### **EFFECTIVE** MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022:

Due to the parking lot refurbishment project, the Church will not be accessible.

ALL Masses, Divine Mercy (on Fridays) and confessions will take place in the Gym, until further notice.

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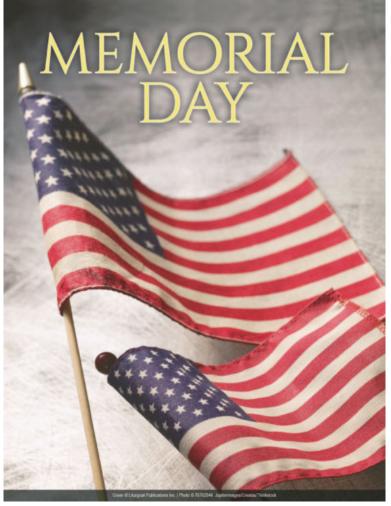
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# ST. FRANCIS BY THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH ESTABLISHED 1984

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MONDAY, MAY 30—SUNDAY, JUNE 5 Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Church: m: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

Tuesday: 7:00pm en Espanol

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:45pm | 7:00pm en Espanol

Sunday Mass: 7:30am | 9:00am | 10:30am | 12:00pm

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

# Readings & Intentions for May 29—June 5, 2022

| 5/29 Sunday<br>The Ascension of the Lord<br>7th Sunday of Easter | 7:30am<br>9:00am<br>10:30am<br>12:00pm        | Peter & Helen Ozelski ়<br>Margaret Hiebendahl ়<br>Amy Casavant &<br>Lee Sturm & | First: Acts 1:1-11<br>Second: Ephesians 1:17-23<br>Gospel: Luke 24:46-53          |
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| 5/30 Monday<br>Memorial Day                                      | 8:30am<br>11:30am                             | Mary Parrella   | First: Acts 19:1-8<br>Gospel: John 16:29-33                                       |
| 5/31 Tuesday<br>The Visitation of the<br>Blessed Virgin Mary     | 8:30am<br>11:30am<br>7:00pm <i>En Espanol</i> | Charles Kapp & the<br>Intentions of Ruth Kapp<br>Thomas Anthony Rego ⊉            | First: Zephaniah 3:14-18a<br>Second: Romans 12:9-16<br>Gospel: Luke 1:39-56       |
| 6/1 Wednesday<br>St. Justin, Martyr                              | 8:30am<br>11:30am                             | JonPaul Gonzalez ়≎<br>William McIvor ়≎  | First: Acts 20:28-38<br>Gospel: John 17:11b-19                                    |
| 6/2 Thursday<br>Sts. Marcellinus & Peter,<br>Martyrs             | 8:30am<br>11:30am                             | Ann Fossi ়≎<br>Ronald Smith ়≎   | <b>First:</b> Acts 22:30; 23:6-11<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 17:20-26                 |
| 6/3 Friday<br>St. Charles Lwanga<br>and Companions, Martyrs      | 8:30am<br>11:30am                             | John Donahue ়<br>Anne Vienna ়   | First: Acts 25:13b-21<br>Gospel: John 21:15-19                                    |
| 6/4 Saturday   | 8:30am<br>4:45pm<br>7:00pm <i>En Espanol</i>  | Jim Fullam ়⊉<br>Bob Gaddis ⊉   | First: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31<br>Gospel: John 21:20-25                              |
| 6/5 Sunday<br>Pentecost  | 7:30am<br>9:00am<br>10:30am<br>12:00pm        | Nick Curri ়<br>James Atkins ়<br>Mary Lou Murray ়<br>Bob McFadden ়             | First: Acts 2:1-11<br>Second: Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13<br>Gospel: John 20:19-23 |



"The Ascension of Jesus into heaven," Pope Francis said, "acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. If we

entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Savior." This is why, as Pope Benedict XVI wrote, it would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as "the temporary absence of Christ from the world." Rather, "we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him." Heaven is a person: "Jesus himself is what we call 'heaven."

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St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all three saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told.

During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the

cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiegne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen. St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the patron saint of military members. © LPi

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53 "And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you"

### **Gospel Teaching:**

This week's Gospel is from the end of Luke's Gospel and has a brief description of the Ascension. The first reading today was from the beginning of Acts of the Apostles, also written by Luke, contains some additional details. Both readings include instructions to stay in Jerusalem until the coming of the Holy Spirit. The power from the Holy Spirit will allow them to preach

"in his name to all nations" that Christ had died and rose from the dead on the third day. The Apostles are his witness to these things. They are also witness to his Ascension into heaven. Repentance for our sins and asking for forgiveness can provide us with a way to gain our heavenly reward.



