



The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

ISAIAH 35:1-2



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THIRD
SUNDAY OF

December 11, 2022

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, united with our Bishop, is dedicated to revealing the love of Christ to our parish and beyond. Strengthened by the Word, sacraments, and vibrant worship, we strive to be a shining light throughout our community and supportive of all on their spiritual journey. As a parish of diverse backgrounds, we vow that our faith in action and ministries will be fruitful and welcoming to all.

December 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent



FIRST READING

Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you. (Is 35:4)



PSALM

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

Make your hearts firm,
because the coming of the Lord is at
hand. (Jas 5:7)



GOSPEL

When John the Baptist heard in prison of
the works of the Christ,
he sent his disciples to Jesus with this
question,
"Are you the one who is to come,
or should we look for another?"
(Mt 11:2-3)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

**Happy
BIRTHDAY**



FR. JAMES MCLAUGHLIN

May the Lord bless Fr. James in a special way for the love and concern with which he has ministered to all those who have been entrusted to his care. May his life be filled with abundance of joy and heavenly peace. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

**THIRD
SUNDAY OF
Advent**

December 11, 2022



The Nativity of the Lord

**Vigil of
the Nativity
of the Lord
December 24th**

**4:30 PM
8:00 PM
Vietnamese**

**The Nativity of
the Lord
December 25th**

**12:00 AM Midnight
7:30 AM
9:00 AM**

**10:30 AM
12:00 PM Spanish
4:30 PM**



**12:00 AM Midnight
Bilingual Mass**
Las Mañanitas a la Virgen is a Annual Hispanic Catholic Celebration to commemorate the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This celebration includes the representation of Mary's appearance to Juan Diego in 1531 making it an important holiday in Mexico. Come and join our Latino Community in celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe!



GIFT OF GIVING PROGRAM

IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!

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Las Posadas

15 de Diciembre: 6:00 - 8:30 PM

December 15th: 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Las Posadas is a Religious Festival celebrated in Mexico December 16th-24th. Las Posadas commemorates Joseph and Mary searching for a refuge where Mary could give birth to baby Jesus Christ. Come and join our Latino Community to witness this amazing traditional celebration!

Simbang Gabi

December 16th 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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Simbang Gabi, which means "Night Mass," in Filipino, is a novena — a nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Mother. The tradition has been celebrated by Filipino Catholics for decades. Come and join our Filipino Community to celebrate in this beautiful tradition!

Parish Support

Parish December 3-4th Advent Contributions

<u>MASS TIME</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
Saturday	
4:30 p.m.	\$ 4,583.00
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9:00 a.m.	\$ 4,284.00
10:30 a.m.	\$ 1,158.00
12:00 p.m.	\$ 1,102.00
4:30 p.m.	\$ 3,382.05
7:00 p.m.	\$ 995.00
Mail-In Donations	\$ 3,328.00
TOTALS	\$ 21,632.05

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the needs of our parish.



2022 Diocesan Development Fund Campaign Progress

Diocese Goal: \$109,600.00
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BUENA NOTICIA

La Buena Nueva es la buena noticia es . . . Los mensajes de hoy de Isaías (antepasado profético de Juan el Bautista y de Jesús de Nazaret) y de Santiago (retoño espiritual de Juan y de Jesús) tienen ambos mensajes que resuenan a través de los cinco siglos que los separan: la esperanza en el poder y la presencia de Dios que se avecina. Isaías intentaba consolar y animar al pueblo de Israel en el exilio geográfico y espiritual. Su exilio terminará, dice Isaías, con la presencia de Dios mostrada a través de acontecimientos espectaculares en la naturaleza. Santiago también tiene una comunidad necesitada de ánimo y esperanza, ya que se desespera por el retraso de la parusía, la venida final de Dios en gloria. Mientras tanto, Santiago exhorta a la paciencia. Hasta que vuelva Jesús, deben persistir sin quejarse, con la vida de los profetas como guía. Entonces llegará el tiempo de la vista, la curación, la vida y . . . ¡Buenas noticias para los pobres!

PACIENCIA . . . ¡AHORA!

