



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SERVED BY THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2016

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." *Lk 4:18a, 19*

MASS

Sunday 11:00 AM

Monday - Saturday 12:15 PM

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Saturday 11:00 AM - 12 noon (and by appointment)

NATIONAL SHRINE VISITATION

OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS

CHURCH: 10:00 - 5:00 MONDAY - SATURDAY

PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL: 10:00 - 5:00 DAILY

SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL:

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

Please visit us on the Web, at: www.ShrineSF.org for information about the National Shrine of St. Francis, and the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

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NATIONAL SHRINE INFORMATION

Saint Francis of Assisi QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Should there be a brother anywhere in the world who has sinned, no matter how great soever his fault may be, let him not go away after he has once seen thy face without showing pity towards him; and if he seek not mercy, ask him if he does not desire it.
And by this I will know if you love God and me."

Mass Intentions—January 24—January 30, 2016

Sunday	11:00 am	+Lela Jahn (Requested by Chris and Bette Stockton)
Monday	12:15 pm	Theresa D'Alba-Intention (Requested by Theresa D'Alba)
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Theresa D'Alba-Intention (Requested by Theresa D'Alba)
Wednesday	12:15 pm	+Patricia R. Barton (Requested by J.C. Scarborough & Family)
Thursday	12:15 pm	+Nellie Farias (Requested by Paul Guimond)
Friday	12:15 pm	+Jack D'Alba (Requested by Theresa D'Alba)
Saturday	12:15 pm	Mary Greene -Intention (Requested by Lolita Bonafe)

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle; **Tuesday:** Ss. Timothy and Titus
Wednesday: St. Angela Merici **Thursday:** St. Thomas Aquinas; **Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

FROM FR. JOHN DE LA RIVA, RECTOR

"AMBASSADOR OF MERCY "

Brothers and sisters, note that in this Jubilee year of Mercy, I have been selected by my Province of the Capuchin Franciscans (and accepted by Pope Francis) to be an Ambassador of Mercy – along with several hundred other Franciscans from around the world.

In the first part of February, I will travel to Rome to be commissioned personally by the Pope as an ambassador of Mercy. Among the liturgies and other ceremonies taking place, there will be a private Mass for all the Franciscans with the Pope, and a conference where the Pope will personally explain the Mission of Mercy for those commissioned.

As Rector, I ask for your prayers, to assist me in my spiritual preparation for this pilgrim journey in response to Pope Francis' call of Mercy. I also invite all of you to spiritually join with me in this journey of Mercy - that we pray will continue beyond the time of a Jubilee year. Let us together, begin a journey of prayerful transformation as a community of gentle compassion and mercy that can nurture true healing, reconciliation and greater unity. Will you join me in making this a daily petition(?)



What Is a Holy Year?

Jewish tradition inspired the Catholic Church to start celebrating the "Jubilee" or "Holy Year." The words are interchangeable. The Catholic tradition was started in the year 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII. A Holy Year is a general forgiveness, open to all. It is a special proposal to approach God and others.

Excerpt from: "Eight questions about the Jubilee of Mercy you were afraid to ask." Rome Reports
Visit ShrineSF.org to view Video

NOTE:

Rector Away on the following dates:

"Mercy" Rome Trip

Jan. 31 (Shrine covered by Fr. Hai Ho)

Feb. 1-12 (Shrine covered by Fr. Alan Wilson)

Lent/Easter Season:

Ash Wednesday-Feb.10; Palm Sunday-March 20;

Good Friday March 25;

Easter Sunday March 27;

Divine Mercy Sunday-April 3

★ 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.

(The Main Shrine Church and the Porziuncola Nuova Chapel together constitute the National Shrine.)

