

*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*  
*Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor*



## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

### CLERGY

REV. JORGE HERRERA, PASTOR  
DCN. DON CAULEY, CHANCELLOR

### CHURCH OFFICE

MONDAY: CLOSED  
TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 8AM TO 4PM  
SATURDAY: 9AM TO 5PM  
SUNDAY: CLOSED

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY 4PM:  
CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

TUESDAY - FRIDAY, 12PM (NOON)  
DAILY MASS

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

FRIDAY, 6:30PM:  
GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY, 4PM OR BY APPOINTMENT:  
RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: MASS 5PM (ENGLISH)

SUNDAY: MASS  
9AM (ENGLISH), 11:30AM (BILINGUAL),  
5PM (ESPAÑOL)



Saturday, April 12

- ♦ 5pm: Gabor Tamas † and Dottie Milton †

Sunday, April 13

- ♦ 9am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 11:30am: Estanislao Calvario Gonzalez †
- ♦ 5pm: Guillermo Espinoza (Feliz Cumple.) y Maricela Torres (Sanación)

Tuesday, April 15 thru Friday April 18, 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, April 19

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

Sunday, April 20

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

**THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
OFFERINGS FOR THE *WEEKEND OF*  
*APRIL 6, 2025***

Mass Offerings	\$ 5,280
Online Giving Offerings	\$ 6,409
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,689</u></b>

**Catholic Services Appeal**

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

**GOAL**  
**\$ 124,877**

Pledged	\$ 55,400
Received	\$ 39,345

**9%**  
**Participation**



Cash and checks are welcomed in the Front Office.  
Thank you for supporting CSA.

**Campaña de Servicios Católicos**

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

**META**  
**\$ 124,877**

Promesa	\$ 55,400
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**9%**  
**Participantes**



Se acepta efectivo y cheques en la oficina.  
Gracias por apoyar a CSC.

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.



## Holy Week Schedule

### Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday of the Holy Week – NO MASS

### Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Noon Mass: Tuesday of the Holy Week  
12:30 – 7pm Adoration

### Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Noon Mass: Wednesday of the Holy Week  
7pm at the Church – Tahoe Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorus “St. Matthew Passion”

### Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

6pm: Evening of the Lord’s Supper (Bilingual Service)  
7 – 10 pm: Thursday adoration of the blessed Sacrament

### Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

NO DAILY MASS  
12pm (noon): Marian Stations led by the Women’s Ministry  
3pm: The Passion of the Lord (English)  
5:30pm: The Passion of the Lord (Bilingual)

### Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

NO Confessions  
NO 5pm Mass  
8pm: Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

7am: Easter Sunrise Mass - followed by Breakfast  
(Prepared by the Youth Group)  
9am: Easter Mass - followed by Breakfast  
(Prepared by the Youth Group)  
11:30am: Easter Mass followed by a potluck Picnic  
(Please Bring a lunch dish to share)  
**NO 5pm Mass**

## Semana Santa

### Lunes, 14 de Abril

Lunes de Semana Santa – NO MISA

### Martes, 15 de Abril

Misa del mediodía: Martes de Semana Santa  
12:30 – 7pm Adoración

### Miércoles, 16 de Abril

Misa del mediodía: Miércoles de Semana Santa  
7pm en la Iglesia – Orquesta y Coro Filarmónico de Tahoe  
“Pasión de San Mateo”

### Jueves, 17 de Abril

6pm: Noche de la Cena del Señor (Servicio Bilingüe)  
7 – 10 pm: Jueves adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

### Viernes, 18 de Abril

NO HAY MISA DIARIA  
12pm (mediodía): Estaciones Marianas dirigidas por el Ministerio de la Mujer  
3pm: La Pasión del Señor (Inglés)  
5:30pm: La Pasión del Señor (Bilingüe)

### Sábado, 19 de Abril

NO Confesiones  
NO Misa a las 5pm  
8pm Vigilia Pascual

### Domingo, 20 de Abril

7am: Misa del Amanecer de Pascua  
(Preparada por el Grupo de Jóvenes)  
9am: Misa de Pascua seguida de Desayuno  
(Preparado por el Grupo de Jóvenes)  
11:30 am: Misa de Pascua seguida de un picnic  
(Traiga un plato de almuerzo para compartir)  
**NO Misa a las 5pm**



Collection on Good Friday, April 18th, is for  
*The Holy Land*  
La colecta para Viernes Santo, 18 de Abril, será para  
*La Tierra Santa*



