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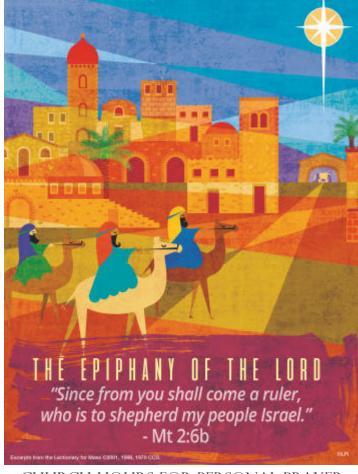
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS 7:30am—4:00pm If Last Rites are needed, please call 1-843-941-9434



CHURCH HOURS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER 8:00am—3:00pm / Monday through Wednesday 8:00am—4:00pm / Thursday & Friday

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MONDAY, JANUARY 3—SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Church at:

8:30am: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11:30am: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 4:45pm and in Spanish at 7:00pm

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, & Noon in the Church

Confession: 15 minutes before daily Mass in the Church Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm in the Church, or by appointment.

Readings & Intentions for January 2—January 9, 2022

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1/2 Sunday Epiphany of the Lord	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Bobby Mamgan + James Mallis + James Arrigoni + Jack & Julie Griswold +	First: Isaiah 60:1-6 Second: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
1/3 Monday	8:30am 11:30am	Ken Carpenter, Sr. + NO MASS	First: 1John 3:22-4:6 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
1/4 Tuesday	8:30am 11:30am	Robert Michael Martin + Joan MacBride +	First: 1John 4:7-10 Gospel: Mark 6:34-44
1/5 Wednesday	8:30am	Joan Angolia +	First: 1John 4:11-18 Gospel: Mark 6:45-52
1/6 Thursday	8:30am 11:30am	Thomas Paige + Jim Fullam +	First: 1John 4:19-5:4 Gospel: Luke 4:14-22
1/7 Friday	8:30am 11:30am	Catherine Vowinkel + Brianna Wood +	First: 1John 5:5-13 Gospel: Luke 5:12-16
1/8 Saturday	8:30am 4:45pm 7:00pm(En Espanol)	Ellery Reilly + Richard Terdle +	First: 1John 5:14-21 Gospel: 3:22-30
1/9 Sunday The Baptism of the Lord	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Tim McIvor + Sally B. Patterson + David A. Loughran + Jim Atkins +	First: Isaiah 40:1-5, 69-11 Second: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Please Note: We have added a new feature to our "Current Mass and Funeral Schedule" on our website. You may now click the link on the date of a funeral to view the obituary (when available).



The feast of Epiphany, wrote Sister Aemiliana Lohr, O.S.B., "brings to completion what the feast of Christmas began. The redemption has become real, in us and upon us. The Lord has come to visit us, has made us clean, has joined us to himself most deeply. Born a man, he has shown himself as God, has rescued us and espoused himself to us. Changed into a new being, and set upon another way we pass back from the banquet table to the life of every-day. We have seen God. We have become his children." Two thousand years later, we join in the homage and gift-giving of the Magi by worshipping Jesus—Son of Mary, King of kings, and the One whom we will adore for all eternity.

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Reflection... The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time in prayer? My participation in my parish community? My generosity?

Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-12* "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Gospel Teaching:

During this Christmas season, many people travel and give gifts to others. Travel is not as difficult now, as it was when Jesus was born. While we have GPS to guide us and numerous "must have tech toys" to give and receive, the Magi had only the stars in the heavens to guide them. The gifts they brought are

items that helped the Holy Family with the tasks of daily living (gold), honoring God (incense) and anointing the dead (myrrh). As a return gift, Jesus offered his life for our salvation. It appears that we received the greater gift. Give thanks to God for the gift that we received.



Stewardship

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Have you considered donating stock to St. Francis? All donations of stock are processed through the Diocese of Charleston. Please contact Kelsey Shooter at 843-261-0468 or kshooter@charlestondiocese.org to facilitate your gift.

Weekly Giving

Week of December 15–21, 2021

Weekly Offertory Envelopes Loose Christmas Immaculate Conception Online Contributions	\$35,286 \$6,596 \$9,458 \$37 \$2,462
Total Offertory	\$53,839
Repair & Replacement	\$1,390
Envelopes Issued Envelopes Used Electronic Giving Percentage of Envelopes & Electronic Giving	1240 336 36 30%

January Charitable Giving News

Charitable Giving represents 10% of the planned offertory

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is currently closed for the New Year's Holiday. The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:30am.

We wish you all a Blessed New Year!

Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The classes for 2022 will resume as follows:

Sunday, January 9th Communion 1 at 10:00am

Tuesday, January 11th Confirmation 2 at 6:00pm

Wednesday January 12th Communion 2, Grades 2-5th, and Youth Group at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 13th High School Youth Group at 6:00pm

We wish you and your family a blessed New Year. Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Klaudia, and Mr. Kevin

Las clases para 2022 se reanudarán de la siguiente manera:

Domingo 9 de enero Comunión 1 a las 10:00am

Martes 11 de enero Confirmación 2 a las 6:00pm

Miércoles 12 de enero Comunión 2, Grados 2-5 y Grupo de Jóvenes a las 6:00pm

Jueves 13 de enero Grupo de Jóvenes de Secundaria 6:00pm

Le deseamos a usted y a su familia una bendita y Año Nuevo. Sra. Weaver, Sra. Klaudia y Sr. Kevin



PSALMS: The School of Prayer

Meeting Times: Thursday from 9:30—11:00am Format: In-Person Sessions run until March (No sessions from 12/16/2021-1/6/2022)

How to Join: Text "BibleHHI" to 84576, or call the Parish Office

All sessions are held in the Family Center & ALL are welcome!

LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

The National Prayer Vigil for Life will take place January 20-21, 2022, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The Mass will be televised live by EWTN.

For more information, please visit: www.usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life

In recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we are fortunate to have the author of "Memory is our Home", Suzanna Eibuszyc coming to St. Francis on January 25th & 26th to speak about her book and the experience of her family during that time. More information is the follow.



To nurture students' spiritual and intellectual growth in an authentically Catholic community committed to academic excellence.

NEWS

Thank you to our own Santa's helpers (the Knights of Columbus) and our FSA volunteers for a wonderful Breakfast with Santa. Our students were treated to pancakes, bacon and sausage on Friday, December 17th. Santa even came and they were able to get pictures with him. This is a much-loved tradition of the children and we thank you all very much.



UPCOMING EVENTS

1/3	3:00—4:30pm 4:15—6:00pm	Classes Resume Senior Girls Basketball Practice Senior Boys Basketball Practice
1/4	6:00—7:30pm 3:00—4:30pm 4:00pm	Schior Boys Basketball Practice Cheer Practice Senior Girls Basketball Game vs. Holy Trinity (AWAY)
	4:15—6:00pm	Senior Boys Basketball Practice
	6:00—7:30pm	Junior Girls Basketball Practice
1/5	10:00am	School Mass
	3:00—4:30pm	Senior Girls Basketball Practice
	4:15—6:00pm	Senior Boys Basketball Practice
	4:30pm	SAC Meeting (Library)
1/6	4:30pm	Senior Girls Basketball Game vs. Bridges (HOME)
	5:30pm	Senior Boys Basketball Game
1/7	1:00nm	vs. Bridges (HOME)
1/7	4:00pm	Senior Boys Basketball Game vs. Hilton Head Christian Academy
	4:30pm	Junior Girls Basketball Game
	5:30pm	Junior Boys Basketball Game vs. Bolden

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: SCHOOL JANITORIAL CUSTODIAN

St. Francis Catholic School has an immediate opening for a full-time PM Maintenance Custodian. The position is for an evening shift from 3:00pm to 11:00pm. Full benefits available. Compensation is flexible depending on experience. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the mailing address below or to the following email address: bpope@sfcshhi.com

St. Francis Catholic School Attn: Principal 45 Beach City Rd Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

FUNDRAISING

AMAZON SMILE

Consider supporting our school by shopping on www.smile.amazon.com and entering "St. Francis Catholic School" as your charity of choice. You receive the same benefits of shopping on Amazon, but Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases back to the school.

ST. FRANCIS ISLAND VALUE CARD

The Island Value Card is a great way to support our school and local businesses while receiving a discount! Purchase one for your family now! The card makes great gifts for family, friends, and co-workers. Present your card each time you visit any of the restaurants and retailers listed on the card. Cards may be purchased at the School or Parish Offices.

GROCERY STORES

The **Publix** keychain cards have been discontinued. Please take a few minutes to link your phone number to the school so we will continue to receive donations from Publix. Create an account with your phone number at http://corporate.publix. Create an account with your phone number at http://corporate.publix. Create an account with your phone number at http://corporate.publix.com/community/corporatecampaigns/publix-partners and link to the school on the "Publix Partners" page. For Harris Teeter shoppers, please re-link your VIC account annually online or at the Customer Service Desk with our school code, 1685.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SAFE ENVIRONMENT SCREENING

To volunteer at St. Francis Catholic School or many of our ministries at St. Francis Catholic Church that have incidental contact with minors, vulnerable adults or money, you will need to complete Screening Paperwork that is required by our Diocese and take the Safe Haven, "It's Up To You" online class. If your ministry requires you to drive, you are also required to be screened for driving and take a Safe Haven Online Driving course. For questions and registration, please contact Colleen Rzeczycki or Melissa Markey, Safe Environment Coordinators.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The school is looking for substitutes for this school year. Please e-mail Brian Pope if you are interested.

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AdvanceEd & Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information or to tour the school, please contact the School Office.

Prayer & Worship



As we begin the New Year, may we always remember St. Francis of Assisi's Prayer for Peace...

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday from 3:00—4:00pm, there will be a Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. While the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, Father Max will be available for confession.



DAILY ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed each morning at 8:00am, except for Sundays.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed each Friday at 🔻 3:00 pm in the church.

CENTERING PRAYER/LECTO DIVINA



Centering Prayer always welcomes new participants. The group offers beginning, ongoing instruction and practice in prayer and sacred reading (Lectio Divina) from the Bible in a group setting. Centering Prayer is a remarkably simple method that opens one to the presence and activity of God in one's life. Sessions take place on Mondays from 11:00am—Noon in the Family Center.

