

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Nov 26, 2017

Why this feast? Instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, the feast was the pope's response to growing secularism. Here's the point: Jesus is given all power in heaven and on earth. All men have been purchased by his precious blood. We are subject to his domain. Therefore, he must reign in us in every way. In our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. In our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God.

WORSHIP @ St. Francis of Assisi

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (Spanish)

Daily Mass

Mon to Sat: 9:00 AM

Adoration

Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 and by appointment.

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Pope Francis: The Eucharist is the Ray of the Unsetting Sun

Pope Francis continues his new catechesis on the Eucharist Wednesdays in St. Peter's Square. The pope wants us to "grow in the knowledge of this great gift God has given us in the Eucharist." From his November 22, 2017 address:

Every celebration of the Eucharist is a ray of that sun without a sunset, which is Jesus Risen. To take part in the Mass, in particular on Sunday, means to enter into the victory of the Risen One, to be illumined by His light, warmed by His warmth. Through the Eucharistic Celebration, the Holy Spirit makes us participants in the divine life, which is able to transfigure our whole mortal existence. And in His passage from death to life, from time to eternity, the Lord Jesus draws us with Him to celebrate Easter. Easter is celebrated in the Mass. At Mass, we are with Jesus, dead and risen, and He draws us forward, to eternal life. In the Mass, we are united to Him. Rather, Christ lives in us and we live in Him. "I have been crucified with Christ — says Saint Paul —, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (*Galatians* 2:19-20). Paul thought thus.

Mass Intentions

SAT/SUN, Nov 25/26

4:30 PM - Sat

Lew Gebhardt (L)
(Jim Brown)

8:30 AM - Sun

People of St. Francis

11 AM - Sun

† Joseph Mack
(Mike/Karen Drought)

1:00 PM - Sun

Priest Intentions

MONDAY, Nov 27

9:00 AM

Fr. Wise (L)
(Mike/Karen Drought)

TUESDAY, Nov 28

9:00 AM

Ann Jacques (L)
(Stephanie Miller)

WEDNESDAY, Nov 29

9:00 AM

†Pat& Frank Hood
(Peg Turlington)

THURSDAY, Nov 30

10:00 AM

†John Moorhouse
(Bruce Chong)

FRIDAY, Dec 1

9:00 AM

†Fr. Linus De Santis
(Stephanie Miller)

SATURDAY, Dec 2

9:00 AM

†Farrell Cooper
(Joan Furst)

4:30 PM

†Preston de Ibern
(Carole/Glenn Harahan)

† – Deceased
L- Living

Parish Life

Angel Tree Information

This is the last weekend for choosing an angel off the tree to help provide Christmas gifts for needy children of our area. Please return the angel, the gift or gift card by next weekend, Dec. 2 & 3rd to the church. Thanks!

Food Pantry Weekend

The first weekend of the month is always the weekend we bring food and dry goods to church to share with Mountain Presbyterian Church food pantry. Don't forget to bring food next week!

Parish Christmas Party (Dec. 23 @ 6 pm)

If you aren't in the Christmas spirit by Dec 23, we have a party that might point you in that direction. The Parish Christmas Party is late this year, but will be great! Sign up in the vestibule.

Repair of the Parish Center

There is a small amount of painting left to do in the lower level of the parish center. Baseboards are next to be replaced. The office staff is back in the office after the carpeting replacement initiated a major sorting, recycling and straightening up!

Holy, Holy

Advent Penance Service Next Monday (Dec 4, @ 7 pm)

It's time to clean our spiritual house and receive God's mercy and love. It's time for RECONCILIATION! A sacrament of forgiveness awaits. Monday, Dec 4 @ 7 pm.

Advent Devotional Material

An Advent devotional book with words of Pope Francis, a monthly Advent calendar for your refrigerator, and the 2018 twelve-month Catholic calendar will be available this coming week in the vestibule of the church. Pick 'em up!

Anointing of the Sick

The first weekend of every month, the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick takes place after Mass. Be seated in your pew till Father calls the sick to the front of church.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Dec 8th

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

Thu, Dec 7: 6 pm

Fri, Dec 8: 9 am, 6 pm

First Saturday Devotion

Saturday Morning after the 9 am Mass, Dec. 2nd

More

New Hymnals and Missalettes – Help!

