

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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)**

CLERGY

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

CHURCH OFFICE

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 8AM TO 4PM

SATURDAY: 9AM TO 5PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED



Saturday, April 19

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

Sunday, April 20

- ♦ 9am: Amerigo Rose Carnazzola †
- ♦ 11:30am: Karen Herrera † (Rest in Peace)
- ♦ 5pm: Por los parroquianos vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

Tuesday, April 22 thru Friday April 25, 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 26

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

Sunday, April 27

- ♦ 9am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 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 13, 2025***

Mass Offerings	\$ 4,653
Online Giving Offerings	\$ 4,467
TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,120</u>

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



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Participation

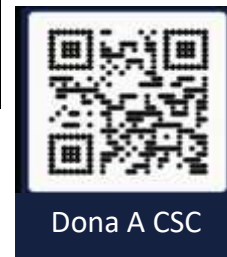
Cash and checks are welcomed in the Front Office.
Thank you for supporting CSA.

**Campaña de Servicios
Católicos**

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

META
\$ 124,877

Promesa	\$ 55,400
Recibidó	\$ 39,345



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

FAITH LEADERS ADDRESS THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

On April 4th, 2025, Governor Joe Lombardo asked the Nevada Legislature “to disregard AB346,” a proposal that would legalize assisted suicide in the State of Nevada.

Simply put, Governor Lombardo told them, if the Legislature passes AB346, “I will not sign it.”

As faith leaders from a wide variety of backgrounds and traditions, we speak with one voice in support of the Governor’s decision, applauding his courage, clarity and conviction. We are equally thankful to the legislators who stand with the Governor in opposition to AB346.

Together, we believe in the dignity of all human life, through all stages of life until natural death.

Furthermore, we believe that God is the author of life and the sole arbiter of death.

At the same time, our opposition to assisted suicide is not only a tenet of faith but also a humanitarian issue that extends beyond particular faith traditions or systems of belief.

Assisted suicide conveys the message that human life is expendable, and that persons have diminished worth when they become weak, vulnerable or unproductive.

We want to be clear that assisted suicide, or euthanasia, should never be confused with the many ethical end-of-life choices that are available to maximize comfort and quality of life. These include palliative treatment and hospice care.

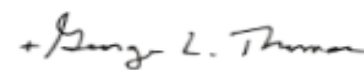
We know that recent advancements in pain management allow health care professionals to provide effective relief to patients with acute, chronic, or terminal illness. These advances have helped give patients the ability to effectively treat their pain and live with greater comfort and dignity.

Choosing these ethical forms of care provides greater comfort, dignity, and respect for human life.

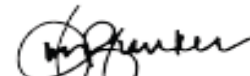
In some states where assisted suicide is legal, health insurance companies deny payment for life-saving medical treatments yet are willing to pay for life-ending prescriptions to end human life. Those with disabilities, the elderly, those battling depression, and veterans are particularly vulnerable to being pressured into choosing assisted suicide.

Furthermore, studies have confirmed that physicians are often wrong in their prediction of terminal illness life expectancy. Many patients live much longer than predicted and some are thankfully cured.

We call on our fellow Nevadans to thank our Governor’s decision to uphold the dignity and worth of human life in our beloved State of Nevada.



Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Las Vegas
Board Chair of Nevada Catholic Conference



Elder Jonathan W. Bunker
Area Seventy, Southern Nevada Area
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



Pastor Hilda Espadas
Iglesia Siquem



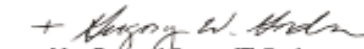
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Roman Catholic Bishop of Reno
Board Member of Nevada Catholic Conference



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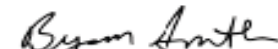
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Calvary Red Rock



Most Reverend Gregory W. Gordon
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Board Member of Nevada Catholic Conference



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Rev. Bryan Smith
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Sparks, NV



Imam Shamsuddin Waheed
Masjid Ibrahim



Pastor Phillip D. Washington
Promise Land Community Church



Rev. Adam Stetson
Pastor
Christ Lutheran Church-Boulder City
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

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.

