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*January 09, 2022*

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## Daily Schedule

Rosary.....8:20 am

Service.....9:00 am

Monday .....Mass

Tuesday.....Communion Service

Wednesday ..Mass

Thursday.....Mass

Friday.....Mass

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### *Horario de Misa*

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

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16



"Yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El lo bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego" - Lc 3:16

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## ADORATION

Thursday

9:30 am to 7:00 pm

## St. Francis of Assisi office hours

Monday– Friday .....8:00am to 2:00pm

Closed for lunch .....12:00pm to 12:30pm

## Confessions/ Confesiones

Saturday/ Sabados.....3:00pm to 3:45pm

or by appointment / por cita



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**Spotlight for Our Ministries**

**Homebound Ministry**

*(Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick)*

*He who is kind to the needy, glorifies  
God -Proverbs 14:31*

Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever;...he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and...abides in me, and I in him" CCC1406, John 6:51, 54, 56

It warms my heart to inform you of our Homebound Ministry - Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist with distribution of Holy Communion to our sick (Currently Non-COVID), elderly, and homebound parishioners in Bartow County. Upon request, we may also visit and pray with our homebound brothers and sisters in Christ. We are currently seeking additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you hear God's call to this beautiful ministry, of feeding the souls in most need, please give Deacon Miguel Echevarria or myself, Marie Haney a call or e-mail, we would love this Ministry to continue to prosper and serve those in need, in our St. Francis of Assisi community.

*Your Sister in Christ, May God Bless You,  
Marie Haney, EMHC*



**Counting our Blessings December 25th & 26th**

OFFERTORY ..... \$ 13,484.00

**Christmas Masses**

OFFERTORY .....\$ 4,762.46  
ONLINE GIVING ..... \$ 4,040.00  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES .....\$ 2,114.26

**Weekly Offertory  
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- ◆ For questions concerning our finances, please contact our Finance Committee at [stfrancisfinancecouncil@stfac.org](mailto:stfrancisfinancecouncil@stfac.org).

# Parish Information/VIDA DE LA COMUNIDAD PARROQUIAL

## Next Weekend Second Collection

Archdiocese Hispanic Ministries

## La Segunda Colecta siguiente semana

Ministerios Hispanos de la Arquidiócesis

## Kenyan Mass Next Sunday



PLEASE JOIN US

January 16 at 4:00 pm

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



Lisa Escutia      Brad Bonner  
Tiffany Preister      Elijah Preister  
Macaria Mejorada+      Lafanda Shutley  
The Cole Family      Jimmy Nelson

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please visit our website [sfac.org](http://sfac.org).

Si desea agregar un nombre a nuestra lista de oración, visite nuestro sitio web [sfac.org](http://sfac.org).

## WEEKLY READINGS

**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

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo:** Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 [11]/Hch 10, 34-38/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22

o Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 [1]/Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22 Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22

**Lunes:** 1 Sm 1, 1-8/Sal 115, 12-13. 14-17. 18-19/Mc 1, 14-20

**Martes:** 8 1 Sm 1, 9-20/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Mc 1, 21-28

**Miércoles:** 1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20/Sal 39, 2 y 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10/Mc 1, 29-39

**Jueves:** 1 Sm 4, 1-11/Sal 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/Mc 1, 40-45

**Viernes:** 1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22/Sal 88, 16-17. 18-19/Mc 2, 1-12

**Sábado:** 1 Sm 9, 1-4. 17-19; 10, 1/Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mc 2, 13-17

**Domingo siguiente:** Is 62, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 [3]/1 Co 12, 4-11/Jn 2, 1-11





## The Prophets

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### Discover the Prophets' Message for You

It is nearly impossible to understand the work and message of Jesus without the prophetic books. In *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy* study, presenter Thomas Smith examines who the prophets were, their role during their time, and the meaning of their messages for our own time. In this 10-session program, discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship, as well as the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others.

