

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018

SAVORING THE EXPERIENCE

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

St. Augustine

Masses / Sacraments

Sat: 4:30 pm

Sun: 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Span.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

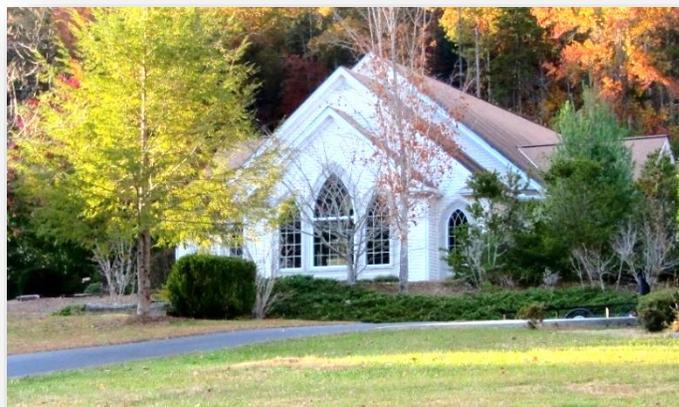
Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30 - 4:15

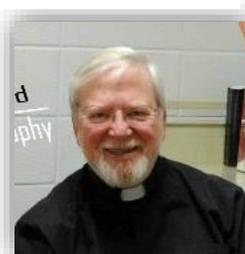
or by appointment

Baptism/Marriage

Please contact the parish office.



FR. WISE'S SURPRISE



Evidently the Lord failed to hear our Fr. Wise when five years ago he pushed the “retired” button. There may even have been a little chuckle from a host of angels. Two years living in Atlanta and the back ‘home’ to St. Francis of Assisi Church, what could be better?

Join a gym, get a new dog, say a few Masses a week? Leisure coffee breaks at his “office” at Starbucks? A nice apartment in the lower level of the rectory. Enough! Enough! Enough!
Guess what Fr. Wise. There is more work for you to do.
Welcome Ft. Oglethorpe. Welcome St. Gerard. Let's saddle up, Oscar, we have places to go. Things to do for the Lord.
Thank you, Father. You have moved our souls. You have made us wiser. You have taught us well. We will miss you!

INFORMATION CORNER

Pastor: Rev. Juan Areiza

Priest in Residence: Fr. Wise

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MASS INTENTIONS
Third Week of Easter
(April 15 – Apr 21, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	L/†	People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
Sun	8:30 a	†	Leaders of America <i>by Grizio Family</i>
Sun	11:00 a	L	John Bonsey <i>by Debi Spriggs</i>
Sun	1:00 p	†	Dell O'Neill
9a	Mon	†	Mary Martinez <i>by Fran Brown</i>
9a	Tue	†	Helen Zaveritnik <i>by Lew & Jean Caputa</i>
9a	Wed	†	Charles Vitkus
9a	Thu	L	D.O. <i>by Debbie Ramsey</i>
9a	Fri	L	Amy Faber <i>by Cricket Aull</i>
9 a	Sat	†	Pamela Burrell <i>by OSF Secular Franciscans</i>
4:30 p	Sat	†	Vinzenz Gruensteidl <i>by Grizio Family</i>

Eucharistic Adoration is held Mon-Fri after the 9 am Mass. Benediction is at noon. Says St. Pope John Paul II, "From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others."

April 8, 2018

First Collection

\$8711.00

Second Collection

\$1962.50

Debt Reduction

Next Week Second Collection:
St. Vincent de Paul

<https://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ynvrsi89>

Divine Mercy Cenacle

Fri, Apr 20 @ 10 am
Room 7

For all who want to learn more and embrace Jesus' Divine Mercy, join us on Friday, April 20th, at 10 AM. Our Divine Mercy Cenacle group will meet weekly for song, prayer, and discussion on Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the diary of St. Maria Faustina. The revelations given to St. Faustina are excellent for spiritual growth and also give a deeper understanding of our merciful Lord. For more information, call Jim Gioia at (561) 676-9804.

FOCUS Festival

Sat, April 21, 8:30 – 2:30
Music, Vendors, Fellowship

Stop by the Blairsville Farmers Market April 21st and enjoy Christian music, vendors, and fellowship in this ecumenical gathering. It is the Festival of Christian United in Service. John and Bea Nishimuta are our contact couple

Respect Life

April 24, 1-3 pm, 6:30 - 9 pm
Church Library

The Respect Life Committee is seeking involvement of parishioners who have a passion for life. Life at all stages – from conception to natural death, for the suffering, the sick, the dying. Do you have an interest in a particular pro-life issues? Come to the meeting next week and share your ideas. Maryjane Wyslocki and Clare take leadership in the Respect Life Committee. Call Mary Jane 321-960-6351 for more information. Give your input as to what issues to address.

