

Third Sunday of Easter - Cycle C
Tercer Domingo de Pascua - Ciclo C



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, 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: Armando Reyes y Arturo Rivas (feliz cumpleaños)

Tuesday, May 6 thru Friday May 9, at Noon

- ♦ TUE: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ WED: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ THUR: Dalton Boutte (for a successful surgery)
- ♦ Fri: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm

Saturday, May 10

- ♦ 5pm: Bradford Ellis † and Diane Evans †

Sunday, May 11

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

CLASE DE BAUTISMO

Miércoles 14 de Mayo, 6 - 8PM

Por favor NO NIÑOS y PUNTUALES!

THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OFFERINGS FOR THE *WEEKEND OF* *APRIL 27, 2025*

Mass Offerings \$ 4,043

Online Giving Offerings \$ 2,822

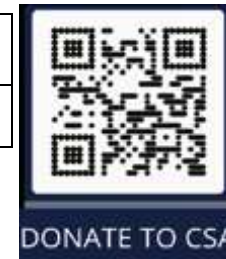
TOTAL \$ 6,865

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



DONATE TO CSA

9%
Participation

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

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



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

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

Catholic Home Missions

Segunda Colecta para este fin de semana
3 y 4 de Mayo, será para las

Misiones Domésticas Católicas



May 2, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Easter greetings to all of you! It is almost five years since we started walking together as a parish of Saint Francis of Assisi with me as your pastor. After the Bishops' Synod in Rome concluded and reading the final document, after consulting with the Pastoral Council, after much prayer and reflection, it seems good to us and to the Holy Spirit to hold a parish synod. We are calling our parish synod on Saturday September 27, 2025.

Our parish was dedicated on October 7, 1965, by the Most Rev. Bishop Robert J. Dwyer. This year we celebrate our 60th anniversary as a parish, which makes it a perfect time to pause our journey to come together to pray and reflect about our mission as a parish in the North Tahoe area.

What is a parish synod? The word synod comes from the Greek word "synodos", meaning "meeting" or "coming/walking together" (from syn- meaning "together" and hodos meaning "way" or "journey"). It is a local gathering within a Catholic parish where members of the community—clergy, laypeople, and sometimes religious—come together to pray, listen, discuss, and discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding their parish.

It is in this communal walk that we talk to each other to make sure that we are all walking to the same place and with the same destination in mind. The vision of the parish is, "To make manifest the Kingdom of God in North Lake Tahoe." We can ask ourselves: How do we make manifest God's Kingdom in our area?

Here, I am inviting all of you parishioners to join me in prayer and discernment, starting today until the day of the synod, that the Holy Spirit guides us and inspires us to see clearly where He wants us to go or what kind of ministry He wants us to strengthen in our parish. This is a strictly spiritual gathering, focusing on our spiritual well-being, unlike a coffee and donuts gathering or a business meeting to talk about projects.


I look forward to our first parish synod together. Please join me in honoring the memory of Pope Francis by taking the next step in building a more synodal church, one where we embrace our mission as we journey towards Christ.

Easter Blessings,

Rev. Jorge Herrera, Pastor

P.S. Remember to mark your calendar! More information to follow.

Healthy Minds, Healthy Families event will be taking place at **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church** on **May 14 at 5:30pm**. Join Tahoe Family Solutions and our community partners as we help parents learn effective ways to support their children/youth/adolescents through the many challenges they may be dealing with, and the resources available in our community to help support their families. The event is free and open to everyone.



HEALTHY MINDS, HEALTHY FAMILIES


Help your children thrive! ☀️


Join Tahoe Family Solutions for an insightful gathering on supporting our youth through life's challenges.




- Discover effective ways to support your child during stressful times.
- Learn how to provide the right help before a crisis hits.
- Explore resources available for families in need of extra support.

Meet local representatives dedicated to assisting you and your family. Let's work together to ensure our children grow up happy and healthy!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a positive impact on their lives!

