

*Third Sunday of Lent
Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma*



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

CLERGY

Rev. Jorge Herrera, Pastor
Dcn. Don Cauley, Chancellor

CHURCH OFFICE

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to 5pm
Sunday: CLOSED

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday 4PM:
CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

FRIDAY, 12PM (NOON)
DAILY MASS

TUESDAY, 12:30PM-7 PM
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, 6:30PM:
GRUPO DE ORACION

SATURDAY, 4PM or BY APPOINTMENT:
RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, 5PM: Mass (English)

SUNDAY:
9AM (English), 11:30AM (Bilingual),
5PM (Español)



Saturday, Mar. 22

- ♦ 5pm: Thomas Reese † and Chris Davis †

Sunday, Mar. 23

- ♦ 9am: Alan Roodhouse †
- ♦ 11:30am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 5pm: Por los parroquianos vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

Tuesday, Mar. 25 thru Friday Mar. 28, at Noon

- ♦ TUE: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ WED: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ THUR: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ FRI: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm

Saturday, Mar. 29

- ♦ 5pm: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm

Sunday, Mar. 30

- ♦ 9am: Marilyn Berg †
- ♦ 11:30am: Salvatore Sabia † (Rest in Peace)
- ♦ 5pm: Por los parroquianos vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

**Reconciliation Service
Is on
Wednesday, April 9th at 6 pm (Bilingual)**

**Servicio de Reconciliación
se llevará a cabo el
Miércoles 9 de Abril a las 6 pm (Bilingüe)**

THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OFFERINGS FOR THE *WEEKEND OF* *March 16, 2025*

Mass Offerings	\$ 4,161.25
Online Giving Offerings	\$ 4,932.50
TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,093.75</u>
Second Collection Offerings - Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,347.45

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 24

- SCT: 1:30-3pm (Lg. Conf. Rm)
- CGS: 3:45-4:45pm (Atrium– lowest level of building)
- Centering Group Prayer: 4 -5pm (church)
- 20's Meeting Tutoring: 5:30 –7:30 (Lg. Conf. Rm)

Tuesday, Mar. 25

- Men's Bible Study: 7-8am (Lg. Conf. Rm.)
- SCT: 9:15-11:15am (Sm. Conf. Rm.)
- **Rosary: 11:30am**
- Daily Mass: 12noon
- **Adoration: 12:30-7pm**
- SCT: 12:30-2:30pm (Bridal Room)
- BOFT: 4-5pm (Lg. Conf. Rm.)
- Spanish Marriage Encounter: 7-8pm (Sm. Conf. Rm.)

Wednesday, Mar. 26

- SCT: 9:15-11:15am (Sm. Conf. Rm.)
- **Rosary: 11:30am**
- Daily Mass: 12noon

Thursday, Mar. 27

- SCT: 9:15-11:15am (Sm. Conf. Rm.)
- **Rosary: 11:30am**
- Daily Mass: 12noon
- SCT: 1:30-3pm (Sm. Conf. Rm)
- Choir Rehearsal: 3-4:30pm (**Open Invitation**)
- **SCT Parent Teacher Conf: 6pm (Parish Hall & Atrium)**
- Spanish Choir Rehearsal: 7pm (**INVITACION ABIERTO**)

Friday, Mar. 28

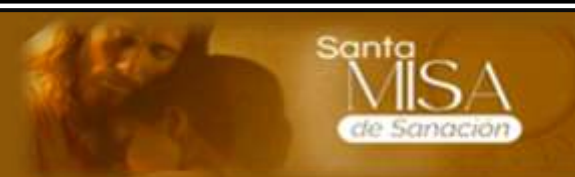
- Bible Study: 9:30-11am (Lg. Conf. Rm.)
- **Rosary: 11:30am**
- Daily Mass: 12noon
- **Stations of the Cross: 5:30pm**
- Rosario y Grupo de Oracion: 6:30-9pm

Saturday Mar. 29

- Wedding Blessing: 3pm
- Reconciliation (Confession): 4-4:30pm
- Mass: 5pm

Sunday Mar. 30

- Mass (English): 9am
- Confirmation Class 1 & 2: 10am
- CGS/OCIA: 10am
- Mass (Bilingual): 11:30am
- Youth Group: 12:30 noon
- Mass (Spanish): 5pm - *Bilingual when needed*



11 de Abril, 2025 a las 6pm

**En la iglesia de San Francisco de Asís,
Incline Village, NV (*Después del Vía Crucis*)**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Every Friday until April 11th at
5:30pm (bilingual)*

VÍA CRUCIS

*Cada Viernes hasta el 11 de Abril
a las 5:30pm (bilingüe)*

MARIAN STATIONS

*Friday April 18th at 12noon led by
the Women's Ministry*

ESTACIONES MARIANAS

*Viernes 18 de Abril a las 12pm -
a cargo del Ministerio de Mujeres*

Calling All 20 Somethings!

