WEEKLY BULLETIN

Second Sunday of Easter - Cycle C Segundo Domingo de Pascua - Ciclo C



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

CLERGY

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CHURCH OFFICE

MONDAY: CLOSED

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

SUNDAY: CLOSED

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 4PM
CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

TUESDAY - "FRIDAY-NO MASS"

12PM(NOON) - DAILY MASS

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

Thursday: Mass 6pm (Bilingual) for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis

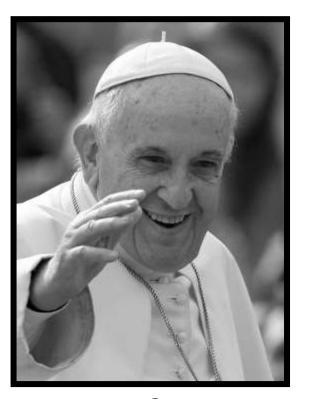
FRIDAY: 6:30PM GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY: 4PM OR BY APPOINTMENT:

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: MASS 5PM (ENGLISH)

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



In Memory of Pope Francis

The entire Church mourns the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. In cathedrals, basilicas, parish churches, shrines, and chapels, the Holy Eucharist will be offered for the repose of his soul. Communities and individuals will ask God to bestow his infinite mercy on the man who served the Church as Bishop of Rome.

This novena has been prepared to help pray for the Pope during this time. The daily novena—lasting for the *novendiales* period as directed by the College of Cardinals—consists of a short reading from Scripture or some other ecclesiastical text and some brief prayers, including orations drawn from the *Roman Missal* and the *Order of Christian Funerals*.

The Novena for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis begins on Saturday, April 26th and continues until Sunday, May 4th.

Let us join the entire Church in praying this Spiritual Work of Mercy.

https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/263531/what-happens-during-the-vatican-s-nine-days-of-mourning-for-the-pope

En Memoria del Papa Francisco

Toda la Iglesia lamenta la muerte de nuestro Santo Padre, Francisco. En catedrales, basílicas, iglesias parroquiales, santuarios y capillas se ofrecerá la Sagrada Eucaristía para el descanso de su alma. Las comunidades y los individuos pedirán a Dios que conceda su infinita misericordia al hombre que sirvió a la Iglesia como Obispo de Roma.

Esta novena ha sido preparada para ayudar a orar por el Papa durante este tiempo de duelo. La novena diaria –que dura para el período de los *novendiales* establecido por orden del Colegio Cardenalicio – consiste en una breve lectura de las Escrituras o algún otro texto eclesiástico y algunas oraciones breves, incluyendo las oraciones extraídas del *Misal Romano* y del *Ritual de exequias cristianas*.

La Novena por el eterno descanso del Papa Francisco comienza el sábado 26 de abril y continúa hasta el domingo 4 de mayo.

Unámonos a toda la Iglesia en la oración de esta Obra Espiritual de Misericordia.

Bilingual Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis, Thurs. May 1st at 6pm

Misa bilingüe por el Descanso Eterno del Papa Francisco, Jueves 1 de Mayo a las 6pm



Saturday, April 26

♦ 5pm: Mary Agnes Withers †

Sunday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 29 thru Friday May 2, at Noon

- ♦ TUE: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ WED: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ THUR: Pat Risberg † (Happy B-Day)

NO MASS FRIDAY

Saturday, May 3

♦ 5pm: James and Katie Stuck (On their Marriage)

Sunday, May 4

- ♦ 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 20, 2025*

Mass Offerings	\$ 9,207
Online Giving Offerings	\$ 5,857
TOTAL	\$ 15,064

Good Friday - Second Collection \$3,680

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be the weekend of (May 3-4) after each Mass



LA UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS será para el fin de semana de (Mayo 3-4) después de cada Misa

2nd Collection for the weekend of May 3-4, is for the

Catholic Home Missions

Segunda Colecta para el fin de semana de 3 y 4 de Mayo, es para las

Misiones Domésticas Católicas

Our deepest gratitude to Eugene and Lorena and to each and everyone of the youth group along with their parents, for taking time away from celebrating Easter with their families to prepare Easter breakfast for the 7 and 9am masses.

