 12:30pm

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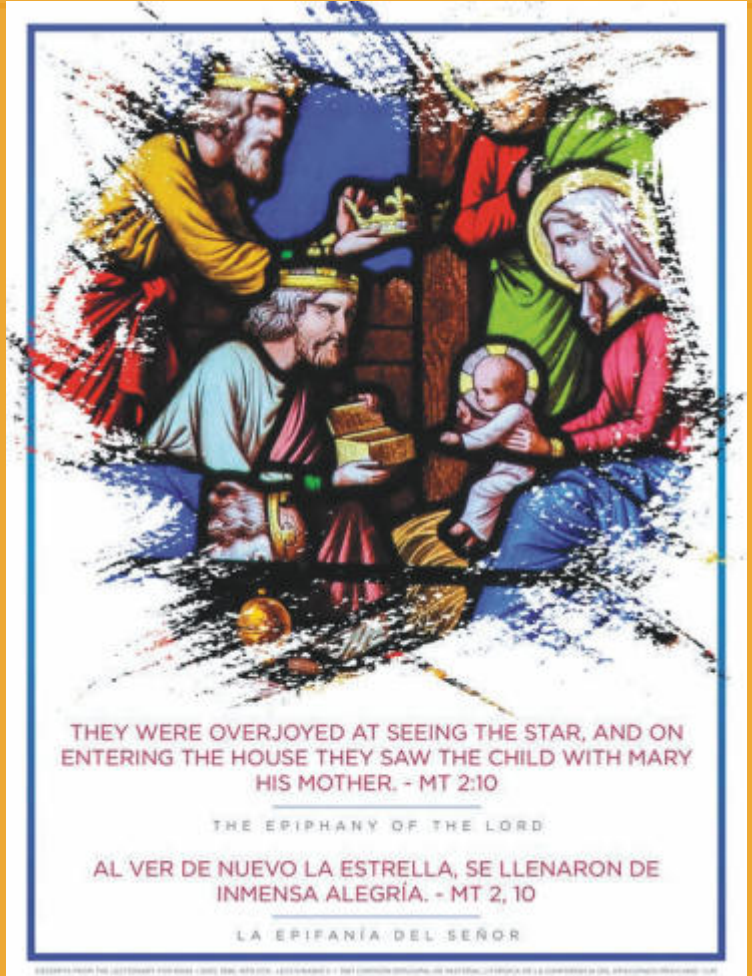
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ADORATION

Thursday

9:30 am to 7:00 pm



THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR, AND ON ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER. - MT 2:10

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

AL VER DE NUEVO LA ESTRELLA, SE LLENARON DE INMENSA ALEGRÍA. - MT 2, 10

LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Confessions/Confesiones

Saturday/Sabado 3:00pm

Please check our website for all upcoming events at St. Francis of Assisi.

Visite nuestro sitio web para conocer todos los próximos eventos en St. Francis of Assisi.

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Spotlight for Our Ministries

Grief Support Ministry

Have you lost someone close to you? Do you feel every day is almost unbearable, have you no one to talk with or to share your experience with, we would like to be there for you. We have all been through it at some point in our life and are eager to listen and share.

The meetings will be at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in St. John's room. The first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.

Contact:
Betty Grant: 770-386-4089
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**January 4, 2022 at
10:00 am.**



**Counting our Blessings
December 18 & 19**

OFFERTORY WEEK\$ 9,624.77
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**Weekly Offertory
\$12,360 needed per week to meet the
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**This Weekend Second
Collection**

St. Vincent de Paul

**Esta semana la Segunda
Colecta**

San Vicente de Paul

COME JOIN US TODAY FOR COFFEE

When :
After Mass
Wednesday's at
9:45 am

Where :
La Salette Hall.