Mexican Breakfast

May 20, 2018
Tickets Available after
Masses \$9, \$5 kids, \$ 25 Fam



Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light

burns this week for the repose of the soul of

Don McConnell
 by
Joanna McConnell



St Vincent de Paul Society

Help Line: 706-745-0552

good works

Poverty - Despair – Hopelessness

Dear Parishioners, your contributions to Saint Vincent de Paul are helping counteract poverty. But despair and hopelessness cannot be fixed by paying a bill alone. The SVdP team is made up of three people - two interviewers who aid with financial issues and one prayer person. At the beginning of each interview we explain our process and then ask if they would like to join us in prayer before they leave. We also note that it is not mandatory. 99.9% say yes. Upon completion of the intake process of offering aid, the client and the prayer person exit to a separate room for a confidential talk and prayer. That is where the Holy Spirit intervenes. The client, who typically is apprehensive during the intake process opens up to the prayer person and this helps lift the burdens they are carrying and reinforces the fact that someone truly cares. God's love comes through our prayer person to them. This last segment of our intake is the most important part of the process. God's message is LOVE, keep passing it on.

Article provided by our St. Vincent de Paul Society which will conduct a door collection next weekend.

Women's Guild Trip to Hamilton Gardens

Please RSVP to Judy Baldwin 706-781-7954 regarding our meeting Tuesday, April 17. We will meet at the Gardens at 10:15 and/or the Hawg Wild BBQ& Catfish House restaurant at 11:30.

Whoops!

We won't make you repeat these changes, but you can if you want.

1. **New Evangelizers** is moving from Fridays to Mondays. The meeting scheduled for April 20 will now be held on April 23. *(Did you get that one?)*
2. **Holy Listening** will not meet on April 24. *(Did you hear that?)*
3. **Young Married and Engaged Couples** - Dinner on April 28 at 6:00. It was not on calendar. *(No, you can't sneak in.)*
4. **Catholic Moms Group** meets on Tuesday, April 17 at 10. Child care (and breakfast) is provided. *(You may sneak in.)*
5. **San Damiano Men's Group** meets Thursdays at 6:30 in Marian Hall. The topic for April 19 is Purgatory. *(Ouch.)*

SABOREA LA EXPERIENCIA

Una de las cosas maravillosas sobre las vacaciones es que después de nuestro regreso nos pasamos dos o tres semanas saboreando la experiencia, compartiendo las fotos y recuerdos con nuestra familia y amistades. Esta clase de reflexión nos vincula nuevamente a la experiencia original y nos hacer volver a vivir el descanso y las maravillas que la vacación nos proporcionó. Hoy, el Tercer Domingo de Pascua, la Iglesia nos da la bendición de unos recordatorios de lo que celebramos hace dos domingos. Las tres lecturas son reflexiones del significado de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Uno de los hilos que unen a estas reflexiones es que el propósito del sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección del Señor fue para salvarnos y perdonar nuestros pecados. Tenemos cincuenta días para contemplar esta realidad –cincuenta días para saborear la experiencia de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo por nosotros. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Bible Study on the Blessed Mother

New Bible Study on Mary will begin on May 6. **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** is from Ascension Press and will be 8 weeks. Classes are at 10 and 7 on Mondays. Signup sheets in the vestibule of the church and Marian Hall.

Young Married and Engaged

A Date Night at the church! Hang out with other Catholic couples for a great dinner and good conversation as we start a group just for young marrieds. Free child care for those who need it. Contact Colleen Orchanian to RSVP. Bring a dish to pass. Saturday, April 28 at 6:00.

Please Pray For

- ✓ Jo Schilling
- ✓ **Your Spiritually Adopted Baby**
- ✓ Lynda Bernhardt
- ✓ Wayne Weible
- ✓ Tarah Burrell
- ✓ Joan Tufford
- ✓ Brendan McGuinness
- ✓ Lorene Glenn
- ✓ Kathy Wheeler
- ✓ Bob Wilson
- ✓ Joe Muir
- ✓ Marge Breslin
- ✓ Ray Kelly