**There will be NO Spanish Mass  
On  
Easter Sunday April 20th**

**No habrá misa en español  
el  
Domingo de Pascua, 20 de Abril**

**NO Confessions**

on Good Friday April 18 or Holy  
Saturday April 19



**NO Confesiones**

Viernes Santo, 18 de Abril ni el  
Sábado Santo, 19 de Abril

Office will be  
**CLOSED**  
on  
**Good  
Friday**  
April 18



**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*

**Job Opportunities: Diocese of Reno**

The Pastoral Center is interested in candidates who wish to apply for the following positions:

- **Finance Assistant**
- **Youth Ministry Assistant**
- **Bishop's Office Assistant**



If you would like a job description for any of the above positions, please email Tara Snow directly at [TaraS@Catholicreno.org](mailto:TaraS@Catholicreno.org).

## Attention Graduating Seniors!!! Scholarship Opportunity Available!!!



Mike Archer was one of the founding members of our Lady Queen of Peace Council at St. Francis and was the Council's first Grand Knight. The Mike Archer scholarships are merit-based awards granted to eligible local graduating high school seniors. They are awarded on a competitive basis. For 2025, the awards are \$1,000 per student and will be given to the top two applicants. Applicants must be (or have been) confirmed, active, full-time registered members of our Parish. Applications are available now and you can request them via email from [jeffw@sftahoe.org](mailto:jeffw@sftahoe.org).

Please return applications to that same email address by **May 9, 2025**.

## Calling All 20 Somethings!

Join us Wednesday, **April 16 from 6-8 pm at the Parish Rectory - 655 Kelly Drive**  
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!*

Please click the link to RSVP: [bit.ly/42mbZhL](https://bit.ly/42mbZhL)



## *DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY*

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
Come Pray with Us  
Confessions will be available on:  
SATURDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM 3 - 4:30pm  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## *DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA*

Domingo 27 de Abril, a las 3pm  
SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS  
Ven a orar con nosotros  
Las confesiones estarán  
disponibles el:  
SABADO 26 DE ABRIL,  
DE 3 - 4:30pm  
**BIENVENIDOS TODOS**

## Save the Date!!!

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community  
Presented by the Knights of Columbus

14th Annual Golf & Giggle

Fun-Raiser Tournament

Monday September 15th, 2025

Information and signups

Will begin in June



## FINANCIAL LITERACY SEMINAR SERIES

Increase Your Financial Confidence in 2025

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

April 15 - Financial Literacy Basics  
(Banking, Savings, Credit, Debt)

May 20 - Homeownership  
(Preparation, Expenses, Equity, Insurance)

June 17 - Wealth Management  
(Maintaining & Growing Your Assets, Risk)

Location- STAOR Meeting Room  
2307 James Ave. So. Lake Tahoe  
Time- 5:30pm to 7:00pm

**LIMITED ENROLLMENT**

To Save Your Spot, RSVP to  
[contact@saintjosephclt.org](mailto:contact@saintjosephclt.org)



## Save the day!



We have secured 30 tickets for the Aces Baseball Game on the First Faith and Family Night, **Friday, June 27, 2025**, at **\$43.00 per adult** and **\$27.00 per child** (Fee includes Food) in the Coors Light Party Zone Area at 6:35pm at the *Greater Nevada Field located at 250 Evans Ave, Reno.*

For more information on how to get your ticket(s), please contact the Church office at (775)831-0490.

If you are planning to come to the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, Adults please hold the candles during the service (NO children to hold candles) as we wish to prevent the wax from dripping on the pews and carpet.



*We appreciate your help in protecting our church!*



Si planea asistir a la Vigilia el día de Pascua Sábado por la noche, por favor adultos sostenga las velas durante el servicio (No se permiten niños con velas) ya que queremos evitar que la cera gotee sobre los bancos y la alfombra.

*Agradecemos su ayuda para proteger nuestra iglesia.*





**Jill Mulcahy** has been a full-time member of St. Francis of Assisi since 2012. Throughout the years, she has been active in our parish, serving as the Office Manager for her first five years, and then as a cheerful volunteer, sharing her unique talents, giving heart, and compassion. Always willing to lend a hand or assistance, Jill has been an active member of the Liturgy Committee, the Arts and Environment Committee, the Building our Future Together Committee, and Bible Study. In 2021, she and her co-leader established the Women's Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, which offers the women of our parish the opportunity to foster strong connections through shared faith, to serve the community, and to grow spiritually.