Any and all materials that do not abide by this Policy, of the Rector:, Fr. John De La Riva, O.F.M.Cap., will be confiscated and removed. Cooperation is appreciated.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me

When he announced this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis highlighted today's Gospel episode, in which Jesus proclaims in his hometown synagogue his Spirit-anointed mission to fulfill the promises of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus' mission then, says Pope Francis, is our mission now as Jesus' disciples this Jubilee Year of Mercy: to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord, a year of God's mercy. Pope Francis challenges us to translate Jesus' mission to contemporary needs: to console by word and deed those materially or spiritually poor, to liberate those bound by modern society's new forms of slavery, to open the eyes of those blinded by their own self-interest, and to restore human dignity to all those from whom it has been stolen. To act with mercy in a spirit of joy! —*Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

FREE CONCERTS— St. Mary's Cathedral

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4:00 pm -January 31- Thomas Gaynor, Organist

4:00 pm—February 21—Christoph Tietze, Organist

LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Some of Saint Paul's best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together.

Unlike some of Paul's other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):

For our visitors and friends at the National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi, if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation of First Communion and/or Confirmation, or you know someone who is, you are invited to contact our Neighbor Parish—Saints Peter & Paul —666 Filbert Street to inquire about their RCIA and sacramental program offerings. Call Janet Ross at 771-9130, or send an email to janetross9849@yahoo.com

No one 'deserves' faith; it is a gift VATICAN CITY

— No one deserves faith and no one can buy it; faith is a gift that changes one's life and allows people to recognize Jesus as the son of God with the power to forgive sins, Pope Francis said at his morning Mass. Praise is the proof that one truly has faith and believes "that Jesus Christ is God in my life," the pope said Jan. 15 during the Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae. "Faith is a gift. No one 'deserves' faith, no one can buy it; it is a gift. Does my faith in Jesus Christ bring me to humble myself, to repentance, to the prayer that says: 'Forgive 'me, Lord. You are God. You can forgive my sins?'"

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO San Francisco—Bay Area— KSFH – 1260 AM

Live Stream : <http://ihradio.com/media/sanfrancisco.html>

CATHOLIC TV MASS: Sundays at 6:00am on KTSF Channel 26 and KOFY Channel 20.

Archbishop Cordileone's New Video Channel:

Please visit: <http://sfarchdiocese.org/home/archbishop/video-series-with-archbishop-cordileone>

EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) Videos— Television, Online Live Streaming & Radio

<http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live.asp>

VATICAN YOUTUBE CHANNEL <https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican#p/a>

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CATHOLIC CATECHISM COMPENDIUM

http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html

CORPORAL & SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The corporal and spiritual works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbors in their spiritual and bodily necessities. The spiritual and corporal works of mercy seek to help alleviate human misery – material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness and death. Such misery is an obvious sign of our inherited human frailty and need for salvation as a consequence of original sin. We are obliged to perform the works of mercy, according to our own ability and the need of our neighbors. It is important to remember that ordinary deeds done every day to receive the corporal or spiritual needs of others are true works of mercy, if done with the love of God. Taking care of children, teaching children and adults about the faith, caring for elderly parents or a sick child or spouse are some Additional examples.



Corporal Works of Mercy

- * feed the hungry * give drink to the thirsty *
- * clothe the naked * shelter the homeless *
- * visit the sick * visit the imprisoned * bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- * counsel the doubtful * instruct the ignorant *
- * admonish sinners * comfort the afflicted *
- * forgive offenses * bear wrongs patiently*
- * pray for the living and the dead.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, one should prepare themselves with an examination of conscience.

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me. Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body?

Honor your father and your mother. Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill. Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery. Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal. Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse. Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods. Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

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 the Porziuncula Indulgence on August 2, one must receive sacramental absolution and receive Holy Communion at Mass during the Period beginning eight days before the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels and ending eight days after August 2. Additionally, on August 2 itself, 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.

However, at the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi, the Pardon of Assisi may be received on August 2 (either at the Shrine Church or the Porziuncula Nuova chapel); 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. All the same conditions as on August 2nd apply.)