**Come join us Tuesdays mornings at 9:30 AM  
beginning January 18**

**or on Thursday evening at 6:30PM  
beginning January 20.**

*For more information*

*contact Paul Eberhard (770)-881-0132  
or Dave Trawinski (682)-402-4121*

## 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.*

## Thank you to the Following Flower Donations

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# VIDA DE LA COMUNIDAD PARROQUIAL

## Estudio Bíblico



ACOMPAÑENOS A ESTUDIAR Y  
MEDITAR LAS SAGRADAS  
ESCRITURAS Y REZAR  
EL ROSARIO .

DOMINGOS 9:00 AM—11:00 AM  
Salon - St John

Para mas informacion llamar al  
Señor Abelardo Diaz  
404-446-8565

### LAS SIETE OBRAS DE MISERICORDIA CORPORALES

1. Visitar y cuidar a los enfermos.
2. Dar de comer al hambriento.
3. Dar de beber al sediento.
4. Dar posada al peregrino.
5. Vestir al desnudo.
6. Redimir al cautivo.
7. Enterrar a los muertos.

### LAS SIETE OBRAS DE MISERICORDIA ESPIRITUALES

1. Enseñar al que no sabe.
2. Dar buen consejo al que lo necesita.
3. Corregir al que yerra.
4. Perdonar las injurias.
5. Consolar al triste.
6. Sufrir con paciencia los defectos de los demás.
7. Rogar a Dios por vivos y difuntos.



## Por qué ofrecemos misas por los difuntos ?

El ofrecimiento de misas por el descanso del alma de los fieles que se han ido, está ligado a nuestra creencia en el purgatorio. Si la persona ha muerto creyendo en Dios, pero con pecados veniales y con dolor por sus pecados, entonces Dios en su divino amor y misericordia purificará aquella alma. Después de que la purificación haya terminado, el alma tendrá la santidad y pureza que necesita para compartir el cielo. Aunque cada individuo tendrá que pasar por un juicio personal ante el Señor al morir, y deberá rendir cuentas de su vida, la comunión de la Iglesia compartida en esta tierra continúa, con excepción de las almas que han sido condenadas al infierno.

El Concilio Vaticano II en el numeral 51 de la Constitución Dogmática de la Iglesia dice: “Este sagrado concilio acepta fielmente la fe venerable de nuestros antecesores en la comunión viviente, la cual existe entre nosotros y nuestros hermanos que se han ido a la gloria del cielo, o quienes están siendo purificados después de su muerte”. Entonces, de la misma manera que aquí en la tierra, oramos los unos por los otros, compartimos las dificultades, y nos ayudamos el uno al otro en el camino de la salvación. Los fieles en la tierra podemos ofrecer oraciones y sacrificios para ayudar a las almas que se han ido a la purificación en el purgatorio después de la muerte, y no hay oración más perfecta que la de ofrecer el sacrificio de la santa misa.



# Parish Information

## Happy New Year from SFA Counsel of Catholic Women

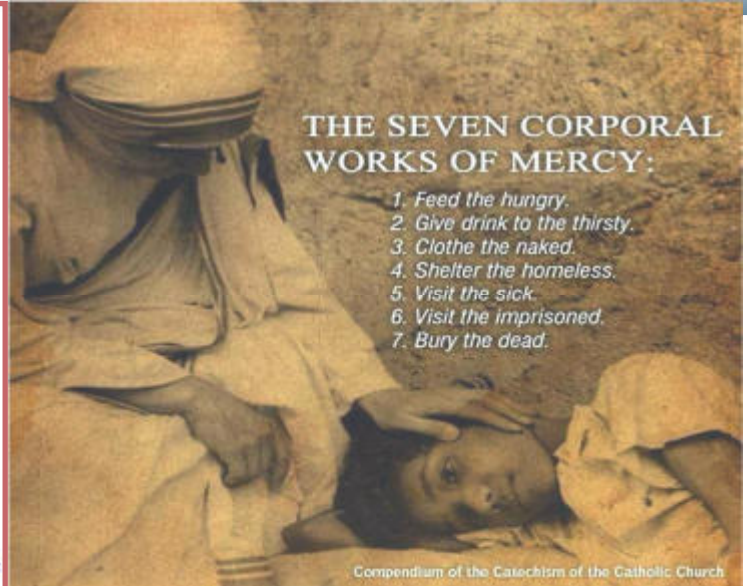
We the CCW packed toiletry bags for our St. Vincent de Paul and SFA Feeds the Need groups at the December meeting. We have decided to continue finding ways to support other St. Francis Ministries.