Parish Life



Never give up! That's the theme of this year's Proudly Pro-Life Weekend in Columbia, S.C. The main event is the march and rally on Saturday, January 8, 2022 beginning at 11:00am. Featured speaker is Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch.

the first woman A.G. Musical guest artists are The 3 Heath Brothers. The rally is preceded by the Proudly Pro-Life Dinner on Friday, January 7th. Full details are available at the S.C. Citizens for Life website: <u>www.sclife.org/events</u>, or by calling 803-252-5433.

If you can't make it to the state rally in Columbia, consider attending our very own Rally for Life right here in Hilton Head! It will take place the following weekend, on Sunday, January 16th, from 2:00—3:00pm outside the St. Francis Thrift Shop. Look for details in next week's bulletin.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap the harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

SYNOD 2021-2023

The next listening session for the SYNOD will be January 8, 2022 from 9:30am—Noon in the Family Center. If you would like to participate, please contact Colleen at c-rzec@stfrancishhi.org.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The St. Francis by the Sea Bereavement Group will meet in the Family Center on Sunday, January 9th at 1:00pm. All who are dealing with loss issues are welcomed to participate in an atmosphere of love and support. If you would like to attend or for further information, please contact Georgeanne Schopp at 912-658-6728 or georgeanne.schopp@gmail.com

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Whenever emergency prayers are needed, or if you are interested in being a member of the Prayer Chain Team, please contact Kathy Sheehan at 843-422-3565 or kayshee@aol.com.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Fellowship Sunday takes place after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. These gatherings provide parishioners and visitors an



opportunity to continue the fellowship of the Mass, all the while enjoying coffee and donuts!

Due to the holiday, the next Fellowship Sunday will take place: Sunday, January 30, 2022. Free blood pressure screenings will also be available that morning.

ST. FRANCIS OUTREACH

St. Francis Outreach (SFO) is our parish ministry that provides financial assistance. For additional information, please contact 843-681-2112 or email <u>sfo@gmail.com</u>.

St. Francis Outreach (SFO) es nuestro ministerio parroquial que brinda asistencia financier de emergencia. Las personas que no hablan inglés puedon comunicarse con Santiago Vera al 901-288-3207.

Other News

SHARING THY BOUNTY

We are grateful for all you have contributed and ask for your continued support in 2022.

For those who have not participated, we invite you to become part of this important ministry. Please bring a non-perishable item to the monthly collection and know that your contribution will make a difference.

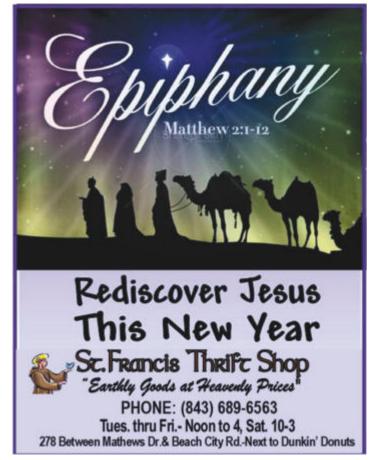
Our next collection will be the weekend of January 8th and 9th, and will benefit Holy Family and Palmetto Breeze. Their request is for canned vegetables, jelly, spam, Vienna sausage, Oreo cookies and snack bars.

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The Women of St. Francis would like you to continue bringing your cell phones to the Parish Office or to the WOSF General Meetings in the Family Center on the second Monday of each month. Any questions, please contact Kathy Struna at her new number: 843-341-2071. Thank you!





2022 CALENDARS Stay organized in 2022 with your parish calendar! Calendars are available in the narthex - get yours now!



married parishioners! Jose Armando Martinez & Diana Laura Cortes

November 26, 2021

Matthew Brannon & Lauren Berl December 11, 2021

Raymond & Joanne Doyle (Convalidation) December 13, 2021

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS General Meeting

Monday, January 10th 1:00—3:00pm in the Family Center

Please join us for refreshments and a presentation by David Green, Director of Finance and Development of the Osprey Village.

Osprey Village is a non-profit corporation developing an "inclusive residential neighborhood with a purpose." They want to provide affordable housing options for adults with developmental disabilities to achieve independence.

BIRTHDABlessings

Happy Birthday to those celebrating a birthday in January!

May God bless you with His love, peace and joy throughout the coming year!

Philip Acino Jose Acosta Aurora Acut **Tiffany Adams** Bob Agans William Alberts Diego Albornoz Denis Amaya Karen Anderson Ingrid Angel-Lopez Paul Angel-Lopez Ronald Ängner Guy Annunziata James Aragon John Arkins Elinor Armetta Gabriel Arnold **Phyllis Atkins** Judy Baccei Allison Baroni **Richard Bart Richard Basirico** Georgina Bateman John Baumann Piper Baxter Ramon Benitez Christopher Benitez-Rivera

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

2 de enero de 2022 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. ©LPi



Los calendarios de 2022 St. Francis están disponibles en español.

¡Consiga el suyo pronto!