Remembering those that need our prayers
Recordando a los que necesitan nuestras oraciones

*Ethan Bourdon Grimes
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If you would like to add a name to our
prayer list, **please visit our website stfac.org.**

Si desea agregar un nombre a nuestra lista de oración, visite nuestro sitio web stfac.org.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

All children ages 4-12 are invited to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) next **Sunday, January 9th during the 10am Mass.** Children will be called forth and dismissed before the First Reading and will return after the Prayers of the Faithful. During CLOW, students will have the opportunity to hear God's Word and engage in the meaning on an appropriate level for their understanding. If you have any questions you may contact the Faith Formation Office. We look forward to serving the youngest members of our church in a new and exciting way.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

St. Francis invites each of us to be generous and spend time with Jesus Christ in Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist as a Guardian. Feel Jesus' love and mercy present in the Holy Eucharist and allow him to heal and renew your soul.
Adoration, each Thursday from 9:30am - 7:00pm.

What is Adoration?

Adoration is adoring and honoring the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament is held within a holder called a monstrance. During this time with Jesus, recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, pray a rosary, or other types of prayerful devotions. You can talk to God or sit in total stillness. All are invited for as much time as you wish to spend.

Becoming an Adoration Guardian!

Everyone is invited to come visit, worship, and adore the Blessed Sacrament. To make sure adoration can safely take place, at least one person, but preferably two, is with our Lord at all times. These guardians make it possible for all parishioners to experience the blessings of Eucharistic adoration. Guardians can commit to spending time in adoration a specific hour each Thursday. Also, Adoration guardian substitutes fill in for guardians or during open adoration hours.

If you can spend some time with Him in Adoration, please call the front office (770) 382-4549. We need Guardians during each hour that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

STAR

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

MATTHEW 2:10

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VIDA DE LA COMUNIDAD PARROQUIAL

15 PROMESAS DE LA VIRGEN A QUIENES RECEN EL ROSARIO



- 1 Aquellos que recen con enorme fe el Rosario recibirán gracias especiales.
- 2 Prometo mi protección y las gracias más grandes a aquellos que recen el Rosario.
- 3 El Rosario es un arma poderosa para no ir al infierno: destruye los vicios, disminuye los pecados y nos defiende de las herejías.
- 4 Se otorgará la virtud y las buenas obras abundarán y la piedad de Dios para las almas.
- 5 El alma que se encomiende a mí en el Rosario no perecerá.
- 6 Quien lo rece devotamente, y lleve los misterios como testimonio de vida no conocerá la desdicha.
- 7 Aquel que sea verdadero devoto del Rosario no perecerá sin los sagrados sacramentos.
- 8 Aquellos que recen con mucha fe el Santo Rosario en vida y en la hora de su muerte encontrarán la luz de Dios.
- 9 Libraré del purgatorio a quienes recen el rosario devotamente.
- 10 Los niños devotos al Rosario merecerán un alto grado de gloria en el cielo.
- 11 Obtendrán todo lo que me pidan mediante el Rosario.
- 12 Aquellos que propaguen mi Rosario serán asistidos por mí en sus necesidades.
- 13 Todo el que se encomiende a mí al rezar el Rosario tendrá como intercesores a toda la corte celestial en vida y a la hora de la muerte.
- 14 Son mis niños aquellos que recitan el Rosario, y hermanos y hermanas de mi único hijo, Jesucristo.
- 15 La devoción a mi Rosario es una gran señal de profecía.

Reina del Santísimo Rosario, ruega por nosotros



COMO PUEDO AYUDAR A MIS FAMILIARES A VOLVER A PRACTICAR Y VIVIR LA FE CATÓLICA?

Puede ser muy doloroso cuando un ser querido está separado de la fe. Sin embargo, muchos de los santos y otros hombres y mujeres santos sintieron ese mismo dolor. El Espíritu Santo les regaló la sabiduría para llegar a la verdad de la fe católica de una manera u otra. Hay recursos disponibles para ayudarte en tu compartir con estas personas y cambiar las actitudes negativas hacia la fe Católica o ayudar a alguien a encontrar su camino hacia la luz de la verdad. Hay que orar mucho por las almas que están fuera de la practica de la fe, y tenemos que compartir nuestra fe "con amor y reverencia" (1 Pedro 3:15). Otra forma de compartir la fe es compartiendo nuestro testimonio personal, invitando a estas personas a ir a las Misa juntos con ellas, o através de un regalo un libro católico o un CD. Tenemos que permanecer rezando por nuestros seres queridos y confiar que Dios tocara sus corazones en el tiempo de El.



