

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



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  
DAILY NOON MASSES  
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)

# MASS Intentions

## Saturday, Aug. 2

- ♦ 5pm: Marcie Ellis †

## Sunday, Aug. 3

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

## Tuesday, Aug. 5 - Friday Aug. 8 at Noon

- ♦ Tues: Marcie Ellis †
- ♦ Wed: Marcie Ellis †
- ♦ Thurs: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ Fri: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm

## Saturday, Aug. 9

- ♦ 5pm: Leo & Kathy Craft (50th Wedd. Anniv.) and Abel Ibarra Franco

## Sunday, Aug. 10

- ♦ 9am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 11:30am: Mark, Sarah & Jonnie Walker † (lost in Texas floods), Prayers for Ellie (surviving child)
- ♦ 5pm: Por los parroquianos vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

## THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

**July 27, 2025**

Mass Offerings	\$ 6,602
Online Giving Offerings	\$ 5,457
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 12,059</u></b>

## Catholic Services Appeal

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

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

**14%**  
Participation  
**83 Donors**



<b>Pledged</b>	<b>\$ 80,851</b>
<b>Raised</b>	<b>\$ 76,561</b>

*Cash and checks are welcomed in the Front Office.*

*Thank you for supporting CSA.*

## CLASE DE BAUTISMO

**Miércoles 13 de Agosto,**  
**6 - 8PM**

*Por favor*

**NO NIÑOS y PUNTUALES!**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be this  
weekend **(Aug. 2-3)**  
after each Mass

**LA UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS** será  
para este fin de semana **(Ago. 2-3 )**  
después de cada Misa



We want to thank this crew of guys that redid the wood stain in all the outside front of the church as a donation of work to our parish.

*Marco Antonio Cabrera*

*Juan Guadarama*

*Cenovio Franco*

*Ramiro Michua*

*Francisco Anzaldo*

*Wilfredo Xar*

We bless all of them for their hard work and donating all their time and talent to our parish!



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

## Fraternal Benefit Event

**Wed. August 6th 530pm St Francis Parish Hall  
Open to All**

Learn how Knights of Columbus can help you protect your family and plan for your retirement, while supporting an organization that contributes to important charitable causes aligned with your Catholic values. You are invited to join us for a Fraternal Benefit Event to learn more about the financial services and fraternal benefits offered by the Knights of Columbus.

**Wed, August 6th at 5:30pm**, at St. Francis Parish Hall. Joseph Melancon, Investment Advisor Representative, MDRT Cell: **775-427-5281** [joseph.melancon@kofc.org](mailto:joseph.melancon@kofc.org) or Grand Knight [markanthonymunoz@msn.com](mailto:markanthonymunoz@msn.com)

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## ***Breakfast at the Beach!***

All women are invited to join us for a casual breakfast to enjoy God's beautiful creation, contemplate God's Word and share in fellowship at Burnt Cedar Beach.

Date:

**Thursday, August 7th 8am**

Bring your own morning beverage, a lite breakfast will be provided.

RSVP to **Jill Mulcahy**

so we can get an approximate count for food. If you do not have a IVGID card please let us know and we will provide punch card access.

## Calling All 20 Somethings!

Join us Wednesday, August 13 from 6-8 pm at 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!*

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

St Francis of Assisi Women's Ministry has a great opportunity for all those looking to volunteer to assist those less fortunate in the Reno area. We are partnering with Catholic Charities to distribute food at their Farmer's Market, every 3rd Friday of the month from 12 -3 pm. Those who have volunteered previously have found it to be a very humbling and rewarding experience.

If interested in participating, please sign up for a date(s) as follows:

- August 15
- September 19



We can take up to 10 volunteers each date. Please do not sign up if you will not be able to commit to actually participating.

Please contact Renee at [cbzno1bb@yahoo.com](mailto:cbzno1bb@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer. Please do not sign up if you will not be able to commit to actually participating.

### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

### **La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María**

Viernes, 15 de Agosto

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass schedule:

- 12pm (noon) – English
- 5:30pm – Bilingual

*Día de Precepto*

Horario de Misas:

- 12:00 pm (medio Día) – Inglés
- 5:30 pm – Bilingüe



A group from Bethlehem will be at our church on **Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** after all Masses, showcasing Olive wood religious items on behalf of the Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Money raised from the sales will be used to help and support these families and encourage them not to immigrate. Your support can bring hope to all those in need.

