

**PRAYER FOR MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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**PRAYER FOR THE WEARING OF MASKS**

*"Holy Spirit, whose very breath brought creation into existence, Grant me the grace to wear this mask, with all its discomforts and inconveniences, in wisdom and charity. Help me to bear this cross which I carry for the most vulnerable among us. Hold us all close in your care and bring this pandemic to a swift end. Amen."*

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**A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic**

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

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**PANDEMIC HOME BLESSING**

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger to whom we turn in our distress: In faith we pray make this home a sanctuary from illness and disease, and keep far from it all anxiety and fear. May Christ dwell here, among us and within us. Bless those who reside here. As we face restrictions and quarantines, help us seek your face. Grant us the courage to follow the heart of your Son, who often retreated to quiet spaces to seek solace and intercede on behalf of others. Look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying. Give strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders, and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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*As we continue to open up, I want you to know that we at St. Francis Parish are here for you. We miss you. We invite you to come back to Mass if you have been away, even if it is one of our weekday Masses with fewer people present. We have been adamant about our safety procedures and feel confident that this is a safe space for you. For Catholics, the Sacraments are instituted by Christ to give us grace. Pope Francis reminds us that Communion is not a reward for good behavior but medicine for the sick. We all need Christ's help during these times. Take time out each day for your own prayer. Pray as a family before meals. Join in the online offerings that our diocese offers. I am here for you and pray daily for you. This is my duty and blessing as a parish priest.*

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**January 8th 2023**  
***The Epiphany of The Lord***

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**Father Cyrain Cabuenas**  
Administrator

OFFICE HOURS: Tues. & Thurs. 9:30am—1:00pm

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday & Thursday  
Mass 9:00 am

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 6:00 pm  
Sunday 10:30 am

**HOLY DAYS**

As Announced

**RECONCILIATION**

15 min before Mass  
And by Arrangement

**FUNERALS, MARRIAGES,**

**BAPTISMS**

By arrangement

**MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like to have a Mass intention said for a friend or loved one, please contact the Parish office. There are many

**ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR:** Ron Hamel, Jr.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:**

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Are welcome and urged to register with Parish Office

**Finance Council:** Richard Fenton 885-3598 – Ginny Fox 436-2831 — Frederick Lord 356-6496 –  
Tom DiNetta (302) -332-1251

**Parish Council:** Barbara Barbour 299-7117 – Joyce Corbin 484-3329—Janet Farley 674-6065 –  
Mary Anne Mesropian 674-9284 — Steve Giroux 674-6369

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Do you know someone who would benefit from monthly Pastoral visits who cannot come to our Parish Church for health reasons? —please contact the parish office to help us reach out in this very important ministry!

Please remember in your prayers Mike and Fran Levesque recently injured in an automobile accident

## New Times!

Reconciliation will now be offered 15 min before (or after) Mass on the Weekends, and any time by appointment.

Training and recertification of EM's will be conducted in the next few weeks. Those who have been EM's At Saint Francis in the past, please contact the parish office, so we may schedule the training.

**January 08 2023**

# The Epiphany of The Lord

As the Christmas season draws to a close with faded holly and drooping poinsettia, the ***Epiphany reminds us of our journey into another year and our journey to God.*** The Second Vatican Council says that we are a "Pilgrim Church" (Lumen Gentium 48) drawn into the light of God. Life is a pilgrimage and the wise men represent all of us. ***Their journey*** through the desert following a star reflects our search for purpose and meaning in life which is not possible unless we are guided by faith. ***This journey*** requires courage, determination, and leaving our comfort zones and failure, doubt, and confusion are inevitable.

We have begun a new year and ***our journey*** continues. Let us be attentive to the star that draws us to the light of Christ, for that is what our lives are all about, the goal of our pilgrimage - to find Christ who draws us first and to find our true selves in him.

***Like the magi, we are called to search and discover the presence of Christ in our lives.*** It is an ongoing relationship which cannot be programmed, labeled or packaged. What's important is to be open and receptive in order to read the signs of the times. ***Christ is being born everyday in our lives.*** Nevertheless, although He has come to us, we shall only find Him only if we search for Him and discover Him.

***So, what are we waiting for? Let us all set out on our journey then!***

**Fr. Cyrain**

## Rectory Rehabilitation

Good progress is being made with the Rectory repairs. Thus far \$10,024 has been raised from parishioners restore the rectory. The heating system repair is 100% complete. Well done to all! The domestic water system is now the focus of our efforts and will likely require another month to be restored. Electrical parts are being installed as they arrive. We soon will be scheduling work days to prep and paint ceilings and walls.

The Finance and Parish Councils met again in joint session 06 January with Father Cabuenas and assessed the status and updated the Rectory Restoral Plan.

If you have time to volunteer, especially experience in home building and repair, or ***capacity to donate funds to this much needed effort — please contact:***

Dick Fenton: (802) 885-3598  
Deacon Chris: (619) 865-2680

**Second Collection Next weekend**

There will be a second collection next weekend January 15th for **Catholic Education.**

## Epiphany Concert!

# St Francis of Assisi Church

January 8th 2023

2:00 PM