



# NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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**Very Reverend John De La Riva, O.F.M. Cap., Rector**

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ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**January 6, 2019**

## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

— Mt 2:2



### MASS TIMES

MONDAY — SATURDAY:  
12:15 PM

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS

MONDAY—SATURDAY:  
11:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Also by appointment

### **NATIONAL SHRINE HOURS**

**HISTORIC CHURCH: 10:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY  
10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY**

*OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS*

**PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL: 10:00AM - 4:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY  
10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY**

**SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL:**

**HOLY ROSARY SODALITY AT 2:30PM & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 3:00PM**

**FIRST SATURDAYS IN THE HISTORIC CHURCH:**

**ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP 10AM—1PM**

**Marriages at the Shrine** • By special permission • All inquiries: Please contact the Shrine office for Rector's initial assessment • Note: Arrangements at least six months in advance

**Baptism** • Contact the Shrine office for details

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**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.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (*Isaiah 60:1-6*).

**Psalm** — — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (*Psalms 72*).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (*Matthew 2:1-12*).

## DAILY MASS READINGS

- Monday:** *St. Raymond of Peñafort*  
1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30



### ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Recited daily following Mass.

## Mass Intentions — JANUARY 6 to 12

Sunday	11:00 am	† Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Collins, Jr.
Monday	12:15 pm	† Lewis Alvarez
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Noel & Noeline Tan ( <i>Intention</i> )
Wednesday	12:15 pm	Charles S. McGowan, Jr. ( <i>Intention</i> )
Thursday	12:15 pm	Milagros Aquino ( <i>Intention</i> )
Friday	12:15 pm	† Georgia Celeste Conway
Saturday	12:15 pm	Elizabeth Reilly ( <i>Intention</i> )

### ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Meetings every First Saturday of the month. The next meeting is February 2 in the Shrine historic church.



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DEDICATIONS

*Please remember in prayer:*



† Rev. Gregory Coiro, OFM Cap.

† Mary Ellen DeMarais

† Frank Loius Perasso

† Susan Linda Perasso



† Deceased members of the Read & Purdy Family

Kali Yuen Villavicencio (*Healing*)

*The National Shrine is grateful for the generosity of our donors and all the volunteers who assisted in beautifully decorating the church and chapel.*

### *Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi*

“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.”



## ASSISI PARDON

PORZIUNCULA PARDON is always available under the conditions the Catholic Church has stipulated.

***The conditions for receiving the Porziuncula Pardon are:***

To receive the Porziuncula Indulgence, one must receive sacramental absolution and receive Holy Communion at Mass. Additionally, one must visit a church where one prays at least the Creed and an Our Father for the intentions of the Pope. Additionally, one must be completely free of any attachment to sin; if this condition is not met, the indulgence is partial rather than plenary.

At the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi, the Pardon of Assisi may be received on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (in the Shrine Church); on any two days of one's own choosing during the year (one day in the Church and one day in the Porziuncula Nuova); and as often as one makes a formal pilgrimage as part of a group to the Shrine Church or to the Porziuncula Nuova. (One may receive a plenary indulgence only once a day and it may be applied to oneself or to the soul of one of the faithfully departed.)

## The Capuchins

### Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

*"I beg all my brothers to serve, love, honor and adore the Lord God with a clean heart and a pure mind in whatever way they are best able to do, for that is what He wants above all else."* Rule of 1221, Chapter 22.

For Francis, after his embrace of the leper, it became clear that not only was God present in the world around him, but the Lord was always reaching out in love to his creatures. What else should God's creatures do, but reach out the Him in return? This became the goal of Francis' life, and the heart of his new brotherhood. But like all people, the brothers could forget what was important. So Francis reminded them as often as he could. And not only his friars. Francis' preaching was simply this: love God, abstain from every evil, and persevere in the good until the end. May the Lord bless and help us all to do so too!



*Fr. Robert Barbato, OFM Cap. is the pastor of Old Mission Santa Inés in Solvang, CA.*

### PERPETUAL VOWS FOR BR. VICTOR TAGLIANETTI

Please note the date and keep in your prayers our Capuchin brother Victor's upcoming PERPETUAL VOWS:



Saturday, January 19, 2019  
St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church  
215 Foothill Blvd.  
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

### CHRISTMAS GREETING OF FR. ROBERTO GENUIN, OFM Cap. Minister General

Christmas 2018

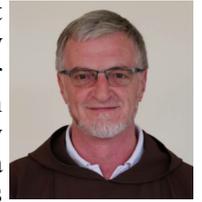
Dear Brothers, it's good to be in touch with you!

After some months since the beginning of my service as General Minister I have this chance to send you some Christmas greetings.

At Mass this morning, the homily recalled 'Emmanuel' – of all that the Lord does for us, and how the simplicity with which God acts comes from his love for us. Not because God wants something from us, but because he loves us.

I believe that for each of us an experience of the love of God must have been, without doubt, the beginning of our story with the Lord, the origin of our vocation, the first moment of our journey of responding to him.

I imagine that it was those encounters, at once ineffable and wholly personal, that the Lord has had with each of us in different ways – in very individual ways – that are the moments in which we have met the love of God. I think also of how many times, in the course of the unevenness of our lives, in the various places we have lived, in the services we have carried out, how many times we have been given to realize in a personal way – and also through our brothers – how much the Lord truly loves each one of us.