# Stewardship

# Weekly Giving

### Week of May 18-24, 2022

| Weekly Offertory Envelopes<br>Loose<br>Feast of the Ascension<br>Online Contributions                     | \$16,586<br>\$4,540<br>\$130<br>\$2,735 |
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| Total Offertory   | \$23,991                                |
| Repair & Replacement  | \$40                                    |
| Envelopes Issued<br>Envelopes Used<br>Electronic Giving<br>Percentage of Envelopes<br>& Electronic Giving | 1291<br>314<br>43<br>28%                |
| May Diocesan Assessment   | (\$17,331)                              |

### May Charitable Giving News

Charitable Giving represents 10% of the planned offertory

| Catholic Relief Services | \$500   |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Catholic Communication   | \$3,000 |
| SFO                      | \$5,350 |

### **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.

### FUNERAL MASS PRE-PLANNING

Our funeral Mass pre-planning packet is available online by visiting: <u>www.stfrancishhi.org/funerals</u>



Once you have completed the funeral planning

worksheet that is included, you may submit it online via the Google form or drop it off at the Parish Office, to remain on file.

### IN MEMORY OF ... OR IN HONOR OF ...

For \$150, parishioners can contribute to the two altar flower arrangements in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

Have you recently moved to Hilton Head? Please visit our website: www.stfrancishhi.org to register; or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our quick and easy registration form.



### Baptism

For additional information about the Sacrament of Baptism for your child, please visit:

<u>https://www.stfrancishhi.org/baptism-preparation</u>. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

# Faith Formation

### FACILITATORS/CATECHIST NEEDED 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

We are looking for volunteers to participate in our Family Faith Formation. Most Sundays the entire family will meet together. For those of you familiar with Alpha we need a facilitator to sit at a family table and help them in discussions about the faith topic. One Sunday a month, parents will meet separately from their children and facilitators will also be with the parents. While the parents are in their separate session we need catechists to facilitate the more traditional classroom setting with the children who are assigned to their age group. Our program is still being developed but volunteers will be provided with direction and materials they need to lead a class or facilitate discussions. Sessions are on Sundays from 10:15-11:45am. This allows catechists and families flexibility on attending the 9:00am or 12:00pm Mass. Interested individuals should be Catholics in good standing and must participate in our Safe Environment

program, which includes a successful background screening. Volunteers do not need to be teachers by profession. For more information, contact Mitzi Weaver, Director of Religious Education, at 843 681-6350 x248 or Kevin Coriolan.





### Effective until Wednesday, August 10th

DAILY MASS Monday—Friday: 8:30am | 11:30am\* Saturday: 8:30am

\* 11:30am Mass on Wednesday will begin June 1st until August 10th

### **EN ESPANOL**

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:45pm

Tuesday: 7:00pm Saturday Vigil: 7:00pm

> SUNDAY MASS 7:30am | 9:00am | 10:30am | 12:00pm



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The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Please note only the 8:30am Daily Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 30th.



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

| BRIAN POPE        |
|-------------------|
| SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  |
| bpope@sfcshhi.com |

#### MELISSA MARKEY SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR mmarkey@sfcshhi.com

### 5th GRADE PERFORMS "THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES"

Family, friends and students enjoyed wonderful performances of 5th Grade's production of "The Emperor's New Clothes." Thank you to Mrs. Sweeney for directing and producing!

### NEWS

### ADMISSIONS OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment has started. St. Francis Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. To schedule a tour please contact the school office at 843-681-6501.

#### 2nd GRADE RECEIVES FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to our students who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Mrs. Gaherty, Mrs. Schoeppe and Mrs. Weaver for preparing our students for this day. The students looked fabulous and were so excited to finally be able to receive Communion. What a special day for them.



#### LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE WAY TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL?

The Athletic Department is looking for a donor, or two, to help with a COOL new camera installation project in gym! It would allow parents to be able to watch their child's games in live action on a mounted TV while working the concession stand and give SFCS coaches access to games for video replay for video training sessions. This project will allow us to take our Program to the next level! If interested and would like to find out more, please email me at <a href="mweaver@sfcshhi.com">mweaver@sfcshhi.com</a>.