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!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 27th, at 3pm

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Come Pray with Us

Confessions will be available on:

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH

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

TODOS SEAN

BIENVENIDOS



EASTER

At Easter God says to us:

*"I am there. I am with you. I am your life. I am your time.
I am the gloom of your daily routine ...
I weep your tears—pour yours out to me, my child. I am your joy.
Do not be afraid to be happy, for ever since I wept, joy is more suitable
than the anxiety and grief of those who think they have no hope. . . .
I am the blind alleys of all your paths, for when you no longer know
how to go any further, then you have reached me. I am your anxiety,
for I have shared it by suffering it. I am in the prison of your finiteness,
for my love has made me your prisoner. When the totals of your plans
and of life experiences do not balance out, I am the unsolved remainder.
I am present in your needs, I have suffered them and they are now transformed,
but not obliterated from my heart. I am in your lowest fall, I am in your death,
for today I began to die with you, because I was born anew in you . . .
I have sheltered, safely and completely, in the stable of your world.
I am there. I no longer go away from this world, even if you do not see me now. . . .
I am here. It is Easter. Light up the candles.
They have more right to exist than all the darkness.
It is Easter, Easter that lasts forever."*

(adapted from Karl Rahner)



Call for Singers



"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs with Angels Round the Throne"
Do you sing along at church or just listen? Examine the purpose of the music.

Psalm 95

*Come, let us sing with jubilation to the Lord;
let us cry out to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with our songs.*

Psalm 100

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Enter his presence with songs of joy!
Offer thanksgiving as you enter his gates,
sing hymns of praise as you approach his court.*

The Saint Francis of Assisi Choir is looking to recruit fresh new voices to join our ministry.

If you have been attending mass and enjoy singing from the pews, please consider joining the choir!

The Saint Francis of Assisi community choir led by music director, Sandra Whitt, is looking to connect with new singers who wish to share their vocal gifts and love of God with their voices by joining us in praising the Lord at any of our weekend Masses. Whether you are a seasoned vocalist or a beginner, we have a place for you in our musical family. We meet every Thursday in the Church sanctuary at 3:15pm to rehearse music

for the weekend masses and also 30 minutes before each of the masses.

If you are interested in joining our choir or have any questions, please reach out to Sandra Whitt either by email at saundraw@sftahoe.org or call the church office at (775) 831-0490.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Many thanks for all who sponsored and helped with the Youth/Religious Education Bowling event on Palm Sunday.

This event could not happen without the support of the Knights of Columbus. Not only financially, but from leading groups of children during the event; to chaperoning the event and providing security for the event.



SPECIAL THANKS TO
JEFF WHITT FOR ORGANIZING
THE STATIONS OF THE
CROSS DURING
LENT. THANK YOU TO
ALL WHO SPONSORED
A STATION AND TO
THOSE OF YOU WHO
ATTENDED.



A huge **THANK YOU** to the Art and Environment
Ministry for their generous gifts of time decorating
the church for Lent and then Easter. Thank you for
your dedication to ***St. Francis of Assisi Parish.***



Thank you to all parents and sponsors who attended the
Confirmation retreat on Tuesday, April 15th, and to all who helped.

We had a very good turnout



Gracias a todos los padres y patrocinadores que asistieron al retiro de
Confirmación el martes 15 de abril y a todos los que ayudaron.

Tuvimos una muy buena participación

Chili Cook-Off



GET READY FOR THE ANNUAL
BATTLE FOR THE GOLDEN BOWL!

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

FACEPAINTING
& CRAFTS

50/50 Raffle

Admission includes chili tasting cup, corn bread, cookie,
and a non-alcoholic drink ticket. Beer cups available for additional charge.

SIGN-UP TO ENTER A CHILI AFTER SCHOOL OR MASS

All Proceeds to: St. Clare's Operating Fund

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.

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

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



Save the Date!



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.



Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection

Solemnity of Easter (Vigil)

April 20, 2025



The New Testament accounts of Jesus' resurrection are well known to us. Due to our familiarity with these texts we can easily overlook significant details by which each of the Gospel writers wished to communicate particular meaning. The Gospel of Luke offers numerous unique insights that are meant to inspire, encourage, and guide our lives as disciples.

In this passage we hear of the women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee and were present for His crucifixion. Now they go to the tomb to anoint our Lord's body. When they arrive, they see the tomb open and the body gone. They went looking for Jesus in the last place they had seen Him, but He was not to be found there. Instead, two men ask them a question that is really a thought-provoking reprimand: "Why do you seek the one who lives among the dead?" (It should be noted that this phrase places the emphasis on "the One who lives" rather than on "the dead").