Checks, credit cards as well as cash will be accepted.

*Thank you for your continued support!*



Un grupo de Belén estará en nuestra iglesia el **Sábado 16 y el Domingo 17 de Agosto** después de todas las Misas, exhibiendo artículos religiosos de madera de olivo en nombre de las familias católicas de Belén y Jerusalén.

El dinero recaudado se utilizará para ayudar y apoyar a estas familias y animarlas a no emigrar.

Su apoyo puede brindar esperanza a todos los necesitados.

Se aceptarán cheques, tarjetas de crédito y efectivo.

*¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo!*

**MANDATORY**

**Date Changed**

### **Religious Education and Confirmation Information Nights for Parents**

Please join us if you want to learn more about Religious Education and Confirmation programs, which will start in September 7. Sessions will break out into an English and a Spanish group.

**LAST meeting begins at 7:00 pm: Tuesday, August 19th**



*Please bring your child's baptismal certificate and \$90! NO CHILDREN PLEASE.*

**EVERYONE HAS TO RE-REGISTER!!!**

**OBLIGATORIO**

**Cambio de Fecha**

### **Noches de Educación Religiosa y Confirmación Informativas para Padres**

Acompáñenos a esta reunión si desea obtener más información sobre los programas de Educación Religiosa y Confirmación, que comienzan el *7 de Septiembre*. Las sesiones se dividirán en dos grupos: uno en inglés y otro en español.

**ULTIMA reunión comienza a las 7:00 pm: Martes 19 de Agosto.**



*¡Por favor, traiga el certificado de bautismo de su hijo/a y \$90! NO NIÑOS PORFAVOR.*

**TODOS TIENE QUE VOLVER A REGISTRARSE DE NUEVO!!!**



## *Vocation Prayer Cross*

Sign ups are available for the Vocation Prayer Cross if you wish to take it home for one week and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life which are very much needed in our church world wide. Saying a daily prayer before the Cross is an efficacious way of praying for this intention. The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Area. Thank you.



## *Cruz de Oración Vocacional*

Ya pueden inscribirse para la Cruz de Oración por las Vocaciones si desean llevársela a casa durante una semana y orar por las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa, tan necesarias en nuestra iglesia a nivel mundial. Rezar una oración diaria ante la Cruz es una forma eficaz de orar por esta intención. La hoja de inscripción se encuentra en el Área de Reuniones. Gracias.



In preparation for the upcoming **parish** Synod on **Saturday, September 27**, many of you assisted the pastoral council by providing your feedback on the emergent needs and opportunities here at St Francis. The pastoral council has incorporated your feedback into prayerful discernment, reflection, and dialogue over the past two months.

We're happy to announce that **our parish** Synod will center **on** the topics of unity and formation, **which people seemed most interested in**. The pastoral council expects that the precise theme for the Synod will crystallize over the next month, with an announcement to follow.



**ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Knights of Columbus**



**14th ANNUAL Golf & GIGGLE and “GATHER”**

**Monday, September 15, 2025, at  
Incline Village Championship Golf Course  
AT THE CHATEAU**

**NOT A GOLFER?**  
**DON'T MISS THIS FIRST TIME DINNER EVENT**

**GATHER** WITH FELLOW PARISHNERS FOR AN EVENING OF FUN,  
FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP (RAFFLE & AUCTION)

**5:30pm Beer, Wine & Buffet Dinner**

**\$85 PER PERSON**

**Beer and Wine Included** (no host bar for cocktails)

Dinner will be an Italian Buffet Feast. Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad,  
Grilled Vegetables, Penne Pasta with Porcini Cream Sauce and Chicken Parmesan.





**Religious Pilgrimage with Fr. Jorge / Peregrinación Religiosa con P. Jorge**  
**“St. Paul’s Footsteps” Turkey and Greece / “Tras las huellas de San Pablo”**  
**Turquía y Grecia**

**Departure/Partida:** Monday-Lunes, April 6, 2026 from Reno Airport

**Arrival/Llegada:** Friday-Viernes, April 24, 2026 to Reno Airport at 10pm

**Cities/Ciudades:** Athens, Istanbul, Cappadocia, Konya, Pamukkale, Laodicea, Sardes, Izmir, Ephesus, Thyatira, Pergamon, Troy, Çanakkale, Kavala, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Kalambaka, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth.