A special thank you to all of you who prepared and brought food to share at the potluck for the 11:30am mass. Your generosity and community spirit were evident.

Thank you for your time, your unwavering commitment. Your efforts brought joy to many and made this Easter celebration one to remember. Happy Easter!









Nuestro más profundo agradecimiento a Eugene y Lorena, y a todos los jóvenes del grupo, junto con sus padres, por tomarse un tiempo de la celebración de la Pascua en familia para preparar el desayuno de Pascua para las misas de las 7:00 y 9:00am.

Un agradecimiento especial a todos los que prepararon y trajeron comida para compartir en la misa de las 11:30am. Su generosidad y espíritu comunitario fueron evidentes.

Gracias por su tiempo y su inquebrantable compromiso. Sus esfuerzos alegraron a muchos e hicieron de esta celebración de Pascua algo inolvidable. ¡Felices Pascuas!

TRIDUUM AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

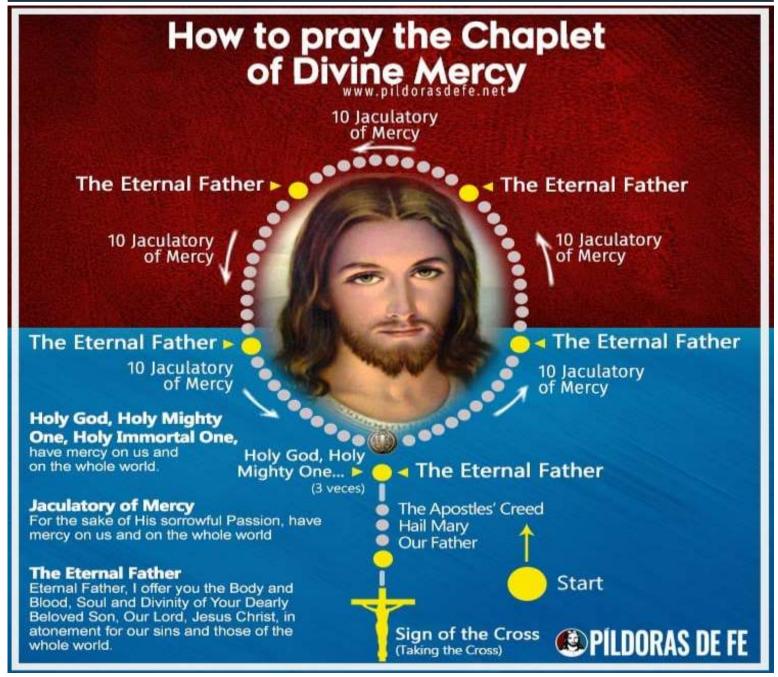
Please visit our Facebook Page "Francis Assisi" at https://www.facebook.com/francis.assisi.39/ to view more pictures!



CELEBRACIÓNES DEL TRIDUO Y PASCUA

Visite nuestra página de Facebook "Francis Assisi" al https://www.facebook.com/francis.assisi.39/ para ver mas fotos!





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 Pary 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.





Is the Catholic faith calling to you?

Would you like to know more about the teachings, traditions, and sacraments of the Church? Do you have a family member, a coworker or friend who is interested in exploring what it means to be Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a structured process that helps individuals gradually learn about and prepare to enter full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. These sacraments are the foundational rites of Christian life.

Even if you are not yet certain about joining the Church, you are welcome to participate in OCIA's gatherings and discussions to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith.

Now is the perfect time to join the group. For more information, contact the Office at St. Francis of Assisi Parish at 775-831-0490, or Donna Roodhouse, OCIA Coordinator, at 503-550-2815.





Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025

Our scripture passage comes from the Gospel of John 20:19–31. The Church provides this same reading for us each year on this Sunday and so we have ample opportunities to reflect on the many rich aspects of this passage. For additional insights into this Gospel account that are not discussed in this reflection, please refer to the volumes of *Come Follow Me* for Liturgical Year A and Liturgical Year B. Let's take a look at this well-known account of Thomas who doubts the reality of Jesus' resurrection.

In this Gospel passage, we are told that the disciples were living in fear behind locked doors. Specifically we are informed that they were afraid of the Jews who had put Jesus to death. Perhaps their reason for fear changed when Jesus stood in their midst. Just imagine what they must have thought! After all, here's their friend whom they had abandoned and denied and left to die alone on the cross.