Un amigo me paseó por su jardín recién plantado para ayudarme a ver cómo quedaría en primavera. Al final se detuvo y dijo: “No puedes imaginarte nada de esto, ¿verdad?” No podía hasta que lo vi en plena floración la primavera siguiente. Entonces pude entender por qué plantó las semillas donde lo hizo. Entonces vi la belleza y la abundancia que su plantación representaba. “Cuenten a Juan lo que escuchan y ven”, dice Jesús a los discípulos de Juan. Los signos del Mesías anunciados por los profetas empiezan a florecer. ¡Miren y vean! Escuchen el canto de los que antes eran mudos y el regocijo de las multitudes que son testigos de estas obras. La belleza y la generosidad de nuestro Dios generoso están por todas partes.

IMAGENES

Santiago escribió a una comunidad que pasaba por dificultades, como los israelitas exiliados de la primera lectura de hoy. Isaías y Santiago exhortan a la gente a confiar en que volverán a ver la presencia de Dios en medio de ellos, así que tengan paciencia. Es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo, ¿verdad? San Francisco de Sales dice que hay que tener paciencia con todos, y sobre todo con nosotros mismos. La paciencia significa aceptar el sufrimiento y la demora sin enfadarse o molestarse. Es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo. Rezar por esta virtud cada día, a veces con frecuencia a lo largo de la jornada, sí ayuda. Inspira el Espíritu de Dios y di: “Dame paciencia, Señor”. Luego exhala la ira, el malestar y la impaciencia. Mirar fijamente un jardín no hará que un retoño brote más rápido; sin embargo, dar gracias por la semilla, el agua, la tierra y el Dador de toda vida puede profundizar nuestra confianza en que el jardín crecerá. Así que ten paciencia. Alégrate siempre. Veán y sean los signos de la belleza y la generosidad de Dios en nuestro mundo actual.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 35:1–6a, 10
Salmo 146 (145):6–7, 8–9, 9–10
Santiago 5:7–10
Mateo 11:2–11

II de diciembre de 2022

TERCER
DOMINGO DE
Adviento

Horario de Misas con Intenciones

El Libro de Intenciones de Misa 2023 ya está disponible para programar sus intenciones. Debido a la gran cantidad de solicitudes, solo se permiten 5 por año. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

*Simboliza Intenciones Especiales ofrecidas en Misas
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Sábado de la segunda semana de Adviento

10 de Diciembre

Lecturas: Eclesiástico (Sirácide) 48, 1-4, 9-11; Salmo 79, 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17, 10-13

4:30 PM (Ingles) - † Joseph and Anna Florek

III Domingo de Adviento

11 de Diciembre

Lecturas: Is 35, 1-6a, 10; Salmo 145, 7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Sant 5, 7-10; Mt 11, 2-11

7:30 AM (Ingles) - Imelda M. Kaminski*

9:00 AM (Ingles) - Parish Community*

10:30 AM (Ingles) - † Terrence Vallely

12:00 PM (Español) - † Albina Carmona Gomez
† Pedro Carmona

4:30 PM (Ingles) - † Walter Jardine

7:00 PM (Vietnamita)

Lunes Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

12 de Diciembre

Lecturas: Za 2, 14-17; Jdt 13, 18bcde, 19; Lc 1, 26-38

8:00 AM (Ingles) - † Lisa Bringas* ; Diana Isabel Hathaway*

Martes Memoria de Santa Lucía, virgen y mártir

13 de Diciembre

Lecturas: So 3, 1-2, 9-13; Sal 33, 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 y 23; Mt 21, 28-32

8:00 AM (Ingles) - † Eleanor and Joseph Ruggiero

Miércoles Memoria de San Juan de la Cruz, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia

14 de Diciembre

Lecturas: Is 45, 6-8, 18, 21-25; Salmo 84, 9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lc 7, 19-23

8:00 AM (Ingles) - † Sean Rose*

Jueves de la tercera semana de Adviento

15 de Diciembre

Lecturas: Is 54, 1-10; Salmo 29, 2 y 4, 5-6, 11-12a y 13 b; Lc 7, 24-30

8:00 AM (Ingles) - Priest Intentions*

Viernes de la tercera semana de Adviento

16 de Diciembre

Lecturas: Is 56, 1-3, 6-8; Salmo 66, 2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5, 33-36

8:00 AM (Ingles) - † Aileen Solitaria

Confesiones

Primer Viernes - 8:30 a.m.

Miércoles - 8:30 a.m.

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