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### 2022-2023 ISLAND VALUE DISCOUNT CARD

The NEW St. Francis School Island Value Card is available! Present your card at area restaurants and retailers to save, all the while supporting our school! Cards are \$20 each and cards are available for purchase in the Parish and School Offices. *The new card will expire on April 30, 2023.* 



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

|               | Memorial Day—No School |
|---------------|------------------------|
|               | Staff Development      |
| 8:00am—3:00pm | School Office Open     |
| 8:00am—3:00pm | School Office Open     |
| 8:00am—3:00pm | School Office Open     |
|               | 8:00am—3:00pm          |

### **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.

# PHONE NUMBERS SCHOOL OFFICE 843.681.6501 SCHOOL FAX 843.689.3725 CONNECT WITH US WEBSITE FACEBOOK INSTAGRAM www.sfcshhi.com @sfcshhi @stfranciscatholicschool

St. Francis is a Pre-K-4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic School that is fully accredited through AdvanceEd & Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information or to tour the school, please contact the School Office.

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## Prayer & Worship



God of power and mercy,

you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION: SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH

The Women of St. Francis will be sponsoring their *First Saturday Devotion* after the 8:30am Mass on Saturday, June 4th in the church.

The Rosary at 8:00am on First Saturdays will be deferred to be included in this devotion. All parishioners are welcome, so please join us on the First Saturday of the month.

### **BENEDICTION & ADORATION** OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday from 3:00—4:00pm, there will be Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. While the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, Father Max will be available for confession. *Effective Thursday, June 9th Benediction and Adoration will be postponed until the church is reopened.* 



### DAILY ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed each morning at 8:00am, except for Sundays. *Effective Monday, June 6th, the rosary will be prayed in the gym, until further notice.* 



### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed each Friday at 3:00 pm in the church. *Effective Friday, June 10th Divine Mercy will be prayed in the gym until further notice.* 

### 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.



Thomas Myers Date of Death: May 21, 2022 Funeral Date: June 17, 2022

### May is Na We end I

### May is National Foster Care Month!

Parish Life

We end Mary's month by celebrating motherhood in all its beautiful forms: "The choice of adoption and foster care expresses a particular kind of fruitfulness in the marriage experience...they make

people aware that children, whether natural, adoptive, or taken in foster care, are persons in their own right who need to be accepted, loved, and cared for."

~Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 180





Jacob Murphy & Meaghan Freiter Married: May 21 2022



Please welcome our new members to the St. Francis by the Sea community...

Robert & Maureen Bland Steven & Julie Katz and Family John Noone Dan & Jan O'Rourke and Family Harry & Amy York



### FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

# Fellowship Sunday on Sunday, June 5th has been cancelled due to the parking lot refurbishment project. Traditionally,



ng lot refurbishment project. Traditionally, Fellowship Sunday is not held in July; therefore it will tentatively resume in August. Please keep an eye out in Flocknote and the Sunday bulletin for updates!

### SHARING THY BOUNTY

The next Sharing Thy Bounty collection will take place on June 4—5th and benefit Sandalwood Food Pantry.

Their greatest food request are for:

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rice, vegetable oil, olive oil, condiments, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, jelly/jam, canned corn, canned sweet peas, tuna, and juice. They are

grateful for anything that the generous community of St. Francis wants to donate. Thank you for your continued support!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!

Congratulations to those that recently received the gift of the Holy Spirit! Parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 14, 2022 at Holy Family Catholic Church, and Mass was celebrated by Bishop Robert Guglielmone.



Congratulations to members of our parish who have recently graduated high school, college, and graduate study programs!

### Class of '22 High School Graduates

Jehanne Marie Arnal Jack Fritz Gigante Torin Kennedy Emma Knight Chase McCracken Teddy Oldham Nate Rohr Kyle Scannell Mabel Safe Max Struna Owen Van Marter The Citadel Georgetown University University of South Carolina Georgia Tech University of South Carolina Georgia Tech University of South Carolina Clemson University University of Miami Certifed Marine Technician—Okatie Boathouse Providence College

### Class of '22 College & Graduate School Accolades

Eric Carbonaro

Anna Jean Markey

Jacob Palchak

Jordan Phelps Ensign Madeline Prince, USN

John Ziegler Lillian Kay Zmarzly

### NYIT

Joining Family Electrical & Engineering Company Western Colorado University Graduate School Working for Colorado Parks & Wildlife in Gunnison, CO

Graduating University of South Carolina and Committed to be a 2-year missionary for FOCUS Will attend graduate school at Ashland University Completing Masters Degree at University of Cambridge (UK) and will attend Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC

MUSC—5-year residency (Otolaryngology) Beginning Masters Degree in Education at Clemson University



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# YOU'RE INVITED!

