



National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi Shrine of the Porziuncola Nuova

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March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent: *Laetare Sunday*

Readings:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:9-14 ; John 9:1-41



Masses:

Tuesday to Saturday, 12:15 p.m. Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Confessions: Tuesday to Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon and by request

Shrine Church Hours:

Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Shrine is Closed on Mondays

Porziuncola Nuova Hours

Hours will be announced. Visits also by request

Shrine Office: Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



The National Shrine is a place for pilgrims to honor God in His servant, Francis of Assisi
Although we are not a parish, you may inquire with the office about marriages and baptisms.
Email inquiries to: admin@shrinesf.org



ELEVATOR ACCESS: Please ask the Rector or one of our Shrine volunteers if you need assistance with our Main Church elevator, or automatic door for the Porziuncola Nuova chapel.

Reflection on Today's Scripture:

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains." One of the challenges of Christian life is to avoid complacency, thinking we have it all figured out. Following Christ is a journey, and as in any journey, there are always new vistas and new challenges. St. Francis used to say: "Let us begin again, for up til now we've done nothing." As St. Augustine says, God is "beauty every ancient, ever new." This is *Laetare Sunday*, we rejoice to learn more about the goodness and beauty of God. God bless and keep you! *Br. Bobby*

Saint Joseph

Because it falls on a Sunday, the Feast of St. Joseph (March 19) is observed at mass on Monday (March 20). St. Joseph is patron of the universal church, so we ask his intercession to bless our Shrine and all who come here.



Welcome, Fr. Victor!

Today we welcome *Fr. Victor Taglianetti, OFM Cap.* to the Shrine. Fr. Victor was ordained here in May, 2021 and is currently vocation director for the Capuchin Franciscans of Western America (see the notice below if you are interested in becoming a friar)



Blessing of St. Francis

"God bless you and keep you. May God smile on you, and be merciful to you; May God turn his regard towards you and give you peace. May God bless you."



Mass Intentions —March 19-25, 2023

Sunday:Shrine Community
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Monday:*Shrine Closed*
Tuesday:+Ester Machado
Wednesday: ...+Ester Machado
Thursday:+Ester Machado
Friday:+Ester Machado
Saturday:+Ester Machado

Porziuncula Shrine Update

Our beloved Shrine is now open on Thursday and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We thank those who are helping us with this, especially the Knights of St. Francis and our own postulant brothers. God bless!



Interested in following Jesus Christ as a Capuchin Franciscan Friar?
Speak with one of the friars here at the Shrine or Contact:

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