Join us Tuesday, **March 25 from 6-8 pm**, Hosted by the Barkers - 821 Carano Ct, Incline Village

This event promises an evening filled with delicious food, engaging fun, and inspiring conversations.
Whether you're looking to connect with others your age, share ideas, or simply enjoy a good time.

This gathering is the perfect opportunity for relaxation & Inspiration.
Don't miss out on this exciting chance to meet new friends enriching experience!

Tutoring Ministry

Attention Students!!

The 20s Somethings group of St. Francis of Assisi is excited to announce that their next Tutoring Session will be held on Monday, March 24, 2025 from 5:30 to 7:30pm in the large Conference Room. It is open to students of all ages and covers all subjects. Whether you need help with your homework, preparing for a test, or simply looking for study tips, we are here to support you. Please stop by if you need assistance. We look forward to helping you succeed!



*If you are a teacher or mentor and would like to get involved,
please reach out to Monique at moniquesftahoe@gmail.com.*

Ministerio de Tutorías

Atención, Estudiantes!

El grupo de veinteañeros de San Francisco de Asís se complace en anunciar que su próxima sesión de tutoría se llevará a cabo el Lunes 24 de Marzo 2025, de 5:30 a 7:30pm, en la gran sala de conferencias.

Está abierta a estudiantes de todas las edades y abarca todas las asignaturas. Ya sea que necesites ayuda con tus tareas, te prepares para un examen o simplemente busques consejos para estudiar, estamos aquí para apoyarte. Si necesitas ayuda, visítanos. ¡Esperamos ayudarte a alcanzar el éxito!

*Si eres profesor o mentor y te gustaría participar,
contacta con Monique en moniquesftahoe@gmail.com.*

Catholic Service Appeal

Please join us in reaching our goal to support our greater catholic community!

5%
Participation

GOAL
\$ 124,877

Pledged	\$ 46,850
Received	\$ 19,675



Cash and checks are welcomed in the Front Office.
Thank you for your consideration.

Campaña de Servicios Católicos

¡Únase a nosotros para alcanzar nuestra meta de apoyar a nuestra comunidad católica!

5%
Participantes

META
\$ 124,877

Promesa	\$ 46,850
Recibidó	\$ 19,675



Se aceptan efectivo y cheques en la recepción.
Gracias por su consideración.

We will be praying the Respect Life Rosary on Tuesdays at 11:30am before noon mass during Lent. Please make a concerted effort to attend and pray for this much needed intention. This is a beautiful Lenten practice...praying that life from conception to natural death be honored as God intended it to be.



Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection
March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

In this reading, Jesus teaches His disciples about the need to interpret the signs of the times and to have a personal change of heart in light of the events taking place around them. This message is important for us as well, especially during this Lenten time when we pray for the grace of repentance.

Jesus gives the parable of a fig tree that does not bear fruit and of how it will be destroyed. In this example, the destruction will be the specific result of not bearing fruit. Jesus goes on to describe how the tree will be given time and encouragement to bear that fruit. In this final example, Jesus is teaching us that the greatest tragedy is that which we bring on ourselves by our failure to repent and change our lives, especially when we are given time and encouragement to do so.

This is a powerful lesson for us as disciples. When we see tragedies occurring around us then it should motivate us to evaluate our own lives and encourage us to make the needed changes so that we can be in right relationship with God and others. We may never know the hour or circumstance when our time will come ... but we can choose now to be spiritually prepared and in the right relationship with God and others nonetheless. In an effort to stimulate the tree to produce fruit, Jesus tells us that the gardener puts manure around it and tills the soil. That's a very important image and the term "manure" is a significant one. We should not whitewash it by calling it "fertilizer!"

Manure has a purpose which is to stimulate growth so as to produce the good fruit of repentance. Sometimes God has to put manure in our lives to wake us up to our need to repent. The reality is that manure happens. It's not a sign of God's punishment but of God's mercy calling us to greater repentance. It is meant to be a fertilizer for our growth in faith that stimulates a change in life. When things go well, we rarely feel our need to turn towards God. More often than not, it's when tragedy strikes in our lives or in the lives of others that we turn to the Lord.