All ladies of the parish are welcome.

Please join us every second Tuesday at 6:30p.m for our meetings—Our Next meeting is January 11th in St James room .



**CCW**  
Council of Catholic Women



## Couples' Weekend Retreat: Jan. 28 - 30

Couples are invited to explore how God desires to continue to breathe life into your marriage —companioning you at each stage of your relationship. Receive conversation prompts for you and your spouse to complete alone. Led by Maria Cressler, MTS and John Cressler, PhD at Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center, 6700 Riverside Dr., Sandy Springs. \$525 per couple includes private room + bath, all meals, Mass, guided prayer and use of 20 acres of natural forest. <https://bit.ly/CouplesJan2022>



If you would like to request a Mass intention for either daily or weekend Masses. Please call the Front Office at 770-382-4549, ext 2 or email at [stfac.frontdesk@stfac.org](mailto:stfac.frontdesk@stfac.org)  
Or fill out the following form and give to a mass captain.



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### Mass Intention Request (Solicitud de intención para la Misa)

Mass offered for (Misa ofrecida para) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mass Intention (Intención para la Misa) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date requested (Fecha solicitada) \_\_\_\_\_ Time (Hora) \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested by (Solicitado por) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (Teléfono) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Once the request had been processed, you will be notified to confirm the date and time.

\* Una vez procesada la solicitud, se le notificará a confirmar la fecha y la hora.

\* Please drop in the front office dropped box.

\* Por favor, déjelo en el buzón de recepción de la oficina

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# **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**January 9, 2022. The Baptism of the Lord**

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

## **MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA**

**9 de enero de 2022, El Bautismo del Señor**

Con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor se da por terminado el tiempo de Navidad. El Bautismo de Jesús es como una nueva epifanía, es decir, una nueva manifestación de Dios por medio de Jesús ahora en el Jordán. "El Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él y se manifestó exteriormente en forma de paloma, y del cielo vino una voz: Tú eres mi Hijo, hoy te he dado la vida" (Lucas 3,22). La revelación del Padre se manifiesta proclamando a Jesús como su Hijo.

El Papa Francisco en una de sus catequesis lo muestra en tres puntos muy importantes para todos los que hemos sido bautizados en Cristo Jesús: "Jesús quiso recibir el bautismo predicado y administrado por Juan el Bautista en el Jordán. ¡Cuánta humildad tiene Jesús! Y al hacerlo, manifestó lo que hemos celebrado en Navidad: sumergirse en el río de la humanidad". Jesús, va con todo a lo que refiere la cuestión humana, menos en el pecado. "El Evangelio subraya que Jesús, apenas salió del agua vio rasgarse los cielos y el Espíritu que bajaba hacia él como una paloma. El Espíritu Santo desciende en plenitud sobre Jesús para darle la fortaleza de cumplir su misión". Por medio de nuestra vocación es que tenemos nuestra misión en la vida. ¿Cómo la estamos cumpliendo? "La fiesta del bautismo de Jesús invita a cada cristiano a recordar su bautismo". ¿Sabes, o recuerdas la fecha de tu bautismo? Hay que preguntar sobre ese día y de cómo se celebró la fiesta de hacernos hijos e hijas de Dios. (Papa Francisco 1/7/2018).





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