



ST. FRANCIS

OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Francis of Assisi Church nourishes our parishioners in their relationship with Jesus Christ through reverent liturgy, intentional discipleship, and service to others.

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Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

Bar. 5:1-9; Ps. 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk. 3:1-6

8:30 a.m. +Phil Knisell (Thele Family)

11:00 a.m. +Andrew Hubbard (Hubbard Family)

Monday, December 9 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn. 3:9-15, 20; Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk. 1:26-38

7:15 a.m. For the Family of Julie Stanley (The Ochs Family)

9:00 a.m. +Tish Milligan (St. Francis of Assisi Altar Society)

7:00 p.m. The People of St. Francis

Tuesday, December 10 - Weekday

Is. 40:1-11; Ps. 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt. 18:12-14

7:30 a.m. +Thang Nguyen (Lan Vu)

Wednesday, December 11 - Weekday

Is. 40:25-31; Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt. 11:28-30

7:30 a.m. +Sylvia Mendez (Maria Wallace)

Thursday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec. 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk. 1:26-38

7:30 a.m. +Thang Nguyen (Lan and Lich Vu)

Friday, December 13 - Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is. 48:17-19; Ps. 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt. 11:16-19

7:30 a.m. +Michael Henfling (Harold Henfling)

Saturday, December 14 - Memorial of Saint John of the Cross

Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps. 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt. 17:9a, 10-13

8:30 a.m. +Hung Ngo (Bich Nguyễn)

5:00 p.m. +Herman & Elizabeth Fischinger (Ed & Laura Commander)

Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

Zep. 3:14-18a; Is. 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.; Phil. 4:4-7; Lk. 3:10-18

8:30 a.m. +Theresa Henfling (Harold Henfling)

11:00 a.m. The People of St. Francis



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Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2024

Pastor's Column

In the first two weeks of Advent, the focus of our Advent reflection is meant to be on preparing for the Second Coming of Christ, before a shift on the third Sunday to a more immediate preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas. And in looking at the Collect prayers for these two Sundays, there is a certain urgency that comes out in our prayer. Last week, in the Collect, we asked God for "the resolve to run forth to meet Christ with righteous deeds at his coming." This week, our Collect prayer communicates a similar request: "Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son..." We don't just go out to meet Christ, we run to meet Christ. And we don't just set out willy-nilly, we set out "in haste!"

I've said it before, and I'll continue to say it over and over. The time to enter more deeply into your relationship with God is never tomorrow. The time is now. Whatever the reason for our delay in responding to the Lord's invitation, we cannot let that thing stop us. "I don't have time." Make the time. "I don't know how." Come talk with me, or talk with a friend who knows, or get involved with one of our groups at the parish. The invitation is extended to all of us to enter into this relationship. And the opportunity can be there for anyone. Let us truly turn to God, and go always deeper. "Further up and further in," to quote my favorite author C.S. Lewis, in his famous Chronicles of Narnia. My consistent prayer for our parish is that together we will all grow more in love with the Lord, and go in haste toward the holiness to which he calls us.

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Sunday Coffee & Donuts

Join us for Coffee and Donuts after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

Dec. 15 Host - McGannon

There will be no Coffee and Donuts Dec. 22 or Dec. 29.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, December 9 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation

7:15 a.m. Mass - CH

9:00 a.m. Mass - CH

7:00 p.m. Mass - CH

Tuesday, December 10

6:00 a.m. Ministry to Men - PH

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH

6:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols - CH

6:30 p.m. Altar Society Board Meeting - FLC

6:45 p.m. Gatewood Neighborhood Meeting - PH

7:00 p.m. Catholics in Recovery - MH/KR

7:00 p.m. Women's Choir - MH/CR

Wednesday, December 11

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH

3:30 p.m. Youth Choir - MH/CR

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group - FLC

7:00 p.m. Parish Choir - MH/CR

Thursday, December 12

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - FLC

5:00-10:00 p.m. Adoration - CH

6:30 p.m. KofC Planning Meeting - MH/3rd Fl

7:00 p.m. KofC Business Meeting - MH/3rd Fl

7:00 p.m. AA Group - MH/KR

10:00 p.m. Benediction - CH

Friday, December 13

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Adoration - CH

5:00 p.m. Benediction - CH

Saturday, December 14

8:30 a.m. Mass - CH

3:00 p.m. Confessions - CH

5:00 p.m. Mass - CH

Sunday, December 15

7:55 a.m. Chaplet/Rosary - CH

8:30 a.m. Mass - CH

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts - PH

9:45 a.m. RE Classes - RS

9:45 a.m. Ministry to Men - FLC Seminar Room

11:00 a.m. Mass - CH

12:30 p.m. SVdP Meeting - FLC

3:00 p.m. Olivia Burke Organ Recital - CH

4:00 p.m. Organ Recital Reception - PH

CH=Church, MH=Meerschaert House, FLC=Family Life Center, KR=Kelley Room, YR=Youth Room, RS=Rosary School, PH=Parish Hall, CR=Choir Room, Bl. Stanley Rother Rm=RR, LB=Meerschaert House Library

Sunday Collection - November 24

Parish General Collection

Loose Cash \$893.29

Envelopes \$8,926.00

Online Giving (We Share) \$14,966.00

Building Fund

Envelopes \$0

Online Giving (We Share) \$275.00

Tuition Assistance \$457.00

Poor Box \$619.00

Mass Attendance - 752

Collection figures for December 1 will be included in next week's bulletin.

Mass Times for The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us in the church on Monday, December 9th for this Holy Day of Obligation at: 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Cookies & Carols

The St. Francis Youth Ministry will host a Cookies and Carols event on Wednesday, December 18th at 6 p.m. All parishioners are invited to the Parish Hall for Christmas cookies, hot cocoa and a round of carols before setting out to carol around St. Francis.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides emergency financial, food, and other aid to neighbors in our community who are experiencing shelter, utility, or food insecurity due to an unexpected crisis like illness or job loss. As the end of the year approaches, please consider making a tax-deductible charitable contribution to help us support our neighbors in need through the winter season and year ahead. For more information contact svdp.sfa.okc@gmail.com. **Our pantry currently needs mac & cheese, Tuna and Chicken Helper, dry and hot cereal, soups and pasta sauce.**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

The SVdP special Christmas collection is underway! SVdP will be providing six families a full Christmas meal and gift cards. Bags with tags attached indicating what items are needed can be picked up in the vestibule or Parishioners can purchase a \$25 gift card. The gift cards can be turned in to the Parish Office. The filled bags can be placed in the SVdP basket in the vestibule.

Shepherd Field Group Religious Art Sale

Our friends from Bethlehem in the Holy Land are going to be at St. Francis after all weekend Masses this Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th in the Parish Hall. They come to us to sell the olive wood carvings and crafts that are hand made by the Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income.



We need to support these people by buying their beautiful olive wood carvings and crafts so we can help our brothers and sisters stay in the Holy Land.

Pray for the Christians in the Holy Land and support them so we all can do our part to keep our Christian bells ringing in the Holy Land.



Fall Organ Recital Series

The final organ recital of the fall series will be Sunday, December 15 at 3 p.m. The recital will feature Olivia Burke, Organist and Choir Master at St. Mary Episcopal in Edmond. The performance is free and open to the public with a light reception following.

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Church

Adoration

Thursday from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Friday following the 7:30 a.m. Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Benediction will follow.

Please enter the north side copper doors as the main doors will be locked.

To sign up to be a "Guardian" go to:

