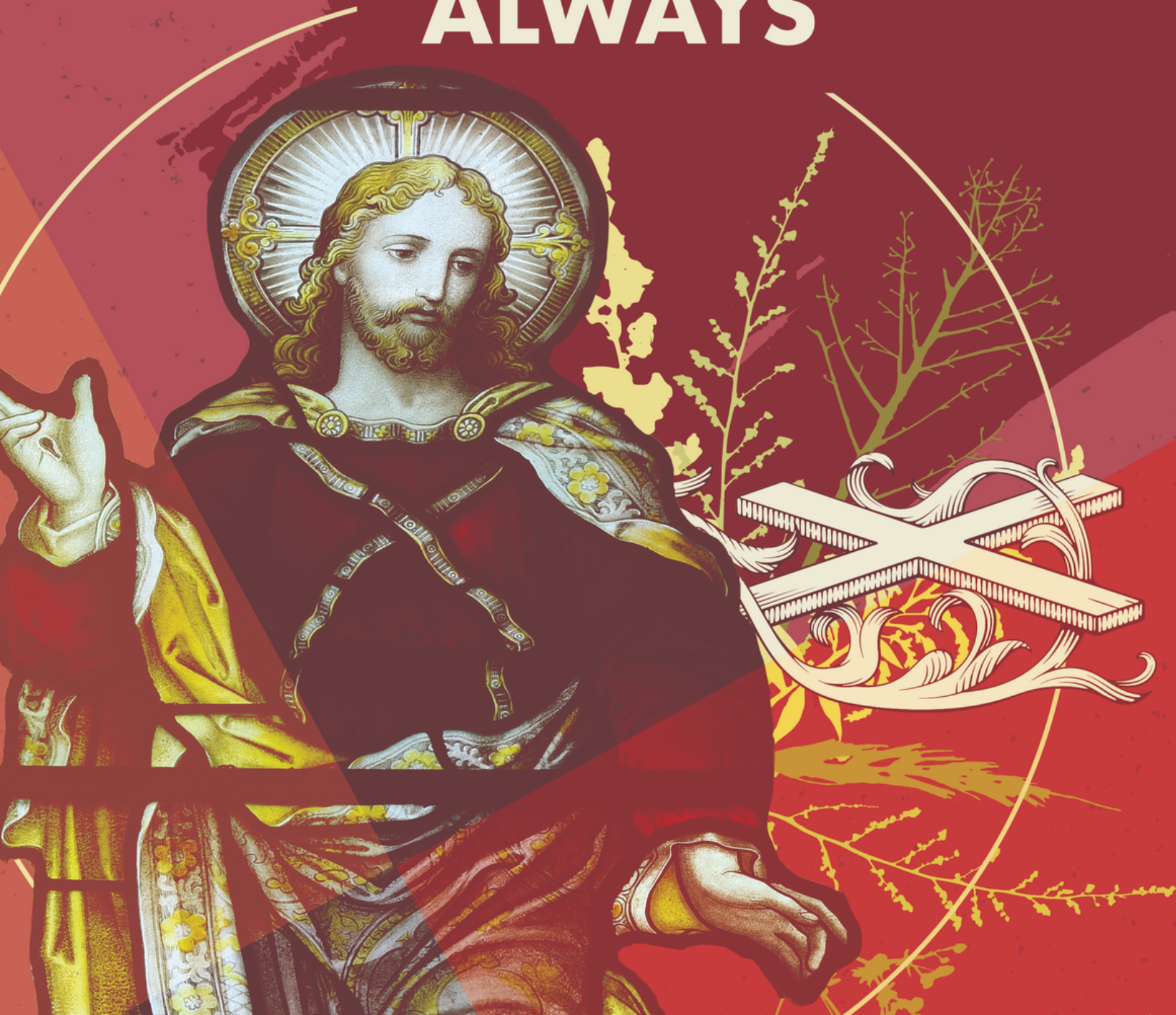




St Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Church

47-225 Washington Street  
La Quinta, CA 92253  
+1 (760) 564 - 1255

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
**MAY HIS LOVE  
BE WITH US,  
ALWAYS**





## CLERGY

FR. JAMES MCLAUGHLIN, PASTOR

FR. DOMINIC VU, PAROCHIAL VICAR

FR. PAUL SIEBENAND, RETIRED

DEACON JAIME ROSAS

DEACON DAVID HOCKWALT, RETIRED

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

**SATURDAY:** ACTS 18:23-28; PS 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; JN 16:23B-28

**SABADO:** HCH 18, 23-28; SALMO 46, 2-3. 8-9. 10; JN 16, 23-28

**SUNDAY:** ACTS 1:1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; EPH 1:17-23; MT 28:16-20

**DOMINGO:** HCH 1, 1-11; SALMO 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9; EF 1, 17-23; MT 28, 16-20

**MONDAY:** ACTS 19:1-8; PS 68:2-3AB, 4-5ACD, 6-7AB; JN 16:29-33

**LUNES:** FLP 4, 4-9; DEL SALMO 1; LC 6, 27-38

**TUESDAY:** ACTS 20:17-27; PS 68:10-11, 20-21; JN 17:1-11A

**MARTES:** HCH 20, 17-27; SALMO 67, 10-11. 20-21; JN 17, 1-11

**WEDNESDAY:** ACTS 20:28-38; PS 68:29-30, 33-35A, 35BC-36AB; JN 17:11B-19

**MIERCOLES:** HCH 20, 28-38; SALMO 67, 29-30. 33-35A. 35BC-36AB; JN 17, 11-19

**THURSDAY:** ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11; PS 16:1-2A AND 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; JN 17:20-26

**JUEVES:** HCH 22, 30; 23, 6-11; SALMO 15, 1-2A Y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11; JN 17, 20-26

**FRIDAY:** PHIL 4:4-9; PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; JN 17:20-26

**VIERNES:** FLP 4, 4-9; DEL SALMO 33; JN 17, 20-26 O BIEN JN 17, 20-23

## 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.



# MASS INTENTIONS

## INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

\* Symbolizes Special Intentions

† Symbolizes Mass for the Dead



### SATURDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

SÁBADO DE LA VI SEMANA DE PASCUA

May 20th, 4:30 PM Mass  
20 de Mayo, Misa de 4:30 PM

† Paul Nelson

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

May 21st, 7:30 AM Mass  
21 de Mayo, Misa de 7:30 AM

**Mother's Day Novena**

May 21st, 9:00 AM Mass  
21 de Mayo, Misa de 9:00 AM

† Stan Foster

May 21st, 10:30 AM Mass  
21 de Mayo, Misa de 10:30 AM

**Parish Community**

May 21st, 12:00 PM Mass  
21 de Mayo, Misa de 12:00 PM

**Mother's Day Novena**

May 21st, 4:30 PM Mass  
21 de Mayo, Misa de 4:30 PM

**Christian Garcia\***

May 21st, 7:00 PM Mass  
21 de Mayo, Misa de 7:00 PM

câu chủ linh hồn cha niê đã quở doi  
nhân ngay le gio va linh hon matha

### MONDAY

### OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

MEMORIA OPCIONAL DE SANTA RITA DE CASIA,  
RELIGIOSA

May 22nd, 8:00 AM Mass  
22 de Mayo, Misa de 8:00 AM

**Mother's Day Novena**

### TUESDAY

### OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

MARTES DE LA VII SEMANA DE PASCUA

May 23rd, 8:00 AM Mass  
23 de Mayo, Misa de 8:00 AM

† Pedro Romero

### WEDNESDAY

### OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

MIÉRCOLES DE LA VII SEMANA DE PASCUA

May 24th, 8:00 AM Mass  
24 de Mayo, Misa de 8:00 AM

† Jesus Segura Navarro

### THURSDAY

### OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

JUEVES DE LA VII SEMANA DE PASCUA

May 25th, 8:00 AM Mass  
25 de Mayo, Misa de 8:00 AM

† Virginia Bazner

### MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

MEMORIA DE SAN FELIPE NERI, PRESBITERO

May 19th, 8:00 AM Mass  
19 de Mayo, Misa de 8:00 AM

† Chuck Bussey

### The Pope's Monthly Intentions May:

#### **For church movements and groups**

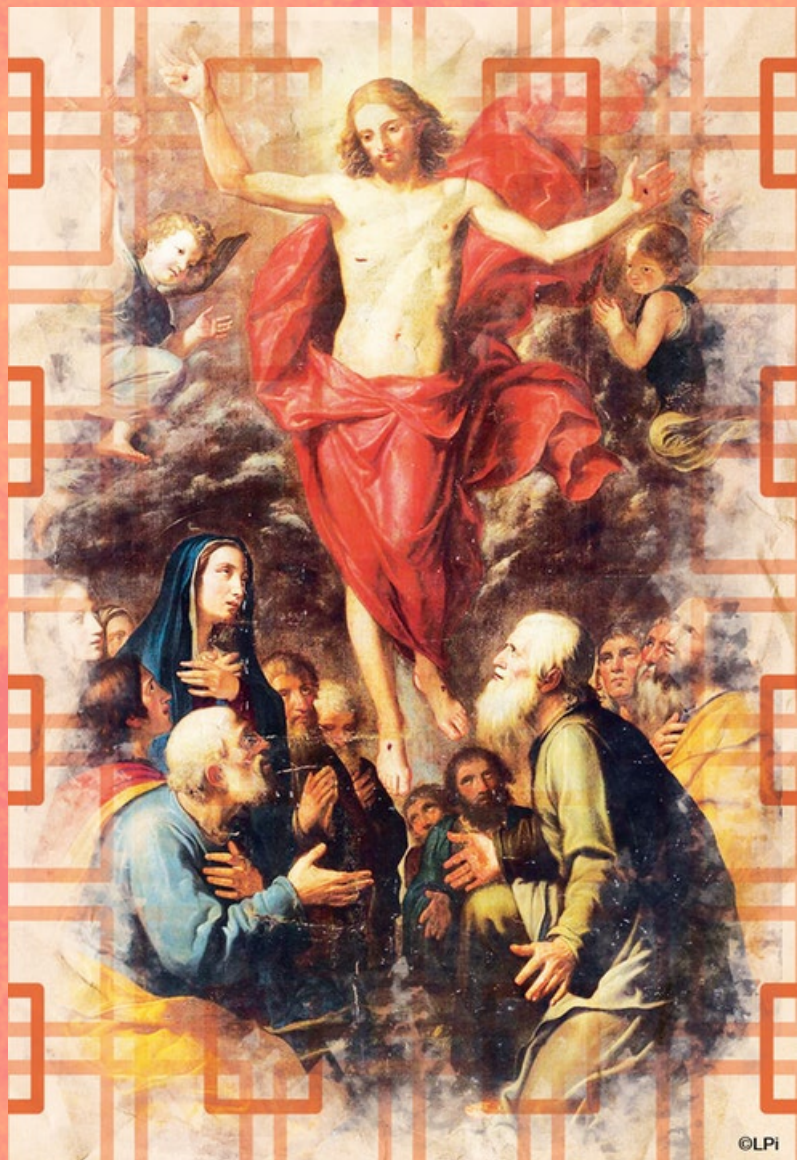
We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

### Confessions

Wednesdays – 8:30 AM

First Fridays – 8:30 AM

Saturdays – 3:15 PM







# SAINT OF THE WEEK

SANTO DE LA SEMANA

**St. Rita of Cascia (1381 - 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows. Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.**

© LPI

**Santa Rita de Casia (1381 - 1457) tuvo la oportunidad de vivir su vida como esposa, madre, viuda y, finalmente, miembro de una comunidad religiosa. Santa Rita, nacida en el centro de Italia, sintió el llamado a convertirse en monja, pero fue presionada a casarse a una edad temprana. Durante su matrimonio de 18 años con un hombre cruel, crió a dos hijos. Cuando su esposo murió en una pelea y sus hijos murieron, Santa Rita decidió volver con su primer amor e intentó unirse a las monjas agustinas en Casia. Su condición de viuda le ocasionó algunas complicaciones a su ingreso, pero finalmente logró profesar los votos. A lo largo de su vida, Santa Rita de Cascia fue conocida por su oración y caridad. También experimentó estigmas en la frente, meditó con frecuencia en la pasión de Cristo y cuidó de las monjas de su comunidad religiosa y de la comunidad laica que acudía a ella en busca de consejo.**





# Bereavement Ministry

The St Francis of Assisi  
Bereavement Ministry  
announces a 10-week  
faith-based *Grief Support*  
*Group program for the*  
*summer of 2023.*



The group will meet every  
Wednesday morning at  
the St. Clare Room in the  
parish hall from  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
June 14th -August 16th.

All who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to register with a form you may find at each church exit or at the parish office. Registration forms are required and may be submitted to the parish office before the first meeting on  
June 14, 2023 to be able to attend this 10 week program.

For more information or questions please contact group coordinator John Jimenez  
call or text +1 (760) 898 - 9348 or email at [john@desertdefenders.com](mailto:john@desertdefenders.com)



## Capital Campaign

Dear members of our Parish community,

Your support and commitment to our capital campaign, "Our Parish. Our Future.", is greatly appreciated. As of May 16th, 2023 we now have 1,260 donors. This represents an increase of 299 donors since February. While this is tremendous, we still have a long way to go!

We urge you to answer God's call to stewardship by continuing to pray the Capital Campaign prayer and pledge your support. Every new pledge takes us one step closer to achieving our goal and breaking ground this fall. Don't wait any longer to make a difference in the future of our Parish. All pledges of any size are welcome.

Join us now, and may god bless you and your families abundantly!

Sincerely,  
The Capital Campaign Committee





ABOUT

# FR. RICHARD AHUMADA

---

*"Into your hands I commend my  
spirit; You will redeem me, Lord,  
Faithful God." - Psalm 31:6*

---

**H**ello everyone! I am Deacon Richard D. Ahumada. I was born and raised in Mexico. Immigrated to the United States

In 1999. I am the third child in a Catholic family of six. I enjoy outdoor activities like camping and visiting national parks. I love soccer, volleyball, and martial arts. Before the seminary, I worked in restaurants, but mainly construction.

I have been a member since 2005 of this beautiful community of St. Francis of Assisi. That year, I had the opportunity to represent our parish and the diocese in the First National Encounter of Hispanic Youth and Young Adults at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Through this experience, I got a curiosity about priestly life. So, a priest friend of mine helped me to discern my vocation. In August 2008, I began the diocesan discernment program at Serra House. In 2010 I moved to San Antonio, Texas to continue my studies in philosophy and theology. I graduated from the University of Oblate School of Theology in May 2020.

By the grace of God, I was ordained a transitional Deacon by the laying on of hands of His Excellency Bishop Alberto Rojas, at Sacred Heart Parish, in Rancho Cucamonga, CA on May 22, 2021.

I currently do ministry in Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in San Bernardino, CA.

Now, with my joy and gratitude to God the Father, I await the day of my priestly ordination this coming May 20th. It has been a long journey, but by the mercy of God and the intercession of Mary Most Holy, I will be ordained as a priest to serve the holy people of God.

I am a late vocation. I faced some challenges in my priestly formation, such as language, the culture, and being away from family, but I didn't give up on my vocation. On the contrary, each challenge was an impulse to fight for that call and bend my knees before the one who called me.

Dear youth and young adults, I encourage you to begin your discernment process before God. Ask him to show you the plan he has for your life. I am sure God has a beautiful plan for you, whether as a priest, religious, married, or serving the Church through celibacy.

Dear parents and parishioners, support our youth in experiencing God's call on their lives.

May God continue to bless us, and our Most Holy Mary be with us.



SOBRE

# FR. RICARDO AHUMADA



*"En tus manos encomiendo mi  
espíritu; Tú me redimirás, Señor,  
Dios fiel". - Salmo 31:6*

**H**ola a todos! Soy el diácono Richard D. Ahumada. Nací y crecí en México. Inmigró a los Estados Unidos en 1999.

Soy el tercer hijo de una familia católica de seis. Disfruto de actividades al aire libre como acampar y visitar parques nacionales. Me encanta el fútbol, el voleibol y las artes marciales. Antes del seminario, trabajé en restaurantes, pero principalmente en la construcción.

Soy miembro desde 2005 de esta hermosa comunidad de San Francisco de Asís. Ese año tuve la oportunidad de representar a nuestra parroquia ya la diócesis en el Primer Encuentro Nacional de Jóvenes y Adultos Hispanos en la Universidad de Notre Dame en Indiana. A través de esta experiencia, adquirí una curiosidad sobre la vida sacerdotal. Entonces, un sacerdote amigo mío me ayudó a discernir mi vocación. En agosto de 2008 comencé el programa diocesano de discernimiento en Serra House. En 2010 me mudé a San Antonio, Texas para continuar mis estudios de filosofía y teología. Me gradué de la Facultad de Teología de la Universidad Oblata en mayo de 2020.

Por la gracia de Dios, fui ordenado Diácono transitorio por la imposición de manos de Su Excelencia el Obispo Alberto Rojas, en la parroquia de Sacred Heart, en Rancho Cucamonga, CA el 22 de mayo de 2021.

Actualmente hago ministerio en la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción en San Bernardino, CA.

Ahora, con mi alegría y gratitud a Dios Padre, espero el día de mi ordenación sacerdotal este próximo 20 de mayo. Ha sido un largo camino, pero por la misericordia de Dios y la intercesión de María Santísima, seré ordenado sacerdote para servir al santo pueblo de Dios.

Soy una vocación tardía. Enfrenté algunos desafíos en mi formación sacerdotal, como el idioma, la cultura y estar lejos de la familia, pero no renuncié a mi vocación. Al contrario, cada desafío era un impulso para luchar por ese llamado y doblar mis rodillas ante quien me llamó.

Queridos jóvenes y jóvenes adultos, los animo a comenzar su proceso de discernimiento ante Dios. Pídele que te muestre el plan que tiene para tu vida. Estoy seguro que Dios tiene un hermoso plan para ti, ya sea como sacerdote, religioso, casado o sirviendo a la Iglesia a través del celibato.

Estimados padres y feligreses, apoyen a nuestros jóvenes para que experimenten el llamado de Dios en sus vidas.

Que Dios nos siga bendiciendo, y nuestra Santísima María esté con nosotros.





# WE'RE HIRING!



**St. Francis of Assisi is looking to expand our parish staff with two open positions.**

## Job Opportunities

### Maintenance

#### Qualifications

- Prior experience with cleaning and professional maintenance equipment.
- Must have ability to interact professionally with all employees and people coming into the church or parish office.
- Flexible work schedule.

#### Responsibilities

- Responsible for maintaining and cleaning the Parish grounds and rooms as needed, ordering cleaning supplies, and reporting any health or safety concerns. To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the Parish facilities

#### Benefits

- Benefits include a competitive salary, paid holidays, generous vacation and sick accruals, a 403(b) plan with company match, long-term disability leave, paid job-related continuing education, and an excellent medical/vision/dental group insurance plan.
- Pay hourly range for this full time position: \$15.50- \$18.00/ hr.

#### Position

- Full time position

### Administrative Assistant

#### Qualifications

- This position requires excellent oral and written communication skills, attention to detail, organizational skills, typing skills, and public relations skills.
- Requirements of this position include a high school degree and at least three years of experience in a clerical setting, preferably with a basic knowledge of Bookkeeping or GAAP.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Outlook is required

#### Responsibilities

- The person in this position will provide administrative and clerical support to the Pastor and the members of Capital Campaign.
- Duties include answering incoming calls, processing mail, copying/scanning documents, preparing reports and correspondence, and drafting certificates of coverage in a timely and accurate manner
- This person will also assist in maintaining an accurate recording of pledges and contributions.

#### Benefits

- Benefits include a competitive salary, paid holidays, generous vacation and sick accruals, a 403(b) plan with company match, long-term disability leave, paid job-related continuing education, and an excellent medical/vision/dental group insurance plan.
- Pay hourly range for this part time position: \$19.00- \$22.00/ hr.