**Sonia Rivas** has been a parishioner of Saint Francis for the last 15 years. She is member of the Spanish Prayer Group and has coordinated the group as a leader. She is a very faithful participant every Tuesday during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sonia is an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister for our Spanish Sunday Mass and coordinates the Spanish lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Also, she helps with coffee and donuts every Sunday morning and she is always ready to help in whatever she is asked to help with. Sonia is an asset to our faithful community.



### **Join Our Church Choir!**

The community choir at St. Francis of Assisi led by the music director, Saundra Whitt, is looking to connect with others who share their love for singing. Whether you are a seasoned vocalist or a beginner, there is a place for you in our musical family. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please reach out to Saundra Whitt either by email at: [saundraw@sftahoe.org](mailto:saundraw@sftahoe.org) or via the church office at: (775) 831-0490.

*We hope to hear from you*

### **Únete al Coro de nuestra Iglesia!**

El coro comunitario de San Francisco de Asís, dirigido por la directora musical Saundra Whitt, busca conectar con otras personas que comparten su pasión por el canto. Tanto si eres un vocalista experimentado como si eres principiante, hay un lugar para ti en nuestra familia musical. Si te interesa unírte o tienes alguna pregunta, comunícate con **Saundra Whitt** por correo electrónico a [saundraw@sftahoe.org](mailto:saundraw@sftahoe.org) o a través de la oficina de la iglesia al (775) 831-0490.

*Esperamos tener noticias tuyas*





*Tahoe*  
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ORCHESTRA & CHORUS

*James Rawie, Artistic Director and Conductor*

**BACH**  
*Passion*



*St. Matthew Passion  
is sorrowful and  
introspective, while  
Messiah is triumphant and  
celebratory— a true Easter  
story in classical  
music form.*

**Wednesday, April 16 7:00pm**  
**Incline Village: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**



TICKETS & CALENDAR

**TAHOE-PHILHARMONIC.COM**





## Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

### April 13, 2025

In this reading of our Lord's Passion we hear of Jesus' Last Supper, betrayal by Judas, trial both before the Sanhedrin and Pilate, suffering, crucifixion, death, and burial. Various details are embedded in this account of our Lord's final hours of earthly ministry and each of these details is telling us something about the deeper meaning of what is happening. Each passion narrative is profoundly rich in meaning and helps us enter more deeply into the mystery of the crucified Lord. You are encouraged to take time this week and carefully read the Passion Narrative in its entirety so as to enter into these Holy Days with Jesus as He leads us to His glorious resurrection.

Note how Jesus takes time to accomplish some of His most outstanding ministry during His passion and crucifixion. Our Lord is continuing His incredible works of mercy even while He is suffering. Some points, which illustrate this particular concern for others, include the following:

At the Last Supper, Peter professes his loyalty to Jesus. Jesus, for His part, knows that Peter and the others will abandon and betray Him. Nonetheless, He still shares the Eucharist with them (His very life) and prays for them. He even prays for Peter by name so that when Peter turns, that is repents and converts from his sinful denial, he would become a source of strength for the other disciples. It would certainly be difficult for us to do that for our friends if we knew they were about to betray, abandon, or deny us. Jesus loves His disciples to the end despite their sin and failure (see Lk 22:31–32).

When the guards come to arrest Him, one of Jesus' disciples cuts off the ear of one of the high priest's slaves. Jesus heals the injury of those who were about to arrest Him. He cares for those who suffered violence even as they are in the process of arresting Him and about to begin His trial (see Lk 22:51).

Notice, too, how Pilate sends Jesus to Herod for questioning. At the end of that scene Luke tells us that Herod and Pilate become friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. It is no accident that this reconciliation occurs through the encounter with Jesus. He heals a broken friendship between Pilate and Herod even as they are shuffling the Lord back and forth from one to the other as part of a sham trial (see Lk 23:12).

When Jesus is carrying His cross and meets the weeping women, He takes time to comfort them. Even while He is heavily burdened with the weight of the cross, our Lord is not so burdened that He cannot offer a consoling word to others (see Lk 23:27–29).

As He is on the cross, Jesus prays for the forgiveness of His persecutors. He had taught His disciples to pray for their enemies and to do good to those who hurt them in the Sermon on the Plain (see Lk 6:27-28). Now, He is showing us what love of one's enemy looks like in practice as He absolves His very executioners (see Lk 23:34).