Now the disciples were probably more nervous than ever and wondered if Jesus would be angry with them. Rather than being vindictive towards the disciples, Jesus assures them that He seeks only their good and wishes them peace. Our Lord does not want them, or us, to live in fear of condemnation because of our failures, but in restored relationship. Jesus sought them out like the Good Shepherd going after the lost sheep. The disciples were embarrassed, afraid, isolated, and sorrowful. Jesus came to let them know that He still loved them despite their sin.

There are times in our lives when we can feel like the disciples in that upper room. These are times when we hide from the Lord and others out of our fear, shame, sorrow, and sin. Jesus wants to break into those locked rooms of our hearts and bring His peace and healing reconciliation to us as well.

- When do you identify with the disciples behind the locked door, living in fear?
- How have you experienced the truth that Jesus wants nothing more than to restore a lost or damaged relationship with you?
- How can fear, shame, or sorrow keep someone from experiencing God's mercy in the presence of the Church today?
- When have you been surprised by someone who took the initiative to reconcile with you despite the fact that you were the one who offended them?



What is Divine Mercy and what does it have to do with the Gospel today?

The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. What is it? How does it connect to the Easter season and specifically to today's Gospel about St. Thomas? Caroline Harvey addresses these questions in an article about Divine Mercy.

Put Your Finger Here

Jesus instructs Thomas to touch the wounds of the crucifixion on his hands and place his hand in his side. Beyond proving to Thomas that he did rise from the dead, Jesus meets Thomas in his suffering of disbelief, confusion, and pain, showing his disciple that he has taken that suffering upon himself. Jesus knows his pain intimately and does not dismiss or punish Thomas for it. In making it his own, Jesus recreates Thomas' heart, filling him with new life.

Devotion to Divine Mercy

This encounter between Jesus and St. Thomas is most fitting for the Feast of Divine Mercy. This feast on the Second Sunday of Easter is relatively new for the universal Church. It was inaugurated by St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000. St. Faustina was a Polish religious sister who received many revelations and commands from Jesus to spread devotion to Divine Mercy.

The famous painting of Jesus with white and red rays coming forth from him, with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in you," was painted

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from a vision St. Faustina received. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the feast itself were both requests from Jesus to St. Faustina. His words and the moving story of her life are recorded in her diary, which is worth reading many times. St. John Paul II was deeply devoted to spreading the message of Divine Mercy.

The Divine Mercy celebration as the culmination of the Easter Octave is not to be overlooked. Easter is the highest-ranking, holiest feast of the year. It is so holy that it takes us eight days to fully celebrate the glory of this one day. And as the crown of the octave stands the Feast of Divine Mercy. Jesus desired to make abundantly clear that he died out of love for us, and he forever showers that love upon us. He says to St. Faustina:

"If souls would put themselves completely in My care, I Myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them. There are souls who thwart My efforts, but I have not given up on them; as often as they turn to Me, I hurry to their aid, shielding them with My mercy, and I give them the first place in My compassionate Heart" (Diary, 1682).

These words bring to life the interaction between Jesus and St. Thomas. Jesus showers Thomas with mercy and even greater graces than had he first believed. This is hard to comprehend! How is it that God, who is perfect, can be just and superabundantly merciful?

Ponder and Pray

- · How do you personally relate to St. Thomas and his doubt?
- · Is it easy to put yourself completely under Jesus' care?
- · Is Jesus the Lord and God of all the aspects of your life?



Make It Your Own

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy this week. You can use your rosary. Take a few minutes before to list some intentions that you are entrusting to Jesus' mercy. Scan the QR code for instructions on how to pray the chaplet or go to:

https://ascensionpress.com/pages/divine-mercy-chaplet

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Tip of the Week

God's plan from the beginning was for all of us to be in communion with him. Our sin did not thwart his plan. Rather, it allowed for God's mercy and love to be known in greater depths than ever imaginable.

Dive Deeper

Scan this code to listen more:

Or go to:

<u>Unfathomable Divine Mercy and the</u> <u>Doubting Thomas - Ascension Press Media</u>



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