This reprimand is an important instruction for all disciples who seek to find Jesus by looking for Him as they knew Him in a past experience. Sometimes we can think that Jesus was more real in the past than He is in the present. We can look for Jesus as He was 2,000 years ago in history and fail to recognize Him present to us now in the Sacraments, the Holy Spirit, and the lives of faithful Christians. We can also become so focused on efforts to re-create a previous encounter with Christ in our own personal lives that we fail to see where the Lord is calling us now. When we do that then we are like these women who return to a past experience of Jesus rather than learning to recognize Him present now in a new way.

Luke emphasizes throughout His Gospel that today is the day of our salvation, not yesterday. Today the Scripture is being fulfilled in our midst — not yesterday or tomorrow (see Lk 4:21). Today is when we must pick up our Cross and follow Jesus — not yesterday or tomorrow (see Lk 9:23). For this reason the Liturgy of the Word on Easter Sunday invites us to sing the antiphon taken from Psalm 118:24 *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."* In this way, we are invited to celebrate the resurrection as a current event that is always relevant and significant for our lives as disciples.

- ***What are typical past experiences of Jesus that people can focus on in such a way that it prevents them from seeking Jesus in the present moment?***
- ***When do you find yourself looking for the living one among the dead and focusing on a past event (retreat experience or prayer experience) rather than recognizing Jesus as the one who lives in the present?***
- ***How do you seek the Living One present to you now?***
- ***When we search for Jesus where He is not present then we become frustrated and even doubtful. How can a faith community help people recognize Jesus (the One who lives) present in their lives today?***

Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

EASTER'S CALL: EVANGELIZE

As a regular Catholic, shouldn't I leave spreading the word about Jesus to the experts?

The Easter encounter that St. Mary Magdalene experiences is *our* call to give witness. A witness is not an expert making an argument, but someone who shares an experience. We are all called to give testimony to the resurrected Lord in our lives. What is your witness? Here is the witness of Mary of Magdala.

Despite Flaws, We Share

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio reminds us that Jesus chose witnesses who were uneducated and highly imperfect. It is unlikely that either the apostles or Mary Magdalene had theology degrees from a rabbinical academy. And when it comes to sanctity, all but the Mother of Jesus fall a bit short. Mary Magdalene, a year or two prior to the Resurrection, had been possessed by seven demons. Peter had denied Jesus three times, just a few days before Easter morning. And all of the Twelve, save the Beloved Disciple, had abandoned Jesus as he was dragged from the garden and nailed to the Cross.

Our Lord nonetheless commissioned these highly flawed people to take the Good News to all nations.

We Are Called to Witness

To explain why they were—and we are—capable of doing this, let's analyze the role of a witness in a court of law. A witness is not called to make a coherent, comprehensive case for or against someone who is on trial. The witness is called upon to answer questions about what he or she saw or heard. When prompted, a witness simply shares her or his experience.

Mary Magdalene and the apostles were eyewitnesses of the Risen Christ. More than five hundred disciples shared in this experience, according to Paul (see 1 Corinthians 15). They could bear witness to seeing him bodily. We, obviously, cannot.

But the Gospel, the Good News, is this. Through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, all sin is forgiven. He, who will be the judge, died to acquit us all. People have only to accept this forgiveness to experience freedom and profound peace. Peter, Thomas, Mary Magdalene, and all the disciples knew the sweetness of his forgiveness in the face of the bitterness of their sin. And so do we.

Though the fullness of the risen life is yet to come for us, we have experienced being reborn through the Resurrection of Jesus and his gift of the Holy Spirit, the down payment of the treasure reserved for us in heaven.

Ponder and Pray

- What do Jesus and his Resurrection mean to you this Easter?
- How has the witness of others formed your own faith?
- How has God been working in your life?

Make It Your Own

What is your witness? Write out some notes about your story as you would share it with friends and family.



Saint Mary Magdalene Preaching

Dive Deeper

Scan this code to listen more:



Or go to:

[The Story of Easter Calls Us to Evangelize - Ascension Press Media](#)

Tip of the Week

Being witnesses to the Good News of Easter means being able and willing to share a bit of our story. People can argue with opinions and reasoning, but they really can't argue with someone's experience.

Marcellina D'Ambrosio, PhD ("Dr. Italy"), has had a prolific career as a Catholic author, internationally respected speaker, pilgrimage leader, and university professor. He is the author of the groundbreaking Bible study on the life of Christ filmed in the Holy Land, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, and contributes to Ascension articles, from which this reflection was adapted.
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