So, if the Lord so loves us ... it is impossible to be fearful with one who loves us. Have we ever been afraid? Fear comes easily; we find ourselves in difficulty and we distance ourselves from God. But we have also had the experience of the Lord who draws us in. We have had this experience many times in life. The Lord returns to tell us that he loves us. This unending presence of the Lord means to make us experience the nature of his love and the riches, life, meaning, and fullness it gives ...

When I was thinking of what I would say to you in this message, it occurred to me to say: see that the Lord comes anew to find us, to give us this fullness. Ours is a marvelous life, so long as we do not forget Christ the Lord!

My heartfelt hope for all of you, in whatever the situation in which you live, is that you encounter this Lord who loves us, to meet him anew. Surely you have met him before, but the love of the Lord is always new, reaching a new place and a new effectiveness within. This is my hope for myself, for all the friars of the General Curia – which is a wonderful fraternity – and for all the friars that are going about everywhere in the world, all you good friars ...

All the best! Meet the Lord! Merry Christmas to all!



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#### Discerning a vocation?

Could a friar's life be for you?

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#### Want to talk about your vocation questions?

Fr. John, the Shrine Rector can be available—contact the Shrine office. Peace

### WYD 2019 WILL BE A "CELEBRATION OF GREAT FAITH"

By Robin Gomes, Herald Malaysia Online, 12/21/18

Preparations are underway for the Catholic Church's **World Youth Day (WYD)** that takes centre stage in **Panama City, January 22-27**. Pope Francis is scheduled to join the celebrations January 23 onwards.

Addressing journalists at Tuesday's press conference in Rome, Archbishop José Domingo Ulloa of Panama said that the WYD will be "a great celebration of faith." "We are waiting for the Pope and for the hope he will bring for all of Central America."

Referring to the October Synod of Bishops in the Vatican on young people, he said that they will be urged to be protagonists of change to build a different world as Mary did with her unconditional "yes".

The theme of the 34<sup>th</sup> WYD is, "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38).

The archbishop said that other themes that will dominate the youth meet will be migration, indigenous people, environment and the role of women.

#### World converging on Panama

Facts and figures of this great Church event were presented at a press conference in Rome on Tuesday. More than 200,000 participants from 155 countries are expected from five continents. 47,000 have completed their application formalities and another 168,000 are completing them, said Giancarlo Candanedo, director of communication for WYD Panama. Many more, he said, will be coming without registration.

243 are expected from China and 450 from Cuba. Muslims will also be in attendance, hailing from Jordan and Palestine.

More than 37,000 volunteers from Brazil, Costa Rica, France and Poland are involved in logistics, assistance and preparation.

#### Migration

Alluding to the Central American migrant caravan, Arch. Ulloa said the issue of immigration will be a dominant theme during the WYD because the Church cannot bear the suffering and pain that many people go through.

"Young people being forced to emigrate, many suffering at the hands of drug traffickers," are just some of the challenges that many young people face, he said. "I am convinced that Pope Francis will be bringing the theme of hope," he said, adding young people need opportunities.

#### Women

The Panama WYD will also highlight the role of women in the Church. Archbishop Ulloa pointed out that one cannot conceive a Church, especially that of Latin America and Central America, that is not kept together by women.

To stress this fact, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be displayed at the global youth event. "For us, the emphasis will be on the role of women," Arch. Ulloa said, explaining that the WYD will be a "great opportunity to bring forward all the good that women have done through history."

#### Indigenous

Among the participants will also be some 1000 young indigenous people from various parts of the world who will be participating in the World Indigenous Youth Gathering 2019 (EMJI) that will take place in Soloy, Panama, January 17 to 21.

#### Models for youth

The archbishop pointed out that the Central American Church is one of martyrdom, and the young people have credible models in saints such as Romero, Rose of Lima, José Sánchez del Rio and John Paul II. He confirmed that the Pope will meet all the bishops to feel their pulse.

#### Families

Arch. Ulloa said the Church of Panama is reaching out to young people who have no financial means to join the WYD. Many families will host pilgrims "precisely because the key is to share", he stressed.

At the end of the meeting, the organizers provided a sample of Panamanian hospitality by way of a traditional song and dance.



### WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

Come along with the community of the Nat'l Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi as it joins the greater Archdiocese of San Francisco for the annual "Walk for Life—West Coast".

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

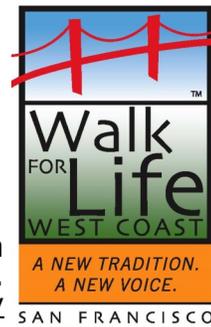
Holy Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary: 9:30AM

Civic Center Plaza Rally: 12:30PM

Walk down Market Street begins: 1:30PM

Please note the Shrine hours on this day:

- ♦ Historic church and Porziuncola will be **CLOSED** until 3:00pm. There will be **no regularly scheduled Mass or Confessions.**
- ♦ There will be the celebration of the **Traditional Latin Mass** at **5:15PM** in the historic church.



Any and all signs, posters, fliers, pamphlets, booklets, etc. must be submitted to the Rector for review, possible edit or revision, and necessary authorization before the desired materials can be properly posted, displayed or distributed on the properties of the \*National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi. Furthermore, any and all Solicitation, petition signing, and promotion of any and all entities outside of the Nat'l. Shrine itself is prohibited without prior approval of the Shrine Rector. It is also Shrine Policy that the removal, altering, and or discarding of any and all approved signage, posters, pamphlets, booklets, etc. will be by Shrine Rector authorization only. Any and all materials that do not abide by this Policy of the Rector: Fr. John De La Riva, OFM Cap., will be removed and confiscated.

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