This Thursday, Nov. 30 at 1:00 we are changing out music and missalettes in the church. We could use some help! Advent marks the beginning of the church year, thus new missalettes. 2018 Music Issues replace the 2017 issues. Can you give us an hour?

Wednesday Prayer Group

Would you like to spend ninety minutes a week praying with others for the needs of the parish? Sharing God's workings in your life? Praising God? Come Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 to Marian Hall. Friends await.

Prayer List November The Sick:

- ♦Mary Jo Yates
 - ♦Joanna McConnell
 - ♦Raymond Bailey
 - ♦Donna Warren
 - ♦Lee Ann Wischmeyer
 - ♦Jaclyn Wright
 - ♦Dick Stone:
 - ♦Frank Hoffman
 - ♦Mary Ann Shaputis
 - ♦Kim Davenport
- New:
- ♦Lew Caputa
 - ♦Pam Collins
 - ♦Glen Santiago
 - ♦George Thompson

More

Welcome Visitor

From the moment you arrive
you become part of our
parish family.

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intention

For witness to the Gospel in
Asia. That Christians in Asia,
bearing witness to the Gospel
in word and deed, may
promote dialogue, peace, and
mutual understanding,
especially with those of other
religions.

Stewardship Report

Nov 12, 2017

First Collection:

\$6156.00

Second Collection

(Christmas Flowers)

\$1749.00

Next week:

Debt Reduction

*Thank you for your
continued financial support of
our parish.*

And Finally

November 26, 2017

A Day of Prayer for

Persecuted Christians

U.S. Bishops announce the observance
this Sunday, November 26, as **A Day of
Prayer for Persecuted Christians**. The Day
of Prayer also initiates "[Solidarity in
Suffering](#)," a Week of Awareness and
Education

O God of all the nations, the One God who
is and was

and always will be,

in your providence you willed

that your Church

be united to the suffering of your Son.

Look with mercy on your servants
who are persecuted for their faith in you.

Grant them perseverance and courage
to be worthy imitators of Christ.

Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations
to work for peace among all peoples.

May your Spirit open conversion
for those who contradict your will,
that we may live in harmony.

Give us the grace to be united
in truth and freedom,
and to always seek your will in our lives.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

*Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori,
Baltimore*

Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light

burns this week for the
healing of

Ellen & Peter Diamond

requested by

Margaret Gribben

**Solemnidad de Cristo Rey
Del Universo**



Mt. 25, 31-46 Los enemigos
de Cristo y de su Iglesia han
logrado desfigurar la verdadera
esencia y raíz del cristianismo.

Algunos creen que el cristianismo consiste sólo
en rezos y posturas piadosas. Esto,
indudablemente, tiene su valor y es un medio
válido para vivir la fe, pero no es lo único ni lo
esencial.

Cristo, el día de hoy, nos viene a recordar cuál
es la esencia de su mensaje: la caridad. La
caridad no como mera filantropía, sino como
verdadero amor a Dios que vive realmente en
mi prójimo. Jesús nos lo dice clarísimo "a mí me
lo hicisteis", y además con ejemplos prácticos.
Esta caridad brota naturalmente del amor a
Dios. Si amo a Dios no puedo dejar de amar a
mi hermano.

Además de los actos externos, la caridad se
aplica a la palabra. Sí, este es uno de los campos
más difíciles, pero también de los más hermosos.
No basta conformarnos con no criticar a los
demás, que ya sería bastante. Hace falta hablar
bien de mi prójimo, promover lo bueno y
silenciar lo malo, forjar el hábito de la
benedicencia. No hace falta inventarse virtudes
y cualidades donde no las hay, pero sí
reconocer y hablar de las que tiene mi hermano.
Suena bonito, pero cuesta. Haz la prueba de
hablar bien de tus hermanos tres veces al día,
verás cómo no es tan fácil. Pero Dios lo quiere,
y sobre todo, recuerda que Dios vive en tu
prójimo.

Anuncios

Clase de Biblia: Todos los miércoles de 7 a
8:15pm.

Grupo de Oración: Viernes a las 7:00pm en el
Templo.

Emergencia Sacramental: Si usted tiene alguna
emergencia sacramental en la que se necesite la
asistencia del sacerdote para la extremaunción
(peligro de muerte) por favor comuníquese al 678
343 7486.

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**"Cristo, Rey del Universo,
reina en nuestros corazones"**