



# 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 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

### Monday, December 16 - Weekday

Nm. 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps. 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt. 21:23-27

7:30 a.m. +Ellis Bennett (Ann Fent)

### Tuesday, December 17 - Weekday

Gn. 49:2, 8-10; Ps. 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt. 1:1-17

7:30 a.m. +Rose Burkey (Bonnie Burkey)

### Wednesday, December 18 - Weekday

Jer. 23:5-8; Ps. 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt. 1:18-25

7:30 a.m. Jonathan Henck

9:15 a.m. +Tish Milligan (John and Charlene Greb)

### Thursday, December 19 - Weekday

Jgs. 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps. 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk. 1:5-25

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

### Friday, December 20 - Weekday

Is. 7:10-14; Ps. 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk. 1:26-38

7:30 a.m. +Peter Luong Do (Diep Nguyen)

### Saturday, December 21 - Weekday

Sg. 2:8-14; Ps. 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk. 1:39-45

8:30 a.m. +Betty Imhoff Johnson (Harold Henfling)

5:00 p.m. The People of St. Francis

### Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi. 5:1-4a; Ps. 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb. 10:5-10; Lk. 1:39-45

8:30 a.m. +Tom Burkey (Bonnie Burkey)

11:00 a.m. +Tino Mendez (Anonymous)



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Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2024

## Welcome New Parishioners

Thank you for joining us today for Mass. We would love for you to join our parish. Please take a minute to register online at [www.stfrancisokc.com](http://www.stfrancisokc.com) or fill out a green registration card in the vestibule of the church and turn it into the collection basket. Welcome to our parish.

## Become a Seminarian Pen Pal

Seminarians are away from home for months at a time during their formation. While at seminary, they would like to hear from people back home in Oklahoma! To become a Seminarian Pen Pal, visit [archokc.org/penpal](http://archokc.org/penpal), find their addresses and send a letter, card or gift package.

## BC Clark Gives Back

Shop BC Clark this holiday season while supporting St. Francis. When you make a purchase at any of the three BC Clark locations, ask your salesperson to provide you with a "Church Coupon," and 3% of your purchase price will go back to the Altar Society at St. Francis.

## Parish Gear

St. Francis Church and Rosary School have a new Parish Gear Store. Go to <http://parishgear.com/sfa73106> to view all of the great items that we have for sale. Place your order and it will be delivered directly to your home. St. Francis will receive a percentage of all sales. This is a wonderful way to advertise and support our parish.



## Meals for Moms

Families welcoming new babies or children are supported through a meal train offered by members of the parish. If you have just welcomed a new baby or child into your home, reach out to Nancy Soliz at [nan2069@gmail.com](mailto:nan2069@gmail.com) for more information on how to set up getting meals delivered during this time of transition. If you are interested in volunteering for this program by bringing a meal as you are able to families, please reach out to Nancy to be included on the list.

**Support St. Francis**  
[stfrancisokc.com/give](http://stfrancisokc.com/give)

## This Week at St. Francis

### Monday, December 16

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - FLC

### Tuesday, December 17

6:00 a.m. Ministry to Men - PH  
7:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
6:00 p.m. Hope and Healing Group - PH  
7:00 p.m. Catholics in Recovery - MH/KR  
7:00 p.m. Women's Choir - MH/CR

### Wednesday, December 18

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
9:15 a.m. School Mass - CH  
3:30 p.m. Youth Choir - MH/CR  
6:00 p.m. Cookies and Carols - PH  
7:00 p.m. Parish Choir - MH/CR

### Thursday, December 19

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 4th Degree Assembly - MH/3rd Fl  
7:00 p.m. AA Group - MH/KR  
10:00 p.m. Benediction - CH

### Friday, December 20

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Adoration - CH  
5:00 p.m. Benediction - CH

### Saturday, December 21

8:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
3:00 p.m. Confessions - CH  
5:00 p.m. Mass - CH  
6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Social Night - MH/3rd Fl

### Sunday, December 22

7:55 a.m. Chaplet/Rosary - CH  
8:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
11:00 a.m. Mass - CH

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 Coffee & Donuts

There will be no Coffee and Donuts Dec. 22 or Dec. 29. See you in 2025!

## Masses for The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

### Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24  
4:00 p.m. | Midnight

### Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25  
10:00 a.m.

### **Sunday Collection - December 1**

Parish General Collection

Loose Cash \$782.91

Envelopes \$10,943.48

Online Giving (We Share) \$9,894.00

Building Fund

Envelopes \$334.50

Online Giving (We Share) \$80.00

Tuition Assistance \$50.00

Poor Box \$362.00

Mass Attendance - 688

**Collection figures for December 8 will be included in next week's bulletin.**

### **Second Collection**

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of Dec. 21-22 for the Retirement Fund for Religious & Priests Medical Fund. The fund helps with retirement necessities for elderly religious sisters, brothers and priests. It also helps cover medical costs of the aging clergy.

### **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](mailto:svdp.sfa.okc@gmail.com).

**The St. Vincent de Paul 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.

### **Flocknote**

Are you receiving the Flocknote Weekly Newsletter & Weekend Resources (delivered on Fridays) via email or text? If not, contact the church office today to be added to the list.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Opening Rite of Jubilee 2025**

The Opening Rite of Jubilee 2025 in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will begin at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 29 in the Connor Center at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. Archbishop Coakley will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m.

### **Advertise in the church bulletin!**

If you own a business or know of someone who does, please consider renewing or placing an ad on the back of our weekly bulletin. Ads can promote our parish/school organizations, a business, or in memory of a loved one, etc. Our bulletin is printed at no cost to our parish due to the support of our generous advertisers! For ad information contact Eddie Lozoya at [elozoya@diocesan.com](mailto:elozoya@diocesan.com) or (512)563-5091. Please consider using our advertisers the next time you need goods or services. Thank you!

### **Mass Intentions open for 2025**

Mass intentions are available for January 2025 and beyond. Visit the church office or call/email Mercedes to schedule Mass intentions for the living or deceased. Stipend is \$10 per Mass and includes a card.

#### **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:**