**Contact Us**
775-413-5145

**More Information**
www.tahoefamily.org



5:30 - 7:00 PM

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MAY

**ST. FRANCIS OF
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El evento "**Mentes Sanas, Familias Sanas**" se llevará a cabo en la **Iglesia Católica de San Francisco de Asís el 14 de Mayo a las 5:30pm**. Únase a Tahoe Family Solutions y a nuestros socios comunitarios para ayudar a los padres a aprender maneras efectivas de apoyar a sus hijos, jóvenes y adolescentes ante los diversos desafíos que puedan estar enfrentando, y a conocer los recursos disponibles en nuestra comunidad para apoyar a sus familias. El evento es gratuito y abierto a todos.



MENTES SANAS, FAMILIAS SANAS

¡Ayude a sus hijos a prosperar!

Únase a Tahoe Family Solutions para una reunión informativa sobre el apoyo a nuestros jóvenes a través de los desafíos de la vida.

- Descubra maneras efectivas para apoyar a su hijo durante momentos estresantes.
- Aprenda a proveer la ayuda adecuada antes de que se presente una crisis.
- Explore los recursos disponibles para familias que necesitan apoyo adicional.

Conozca a representantes locales dedicados a ayudarle a usted y a su familia. ¡Trabajemos juntos para asegurarnos de que nuestros hijos crezcan felices y sanos!

No se pierda esta oportunidad de tener un impacto positivo en sus vidas!



Contáctenos
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Más información
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5:30 - 7:00 PM

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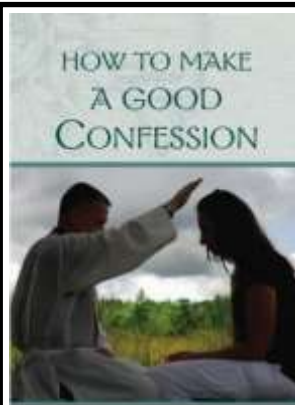
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Diocese of Reno 22nd Annual Recognition Appreciation Banquet

Congratulation

to our two parish volunteers of the year, Jill Mulcahy and Sonia Rivas,
who were recognized on Friday, April 25.



We are pleased to announce that, in our ongoing efforts to support and guide you in your spiritual journey, we have purchased pamphlets titled **"HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION"** available in both English and Spanish. We hope that you find these resources invaluable in deepening your understanding and practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please collect your copy from the gathering area after mass.

Nos complace anunciar que, en nuestro continuo esfuerzo por apoyarlos y guiarlos en su camino espiritual, hemos adquirido folletos titulados **"RECONCILIACION"**, disponibles tanto en inglés como en español. Esperamos que estos recursos les resulten invaluable para profundizar su comprensión y práctica del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Por favor, recojan su copia en el área de reuniones después de la misa.



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.



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

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

The first half of this passage focuses on the work of redemption that will take place through the ministry of Peter as the Chief Fisherman of the Church. The role of Peter as leader in this effort is demonstrated as the one who initiates the effort (see Jn 21:3). The image of fishing was traditionally used in scripture to describe the missionary activity of the Church. It should be remembered that just prior to this passage Jesus had just sent the disciples on a mission (see Jn 20:21). Also, the image of a boat has been a symbol of the Church since the first Century (see Jn 21:3). Thus, this passage teaches us an important message about how the missionary activity of the Church will take place. Here are two of several elements in this passage to be considered:

- The disciples must follow the Lord's direction for their work to be successful (see Jn 21:5–6). When they act on their own, without seeking the Lord's direction and obediently following it, then their nets remain empty and their efforts fruitless.
- When the disciples are invited to the meal with Jesus we are told that they know it is the Lord because Jesus is revealed to them (see Jn 21:14). This revelation of Jesus in the context of a Eucharistic setting is similar to what the disciples experience on the journey to Emmaus in Luke when they, too, recognize Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread. The revelatory nature of this passage is central to its meaning. We were previously told in Jn 21:1 that Jesus would reveal Himself to His disciples. Then in Jn 21:7, we were told that the Beloved Disciple recognized Jesus as the one who spoke to them and directed their fishing efforts. It is important to note that the Beloved Disciple could only recognize Jesus through His Word when they had faithfully and obediently followed the Lord's direction and command (this sequence reinforces a larger theme in John's Gospel by which believing precedes revelation). Thus, the two revelatory moments of Jesus in this passage occur when our Lord speaks His Word and when He offers the Eucharistic meal. This passage teaches us how we, as disciples today, must learn to recognize Jesus revealing Himself to us in the scriptures we read (His Word) and in the Breaking of Bread (Eucharist). The proper response to this revelation is to enter into dialogue with Jesus.

The above elements teach us much about the work of the Church today as we strive to carry on the redeeming ministry of Jesus through missionary activity. It speaks to ministry leaders to remind them of the need to seek the Lord's guidance at all times and to follow it with the obedience of faith. It reminds us that the Sacraments and ministries of the Church are meant to have a transforming impact in people's lives effectively making them "Children of God" in word and deed and equal participants in the Eucharistic sharing of life. Finally, it reminds us that we have much work to do because none of it will happen unless we, like the disciples, become the Lord's instruments and allow Jesus to work in us and through us. It is that continuous prayerful cooperation with the Lord that makes us His disciples and Children of God.

- *Which of these aspects of the redeeming missionary work of the Church speaks most challengingly and profoundly to you and why?*
- *Given this passage as a model for evangelization, in which effort does the Church need to put more attention and effort at this time?*
- *The disciples had to work together in the boat in order to realize this great and important work. What is your role in the boat of the Church when it comes to carrying out missionary or evangelization efforts?*
- *What can a faith community do to help its members recognize and respond to Jesus' self-revelation in Word and Sacrament?*

Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

A SEASON FOR MIRACLES

What are the top miracles in the Bible?

We recently asked readers to name their favorite miracles. More than one thousand responses arrived, and we've listed the top five here. Are these signs from God on your list of meaningful miracles, too?

1. Resurrection



"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Luke 24:5

For Catholics, the Resurrection is the cornerstone of our Faith. It symbolizes the triumph of life over death and the promise of eternal salvation. And who wouldn't want to see a dead man rise and fulfill God's plan for humanity?

2. Wedding at Cana



"The mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come.'"

John 2:3-4

The miracle at Cana is significant to Catholics because it marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. For his first miracle, Jesus turned water into wine. This episode also highlights the importance of Mary's intercession and her role as the Mother of God. That's a wedding we would all want to be guests at! It undoubtedly was an event to remember.

3. Transfiguration



"And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him."

Matthew 17:2-3

The Transfiguration foreshadows Jesus' Resurrection and the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven. The presence of Moses and Elijah signified the continuity between the Old and New Testaments. It also confirmed Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Can we blame Peter for wanting to set up some tents and hang out with these three holy men?

4. Parting of the Red Sea



"Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided."

Exodus 14:21

The parting of the Red Sea is pivotal in salvation history, revealing God's absolute power. Imagine the liberation the Israelites must have felt at seeing this sea part in two. It reminds us that God keeps his promises and is faithful to his covenant. This miracle is quite a start to the journey toward the Promised Land!

5. Raising Lazarus



"[Jesus] cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth."

John 11:43-44

This miracle reveals both Jesus' divinity and his humanity. Scripture says "Jesus wept" and shared in the sorrow of Lazarus' loved ones. The emergence of Lazarus from the tomb shows us that eternal life awaits all who believe in the one who raised the dead—Jesus.

Ponder and Pray

- What miracle would you add to this list? Which miracles capture your imagination?
- What have you witnessed in your life that points to the miraculous?

Make It Yours

Read a miracle story in the Bible this week. Take time to reflect what you think God is saying to you through this sign.

Dive Deeper

Our blog lists five more miracles. Scan the QR code to see what they are:

Or go to: [Top 5 Miracles in the Bible \(According to You\)](#) - Ascension Press Media



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