We see an example of this search for meaning in the midst of tragedy happening when the crowd posed the question to Jesus about the death of Galileans by Pilate. So often when we find ourselves dealing with difficult or painful situations, we can experience self-pity and say, "Why me?" However, with an attitude of right faith, we can also find ourselves in prayer asking that same question "Why me?" not out of self-pity but out of a sincere desire to know how our lives are meant to be changed by God's grace and our spiritual growth stimulated by that manure (fertilizer for faith).

Lent is a good time to look at some of the manure that is been dumped around each of our lives and to bring it before God so the Lord can till the soil of our hearts and allow it to give growth to deeper faith rather than remain on the surface and be a cause of self-pity.

- ***What does this reflection mean to you?***
- ***When have you asked the question "Why me?" out of self-pity?***
- ***When have you taken on the attitude of faith that asks that question "Why me?" for the purpose of seeking growth?***
- ***When have you seen difficult moments become the catalyst for others to grow deeper in their faith?***
- ***What manure is sitting on the surface of your life that you need to allow God to till so as to become a positive motivation for spiritual growth (repentance)?***
- ***What have been some of the more significant moments of spiritual growth in your own life that have been the result of difficulty, tragedy or trial?***

Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus



THE DECISION OF CONTRITION

What do we need to do to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Be Sorry, Be Resolved

First, we need to approach Reconciliation with the right attitude. The essential attitude for a good Confession is straightforward: sorrow for our sins and an unyielding resolution to change (also known as a "firm purpose of amendment"). But what if you find yourself confessing the same sins every time? What if your Confession today is exactly the same as the last Confession? Does this mean you are not really sorry for your sins? Does it mean you are not really trying to change?

Reject Sin, Choose God

These questions are natural and helpful, but they also sometimes mislead our expectations regarding contrition (sorrow for sin). Sincere contrition is not determined by our emotions or our passions. Contrition is a decision to reject sin and choose God, even if we have to do so over and over again. Due to the power of habit and personal weakness, we may find ourselves regularly committing the same sins. Reconciliation requires only that we make an act of the will—a choice—to reject sin and resolve to avoid sin going forward. We make this choice concrete by giving some thought to the situations that lead us into sin and plan to avoid those situations.

God Never Tires of Forgiving Us

We should never tire of returning to God for the forgiveness and freedom he never tires of offering us in this sacrament.

Ponder and Pray

- How are you rejecting sin and choosing God in your life right now?
- What are the near occasions of sin that you need to root out of your life right now?
- How is the Holy Spirit leading you to deeper contrition right now?



Make It Your Own

Write down and pray an Act of Contrition. It can be the standard Act of Contrition or one that flows from your heart as you pray. Use this as a way to prepare for your next visit to the sacrament of Reconciliation.

My Act of Contrition

Tip of the Week

Many saints recommend making an examination of conscience at the end of every day. Since most of our sins creep up in ordinary life, the habit of reviewing our daily choices can help pinpoint areas that need change.

Dive Deeper

Scan this code to listen more:



Or go to:

[Catholic Guilt \(feat. Br. Lawrence\) - Ascension Press Media](#)

Today's reflection was adapted from *Power and Grace: A Guide to the Catholic Sacraments*, a program that introduces people to the seven Catholic sacraments. <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/power-and-grace>

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Mandatory

Parents and Sponsors Retreat
for Confirmation 2

March 29 from 9am to 3pm - English

April 5th from 9am to 3pm - Spanish

Where: *Lake Tahoe United Methodist Church, 8425 Dolly Varden Ave, Kings Beach, CA 96143*

All Confirmation 2 Parents and Sponsors need to attend. No children please.
Topic will be on Sacraments.

Obligatorio

Retiro para Padres y Padrinos para
la Confirmación 2

29 de Marzo de 9am a 3pm en inglés

5 de Abril de 9am a 3pm en español

Dónde: *Iglesia Metodista Unida de Lake Tahoe, 8425 Dolly Varden Ave, Kings Beach, CA 96143*
Todos los padres y padrinos de la Confirmación 2 deben asistir. No se admiten niños. El tema será sobre los sacramentos.



On Saturday, March 15 the St. Francis of Assisi, Confirmation Second Year students ("Confirmandi") participated in an all-day Spiritual Retreat. There were 46 Confirmandi in attendance along with our Pastor, myself and two instructors.

The Confirmandi experienced spiritual lessons on the Sacrament of Confirmation, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Reconciliation and Patron Saints. They also played spiritual games, took a "Sea of Galilee" hike and shared together in multiple breakout sessions. Thank you to our Parent volunteers who fed the Confirmandi breakfast and help clean the facility.

A Very Special Thank You to Father Jorge, Eugene Gumah and Andrea Gitchell who lead sessions, as well as breakout groups. Their tremendous contribution made the Retreat a success. The Confirmandi will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at a special Mass on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 10:00AM.