La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl

"El que tiene ojos agradables será bienaventurado, porque comparte su pan con los pobres". Proverbios 22: 9

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl brinda asistencia a las personas necesitadas. Si conoce a alguien que esté luchando durante este tiempo, por favor refiéralos al ministerio SVdP de San Francisco de Asís en svdpofsf@gmail.com.

Seguimos aceptando alimentos no perecederos después de cada misa. Junto con el sobre de donación mensual, tenemos una página de donación en línea fácil en el sitio web de la iglesia. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra comunidad a los necesitados a través de donaciones financieras y de Alimentos.

5 BENEFICIOS DE CONFESARTE

- 1 **TE PERMITE DESAHOGARTE**
El sacerdote no va a juzgarte ni a divulgar tus pecados.
- 2 **RECIBES UN BUEN CONSEJO**
Los confesores tienen experiencia y sabrán qué decirte.
- 3 **ERES PERDONADO POR DIOS**
Las palabras de absolución nos dan la certeza de que el Señor nos ha perdonado.
- 4 **REPARAS EL DAÑO HECHO**
Gracias a la penitencia te reconstruyes interiormente.
- 5 **RECIBES AYUDA PARA NO VOLVER A PECAR**
La gracia divina de la confesión nos fortalece y nos ayuda a ser mejores.

Desde la fe

Parish Information

HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION



1 Prepare.

Take some time to think over your thoughts, words and actions before going to confession. This is often called an examination of conscience.

1

2 Welcome!

When you enter the confessional, the priest will greet you and perhaps say a short prayer or read from Scripture.

2

3 Begin with the Sign of the Cross.

When the priest instructs you, make the Sign of the Cross. He may ask you the last time you went to confession.

3

4 Confess.

Tell the priest all of your sins. If it's helpful, bring a list or use an app on your phone.

4

5 Agree to penance.

The priest may offer some words of advice and will also suggest a penance, such as a prayer or other spiritual act.

5

6 Resolve to change.

Pray aloud an Act of Contrition. Often, the priest will have one, or bring one along.

6

7 Receive God's Mercy.

The priest will pray the words of absolution over you. When he is done, respond, "Amen."

7

8 Give thanks!

The priest may offer a word of praise for God's mercy in which you may also participate.

8

9 Go in peace.

When the sacrament is concluded, the priest will dismiss you. "Go in peace!"

9

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/1VRg6XE>

HOW CAN I HELP MY FAMILY MEMBERS RETURN TO PRACTICE AND LIVE THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

It can be very painful when a loved one is separated from the faith. However, many of the saints and other holy men and women felt that same pain. The Holy Spirit gave them the wisdom to arrive at the truth of the Catholic faith in one way or another. There are resources available to help you in your sharing with these people and change negative attitudes toward the Catholic faith or help someone find their way into the light of truth. We must pray much for souls who are outside the practice of faith, and we must share our faith "with love and reverence" (1 Peter 3:15).

Another way of sharing the faith is by sharing our personal witness, inviting these people to go to Mass together with them, or through the gift of a great Catholic book or CD. We have to remain praying for our loved ones and trust that God will touch their hearts in His time.



St Vincent de Paul Society

"He who has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor."
-Proverbs 22:9

The St Vincent de Paul Society provides assistance to people in need. If you know of anyone struggling during this time, please refer them to the St Francis of Assisi SVdP ministry at svdpofs@gmail.com. We continue to accept nonperishable food items after each mass. Along with the monthly donation envelope, we have an easy online giving page on the church website. Thank you for your support to our community to those in need through financial and food donations.

The 15 PROMISES of the VIRGIN MARY FOR THOSE WHO PRAY THE ROSARY

- 1 Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive special graces.
- 2 I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.
- 3 The rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- 4 It will cause virtue and good works to flourish. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
- 5 The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary shall not perish.
- 6 Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, shall never be conquered by misfortune.
- 7 Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
- 8 Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God.
- 9 I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.
- 10 The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
- 11 You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
- 12 All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
- 13 All the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
- 14 All who recite the rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.
- 15 Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us



The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

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La Epifanía del Señor

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. "Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. "La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti". Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada.

También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. "Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón" (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino.

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