**Cost per Person in double or triple occupancy / Costo por Persona en ocupación doble o triple:**  
**\$6,400.00**

**THE PRICE INCLUDES / EL PRECIO INCLUYE:**

- ♦ AIRFARE TO AND FROM RENO, NEVADA / PASAJES AÉREOS HACIA Y DESDE RENO, NEVADA
- ♦ ACCOMMODATION IN 4-STAR HOTELS / ALOJAMIENTO EN HOTELES DE 4 ESTRELLAS
- ♦ HALF BOARD (with water, and wine where it is allowed by local rules) / MEDIA PENSIÓN (con agua y vino donde lo permitan las normas locales)
- ♦ EXCLUSIVE BUS SERVICE FOR THE GROUP THROUGHOUT THE TRIP / SERVICIO DE AUTOBÚS EXCLUSIVO PARA EL GRUPO DURANTE TODO EL VIAJE
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- ♦ GRATUITIES FOR GUIDES and BUS DRIVERS OF THE GROUP / PROPINAS PARA GUÍAS Y CONDUCTORES DE AUTOBÚS DEL GRUPO

**THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE / EL PRECIO NO INCLUYE:**

- ♦ *Breakfast in case of check out before 7:00 am. / Desayuno en caso de registrarse antes de las 7:00 am.*
- ♦ *Extras in the hotels. / Extras en los hoteles.*
- ♦ *Lunches and dinners not specified in the travel program. / Almuerzos y cenas no especificados en el programa de viaje.*
- ♦ *Drinks not included in lunches and/or dinners. / Bebidas no incluidas en almuerzos y/o cenas.*
- ♦ *Early check-in and/or Late check-out. / Registrarse temprano y/o registrarse tarde.*
- ♦ *Porter service in/out. / Servicio de maleteros entrada/salida.*
- ♦ *Any service not specified above in "PRICE INCLUDES:" / Cualquier servicio no especificado anteriormente en “EL PRECIO INCLUYE:”*

**For more details, please contact / Para más detalles, por favor contacte**  
**Anibal Cordoba-Sosa at (775) 600-9606 email address: [acordobasosa@gmail.com](mailto:acordobasosa@gmail.com)**





## Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 3, 2025

Our scripture passage comes from the Gospel of Luke 12:13–21. In this passage, we hear Jesus teach about the need to become rich in the things of heaven rather than the things of earth. While this passage has a message that is of enduring meaning for all people, it has particular meaning for disciples who are immersed in a materialistic society. The Gospel of Luke has more teachings about the right use of material resources than any other gospel. This parable introduces the topic of stewardship and discipleship in such a way that we cannot help but see ourselves in it and reflect on the many challenging lessons it contains.

One of the most shocking parts of the parable is that the rich man never considers anyone else's needs or that the blessing of his harvest was meant to enrich anyone other than himself. In the ancient world, when one person was blessed then the whole community rejoiced because they presumed that the blessings given to one person would benefit everyone. That is not the case in this parable —the man keeps everything for himself and in doing so reveals his lack of connection, lack of compassion, lack of faith, and overwhelming greed.

Greed was understood in the ancient world as the insatiable desire to acquire more possessions. It is one of the vices listed in various New Testament passages that are contrary to Christian discipleship and the Gospel way of life (see Mk 7:22, Rom 1:29, Eph 4:19, 5:3). Paul even goes so far as to equate greed with idolatry (see Col 3:5). The basis of greed is the mistaken belief that life is a matter of having rather than being.

Jesus offers His corrective teaching on the nature of true life in this parable. First, He corrects the man who seeks the Lord's intervention to secure his share of inheritance (see Lk 12:15). Jesus knows that possessions can easily become a source of false security for people. It can be especially easy to grasp for such sources of false security in times of fear, crisis, or vulnerability. For Christians, however, security of life is to be found in God, and not in their possessions. When disciples correctly establishes their security in God then they are able to let go of false securities in an expression of faithful generosity. Thus, the virtue of generosity is actually a confirming sign of true faith and a witness of spiritual freedom.