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others (often over a free meal), hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group. We'd love to hear from your perspective!

### Starts Wednesday, June 15 | 6:00-8:00pm

St. Francis by the Sea Family Center 45 Beach City Road

### Scan the QR Code to sign up!



### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

The St. Francis by the Sea Bereavement Group will meet in the Family Center on Sunday, June 12th 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

### FUNERAL MASS INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

The funeral Mass schedule may be found on our website by visiting <u>https://www.stfrancishhi.org/current-mass-schedule</u>.

Please note only funeral Masses celebrated at St. Francis by the Sea are listed on the calendar. Also, when an obituary is available, you may access it by clicking on the individual's name.



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!

#### ST. FRANCIS OUTREACH

St. Francis Outreach (SFO) is our parish ministry that provides financial assistance. Year-to-date, St. Francis Outreach has helped 107 individuals, which includes assistance with rent, electric, and water payments. For additional information, or if you are interested in volunteering, 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.

### PARKING LOT REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

As part of the renovation we will:

- Bring the parking lot up to the latest ADA standards, including 10 accessible parking spaces at the front of the church. There will be a total of 24 accessible parking spaces.
- Add a new drainage system to remove water from the parking surface.
- 31 new pole lights throughout the parking lot.
- Add walkways throughout the parking lot with additional lighting.
- Repave the parking lot.
- Add a new irrigation system and new plantings throughout the parking lot.
- Replace the sidewalks throughout the Church property.

Stayed tuned for more information over the next several weeks!



#### **COLUMBARIUM UPDATE**

The columbarium project is progressing along and the brick walkway is currently being installed. If you already submitted your name for the waiting list to the Parish Office, we will be in touch soon. If you would like to add your name to the list, please contact Merideth at the Parish Office or by email: m-johnson@stfrancishhi.org



Bulletin Deadline: email announcements to m-johnson@stfrancishhi.org by Friday noon, 9 days before the Sunday issue

# Places in the BIBLE Search-a-Word

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| Egypt          | Nazareth        |
| Emmaus         | Palestine       |
| Ethiopia       | Persia          |
| Galilee        | Sidon           |
| Garden of Eden | Sinai           |
| Gethsamane     | Timnah          |
| Gomorrah       | Zion            |
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Sunday, October 2, 2022 1:00—4:00pm

> "Feasting with Francis" ST. FRANCIS BY THE SEA PARISH PICNIC



Join our parish family at Honey Horn Plantation for an afternoon of outdoor fun, as we celebrate our Patron!

Save the

Date!

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!





### MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (GOSPEL MEDITATIONS)

29 de mayo de 2022

7º Domingo de Pascua

"Que todos sean uno, como tú, Padre, estás en mí y yo en ti" (Juan 17:21). Qué gran alegría la oración sacerdotal de Jesús en este VII Domingo de Pascua. Nos encomienda al Padre y nos revela su amor, por medio de la unidad y la promesa de la gloria que se nos ha dado gracias a su resurrección. Jesús nos amó hasta el extremo y el Padre nos ama igual. Es una oración que llena de esperanza al creyente, para no abandonar la fe y la nueva vida prometida. Jesús pide por todos, para ser protegidos ante el peligro de separarse de la fe. La finalidad es permanecer unidos mutuamente.

El Papa Francisco, en su catequesis sobre la oración Sacerdotal, nos ayuda a reflexionar en un punto muy importante: "Esto me parece lo más bonito para recordar. Esta es la última catequesis de este ciclo dedicada al tema de la oración. Recordar la gracia de que nosotros no solamente rezamos, sino que, por así decir, hemos sido "rezados", ya somos acogidos en el diálogo de Jesús con el Padre, en la comunión del Espíritu Santo. Jesús reza por mí. Cada uno de nosotros puede colocar esto dentro del corazón, no lo olviden, también en los momentos más difíciles". Dijo el Santo Padre: "El Apóstol San Juan en el libro del Apocalipsis lo expone de la siguiente manera: "¡Ven! Que el que escucha diga también: ¡Ven! El que tenga sed, que se acerque y el que lo desee, reciba gratuitamente el agua de la vida"" (Apocalipsis 22:17). ¿Cómo es tu fe y tu oración? ¿Sientes que respondes a Jesús, en su petición al Padre, de permanecer unidos en el amor?

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