#### Position

- Part-time position

**St Francis of Assisi is an equal opportunity employer.  
For more information, please call the parish office at:  
+1 (760) 564 - 1255 or apply online at  
<https://stfrancislq.com/employment-opportunities>**



# Financial Stewardship

## Parish Support

©LPI

### Parish Collection Contributions

May 13th and 14th, 2023

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	\$2,925.00
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	\$3,659.00
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	\$3,256.00
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	\$2,563.00
Sunday 12:00 p.m. noon	\$2,189.00
Sunday 4:30 p.m.	\$1,486.05
Sunday 7:00 p.m.	\$890.00

---

**\$16,968.05**

**Mail-In contributions of \$0.00**

**Total for Masses and Mail In \$16,968.05**

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



Be the  
**LIGHT of  
HOPE**

Sé la luz en la esperanza

2023 DDF Annual Appeal Progress

Diocese Goal: \$131,600.00

Pledges Made: \$37,456.00

Gifts Received: \$34,132.22

Donors: 104

Percent of Goal: 25.94 %

## Online Giving: Making it Easier to Give

YOUR  
DONATIONS  
TO OUR  
**PARISH  
COMMUNITY**  
ARE STILL  
NEEDED!

IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT.

Donate today!  
Click the link to get started.



### ***Why should I give online?***

No Checks to Write

No Envelopes to Remember

One Monthly Contribution Directly From  
Your

Credit Card, Checking Account or  
Savings Account.

You are welcome to use Parish Pay for your  
DDF Contribution, Capital Campaign, etc. as  
well as your regular monthly Offertory  
Contributions.

Enroll Today **Visit:**

<https://stfrancisla.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities>  
or call the parish office. **760-564-1255**



# PARISH DIRECTORY

**Parish Phone: +1 (760) 564 - 1255      Parish Fax: +1 (760) 564-0763**

**Office Hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM; Closed for Lunch: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

## Parish Staff

**Bookkeeper - Diana Zendejas - dzendejas@stfrancis-lq.org**

**Business/Finance - Esmeralda Parra - eparra@stfrancis-lq.org**

**Facilities Manager - Margaret Delgado - mdelgado@stfrancis-lq.org**

**Pastoral Care Assistant - Jesus Arzapalo - jarzapalo@stfrancis-lq.org**

**Receptionist - Marisol Franco - mfranco@stfrancis-lq.org**

**Secretary to the Pastor - Kym Slade - kslade@stfrancis-lq.org**

**Communications and Technology Coordinator - Victor Salas - vsalas@stfrancis-lq.org**

## Pastoral Care

**Margaret Delgado**

**mdelgado@stfrancis-lq.org**

**+1 (760) 564 - 1255**

**Jesus Arzapalo**

**jarzapalo@stfrancis-lq.org**

**+1 (760) 564 - 1255**

## Council and Committees

**Capital Campaign - Bill Poland**

**Building Committee - Bill Poland**

**Finance Council - Bill Poland**

## Liturgy

**Altar Service Vietnamese - Vũ Ninh**

**Extraordinary Ministers - Sheryl Benoit - (760) 345 - 9346**

**Of Holy Communion**

**Ministro Extraordinario - Martha Ramirez**

**De La Comunion**

**Readers - Virginia Nelson**

**Lectores - Martha Ramirez**

**Readers Vietnamese - Hoàng Đình**

**Spanish Choir- Guillermo Delgado**

**Vietnamese Choir - Jade Nguyễn**

**Ushers and Hospitality - Mario Estrada**

**Hospitalidad - Francisco Lopez**

**Vietnamese Ushers - Công Nguyễn**

**Letter to Romans - Tom Green - (760) 861 - 9638**

**Bible Study - Wayne Rice**

## Organizations

**Juvenile Hall Indio Jail - Tom Green - (760) 861 - 9638**

**Kairos Prison Ministry - Scott Teague - (760) 574 - 8451**

**Knights of Columbus - Joaquin Rosales - (760) 880 - 6422**

**Catholic Men's Fellowship - Armando Hernandez - (760) 609-2945**

**Magnificat - Noreen Fortier - (760) 771 - 6501**

**Women's Retreat - Mary-Ellen O'Neill - (760) 574 - 7302**

**Read with Me Program - Dan Giovanetti - (412) 657 - 9898**

**For more information or  
questions please call or  
visit our website at**

**stfrancis-lq.com**



**or scan QR Code above**