The second negative characteristic of the rich man is his failure to consider the consequences his current actions will have for eternal life. Instead, his primary concern is for the pursuit of pleasure and self-indulgence in this life. When people believe that pleasure is the goal of life, then they have given in to what is known as hedonism. The pursuit of pleasure and self-indulgence is exemplified by the rich man's statement, "take your ease, eat, drink and be merry" (see Lk 12:19). This very phrase was used in Ecc 8:15 (see also Sir 11:14–19) to describe the thoughts of someone corrupted by his possessions whose interests are only focused in this present life. Such an attitude is an affront to God who in His mercy created us for eternal life in heaven (see Is 22:13).

Paul goes so far as to say that such a hedonistic approach to life is an implicit denial of the resurrection (see 1 Co 15:32). Jesus personally condemns hedonism and its power to blind disciples when He commands His followers to avoid concern for the vain and fleeting pursuits of this life (see Lk 12:29). It is easy to become obsessed with our own pleasure and comfort. Sometimes we can be filled with thoughts of future freedom, leisure, recreation, and surplus. When that is all that we are working for, then we are not planning wisely because we are planning selfishly. When a people become hedonistic, they have practically excluded God from their daily decisions. Such a practically atheistic attitude exists when our decisions and management of resources takes place without considering the divine will for our lives or the consequences of our greed on the lives of others.

- **When are you most preoccupied with possessions?**
- **When you experience fear or vulnerability, in what do you seek security?**
- **What does it look like when people value possessions over persons?**
- **How does your faith in God change the way you use your possessions?**
- **How do you prepare for others in your future and not just your own self or your own family?**

# Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

## REGAINING SPIRITUAL FOOTING

### How do I cope with loss?

*Fr. Mike Schmitz explores our options in the face of loss—whether an unrealized hope, a long-term illness, or even the death of a loved one. He suggests there are essentially four options that we should seriously explore and discern. Sometimes, we can restore what has been lost; other times, we can replace or even redesign; but still, other times, we are simply left to relinquish—to surrender to God.*

Sometimes prayers are answered, dreams are realized, loved ones are healed, and God's merciful hand is evident because things are going so well. Other times—even though God continues to love and guide us—we are faced with loss, suffering, difficulty, and even death.

In times of loss, it is natural to question how to cope. Should you attempt to restore what was lost, seek to replace it, or perhaps redesign your life without it? Or is it better to let go and surrender your loss to God—who loves you—and trust?

Sometimes the only thing left is to relinquish, to

let go. Relinquishing does not mean you don't care.

Relinquishing means that at some point, I can take this person, this relationship, this great gift that I had, and place it in the hands of the Father. I

can say, "This has broken my heart; this has broken my life, and now I place it into your hands, Father. I surrender. I surrender this person or relationship, I surrender this dream, I surrender this past way I used to be or this way I used to live. I relinquish this in order to move forward."

When we are faced with life's deep disappointments or even with full-blown heartbreak, we would do well to remember that when we surrender and trust, we are in good hands. A line from a psalm can help us get through bad spells and the worst of times. If you can commit it to memory, do so, or at least recall the point the psalmist makes:

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*"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit." —Psalm 34:18*

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Ponder and Pray

- Are there things in your life now that you need to process and surrender to God? What are they, and how have you been dealing with these realities up until now?
- Who in your life does this article make you think of? How can you be a support for them in coping with their difficulties?

Make It Your Own

Reflect on any of your losses using this chart. Whether you are confronted with simple disappointments or intense sufferings, see how Fr. Mike's four stages or options can apply to your situation. Note briefly how you coped, or are coping, in the spaces.

A loss I'm confronted with:	Restore	Replace	Redesign	Relinquish

Tip of the Week

Pray, talk it through with someone, and engage with any losses that you are dealing with in your life right now.

Dive Deeper

Scan the code or go to the URL to listen to Fr. Mike's full podcast episode on this topic:

Home - Ascension Press Media  
podcast/coping-with-major-losses-4-practical-tips-from-fr-mike/



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