While He is on the cross, He consoles the Good Thief who asks to be remembered when the Lord comes into his kingdom (see Lk 23:42). Jesus responds with the same generous mercy He exemplified each day of His life. What He gives the Good Thief is much more than what was asked. He said: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (see Lk 23:43). Even as He dies, Jesus is reconciling a sinner to God and giving salvation to one who sought it (see Lk 23:39–43).

All of these details are particular to Luke's Gospel. Luke relates them to us because he wants us to see that Jesus' passion is a manifestation of our Lord's greatest mercy and love for the world.

- *How do you treat others when you are having a bad day?*
- *What helps you to rise above your own concerns to address the needs of others?*
- *Which of the above interventions of Jesus strikes you as particularly meaningful and why?*
- *Who is willing to die for you?*
- *For whom are you willing to die?*
- *As you go through this Holy Week, how can you make time to bring your needs to the Lord and receive His ministry of mercy?*
- *Who needs to experience the mercy of Jesus through you this week?*



# Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

## THE LESSON OF ST. DISMAS

### What does Jesus' suffering have to do with the suffering in my life?

The Passion can seem like just a story of distant events in the past. The truth is that Jesus' Cross is deeply connected to our own crosses. In an article about St. Dismas, "the good thief," Colin MacIver explains.

#### I Am Dismas and So Are You

When I thought about and prayed with the story of Dismas as told in Luke's Gospel, a meditation on suffering grew in my interior life. It seems that I have spent my life hanging next to Christ. The doom of suffering unto death, in its varying levels of intensity, is mine. Because of sin, it is what I deserve. At the risk of escalating this too quickly, I'll just go right for it and say this: My sentence is death. I am terminal. So much around me tries to distract, numb, and deny a fact that remains: I will suffer, and I will die.

When I fail to numb that reality away and breathe in the ache of my mortality, I am left with two paths. One is to curse God, mock Christ, and rail on in my bitterness until I am finally silenced by death, like Gestas (Gestas), "the bad thief." The other path is to look over at the bleeding and suffocating Christ beside me and to console his heart with an outcry of faith and repentance, like Dismas.

#### Crosses Change Everything

Scripture tells us nothing of the method of Dismas' crucifixion, but in my own meditative imagination, Dismas was nailed like Christ. In his final hours, as he pulled himself up by the nails to take a breath, he rose and fell on his cross in harmony with Christ. Dismas's wounds were conformed to those of Jesus, and the entire shape and meaning of his life was transformed.

I use this vision to sustain me in rough moments. When any given day is full of agony, I know that I do not hang on my cross alone, and I can turn my gaze to the one crucified next to me. I see that I deserve my cross, while he is innocent, and I can immediately perceive the way he is looking at me. His eyes are full of mercy. It changes everything.





### Make It Your Own

Pray specifically with St. Luke's Passion narrative and put yourself in the place of St. Dismas. Write down what you want to say to Jesus crucified right next to you.

### The Promise of Remembrance

Whether you are a daily Mass goer or do or deal drugs, whether you are suffering from a hangnail or a terminal illness, whether you are young or old, rich or poor—know this: You do not hang alone. If your cross is anxiety, unemployment, divorce, stress, poverty, chronic pain, or a slow internet connection ... you do not hang alone. Look next to you. Make eye contact with the one who is innocent and crucified. Rebuke the voices of complaint, bitterness, and despair and call on his mercy. I am Dismas and so are you. The whole lot of us face a terminal sentence. Nothing we buy, nothing we invent or do can keep us from our doom. We will all suffer, and we will all die, but this is not the last word; at least, it does not have to be.

Look into the eyes of Christ and pray this right now:

*"Remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

Luke 23:42

Can you hear the response? It is a promise, sealed in blood and agony, that you will be remembered. Count on it.

### Ponder and Pray

- What are your current crosses, and how can you connect with Jesus' Passion in a particular way this Holy Week?
- How does your prayer life enter into a conversation with Jesus' crucifixion?
- What would you say to Jesus if you were hanging beside him?

### Dive Deeper

Scan this code to listen more.

Or go to:

[A Reminder from Dismas: You'll Be Remembered - Ascension Press Media](#)



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SATURDAY, APRIL 26th 12:00-3:00 PM

*St. Francis Lower Parking Lot*

WEATHER LOCATION: PARISH HALL

GET YOUR TICKETS AT THE DOOR: CASH, CHECK, VENMO

Admission  
\$10: Adults  
\$5: Kids

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& CRAFTS

50/50 Raffle

Admission includes chili tasting cup, corn bread, cookie,  
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