I'm very proud of our Confirmandi who grew in Spirit and fully embraced the experience.

Coach Torre



The Life, Peace & Justice Commission, along with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Secular Franciscans of this Diocese, present

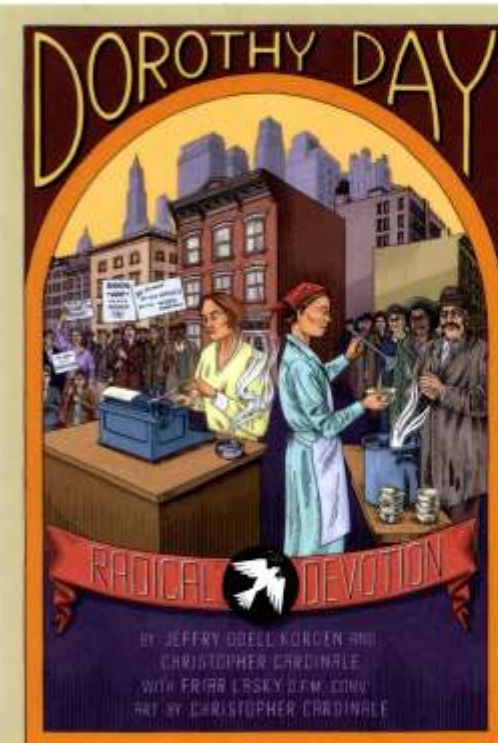
An Evening to Learn about Dorothy Day

SAVE THE DATE

A complex woman who was a Catholic convert and founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, Dorothy was also a journalist, a social justice advocate, and a staunch peace activist. She is now titled "Servant of God" as the Church has opened the cause of Dorothy's canonization.



Special Guest Speaker for this event is Jeff Korgen, author of the new book, *Dorothy Day: Radical Devotion*.



Jeff has been instrumental in promoting Dorothy Day's Cause for Canonization

Free Event!

MAY 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Free Event!

Bishop Manogue High School, 110 Bishop Manogue Dr.

Please RSVP to: https://Dorothy_Day_Talk.eventbrite.com

Or email Rita Sloan rwrksloan@hotmail.com

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI & **Hallow**

A reminder to join our prayer challenges. 'How to Pray' which started Feb 16th, and our Lenten Prayer Challenge beginning Ash Wednesday...

We at Saint Francis of Assisi are thrilled to announce that we'll be partnering with Hallow this year, the #1 prayer app!

Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace. Users are able to pray

alongside Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, + many more.

The app also offers mental health and sleep content, audiobooks, and sacred music. All parishioners – subscribers and those on the free version – are invited to be a part of Saint Francis' parish page in the app. There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests and take part in prayer challenges together.

TO JOIN

Visit hallow.com/parish or SCAN the QR Code, search (zip code is fastest), and follow the prompts.



- ♥ **If you're brand new to Hallow, you'll be given a special \$1 trial which gives you access to all the app's premium content.**
- ♥ **If you'd like to forgo and remain on the free version, simply hit "X" on the trial screen and you'll have access to our parish page.**

Throughout the year, we'll take part in a series of prayer challenges together – stay tuned for announcements!

We look forward to praying with you.



AB 346



CONFERENCIA CATÓLICA
DE NEVADA

La Conferencia Católica de Nevada les insta a **OPONERSE** al proyecto de ley AB346, un peligroso que permite a los pacientes con enfermedades terminales obtener medicamentos para terminar con su vida en Nevada.

- El proyecto de ley AB346 debilita la creencia fundamental en la santidad de la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural.
- Este proyecto de ley promueve la muerte por encima de la atención compasiva, ignorando las verdaderas soluciones paliativas y disminuye la dignidad humana.
- Nuestros hermanos y hermanas con discapacidad, las personas mayores y quienes luchan contra la depresión se vuelven particularmente vulnerables a ser presionados para el suicidio asistido.

Por favor, contacten a sus representantes locales e ínsstenlos a VOTAR NO al proyecto de ley AB346.



AB 346



NEVADA CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE

The Nevada Catholic Conference urges you to **OPPOSE** AB346, a dangerous bill that allows terminally ill patients to obtain life-ending medication in Nevada.

- AB346 undermines the fundamental belief in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.
- This bill promotes death over compassionate care, disregarding true palliative solutions and diminishing human dignity.
- Our brothers and sisters with disabilities, the elderly, and those battling depression become particularly vulnerable to being pressured into assisted suicide.

Please contact your local representatives and urge them to VOTE NO on AB346.

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