NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
SERVED BY THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

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MOST REVEREND SALVATORE J. CORDILEONE, J.C.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.

— Mt 4:16

MASS TIMES
MONDAY — SATURDAY:
12:15 PM
SUNDAY: 11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS
MONDAY—SATURDAY:
11:00 AM—12:00 Noon
WEDNESDAY:
5:30 PM—6:30 PM
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  WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY
10:00AM - 2:00PM  SUNDAY

SATURDAYS IN THE PORZIUNCOLA 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
EXPOSITION & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  10:50AM—12PM

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 — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).
Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).
Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).
Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: St. Angela Merici
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: St. John Bosco
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Mass Intentions — JAN. 26 to FEB. 1

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD—January 26

Vatican City, (Excerpted from Catholic News Agency).- Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be the Sunday of the Word of God in order to promote a closer relationship with holy scripture and its dissemination in the world.

“A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord,” the pope wrote in an apostolic letter Sept. 30, 2019.

“For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness.”

He said “the Bible is not a collection of history books or a chronicle, but is aimed entirely at the integral salvation of the person.”

Pope Francis instituted the special day for celebrating the Word of God in the Church with the promulgation motu proprio of the apostolic letter Aperuit Illis, published Sept. 30, 2019, the 1,600th anniversary of St. Jerome’s death and his feast day.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the Roman calendar, typically falls around the end of January.

Each community can decide how to mark the Sunday of the Word of God, but it is important, he said, that sacred scripture be “enthroned.”

He said one example of how to do this would be to highlight the “proclamation of the word of the Lord and to emphasize in the homily the honor that it is due.”

Other examples he gave were for pastors to give out Bibles or a book of the Bible to encourage daily prayer with sacred scripture, such as lectio divina, or for bishops to celebrate the Rite of Installation of Lectors that day. He added that this is a good opportunity for parishes to renew their efforts to train lectors to be “genuine proclaimers of the word.”

Francis spoke about the role of pastors, who, he said, have the responsibility of explaining sacred scripture and helping their parishioners understand it, especially through the homily, which possesses, as it says in Evangelii Gaudium, “a quasi-sacramental character.”

“Helping people to enter more deeply into the word of God through simple and suitable language,” he emphasized, “is a pastoral opportunity that should not be wasted!”
**ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**

First Saturday of every month. The next meeting is **February 1** in the Shrine church

10:00am  Open church  
10:15am  Begin  
10:30am  Relic Veneration  Padre Pio prayers  
10:50am  Exposition/Adoration; Confession, Rosary  
11:50am  Benediction  
12:15pm  Holy Mass  

Brief meeting after Mass  

All are welcome. Questions, call the Shrine office at (415) 986-4557, or email info@shrinesf.org

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**Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis**  
by Fr. Bobby

*Before I formed you in your mother’s womb, I knew you,* the Lord said to the prophet Jeremiah. It’s true for all of us. St. Francis of Assisi says: “Consider in what great excellence the Lord God has placed you, for He created and formed you to the image of His beloved Son according to the body and to His likeness according to the Spirit.” Each human life is made in Jesus’ image, and each life is a gift from the moment of conception, which is why we place such importance on respecting the life of those not yet born. Thousands are marching this weekend to witness to this: let us join them with our prayers and our acts of love and sacrifice. God bless you always!

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

Antes de formarte en el seno de tu madre, ya te conocía, dijo el Señor al profeta Jeremías, y es la verdad para cada persona. Explica San Francisco: “Repara, oh hombre, en cuán grande excelencia te ha constituido el Señor Dios, pues te creó y formó a imagen de su querido Hijo según el cuerpo y a su semejanza según el espíritu.” Cada vida humana es un don de Dios y preciosa, aún en el seno. Por esto hay que respetar la vida de cada uno desde el momento de concepción. Algunos están en marcha este fin de semana en favor la dignidad de la vida, y nosotros debemos juntarnos con ellos por la oración y sacrificio. ¡Que Dios les cuide siempre! Fray Bobby.

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**FRANCISCAN PROTOMARTYRS**

This year, we celebrate a distinctive anniversary: 800 years since the martyrdom of the first Franciscan friars.

Saints Berardo, Ottone, Pietro, Accursio and Adiuto, also called the Franciscan Protomartyrs, were the first martyrs of the Franciscan Order, killed in Morocco on January 16, 1220.

They were three priests, Berardo, Pietro, Ottone, and two lay brothers, Adiuto and Accursio who came from the regions around the city of Terni. They were among the first to embrace the life of the friars minor, and were also among the first to be sent as missionaries by Francis of Assisi.

They went initially to Seville, Spain, where they began to preach the Christian faith in mosques. Here they were beaten, taken prisoner and led before the sultan Muhammad al-Nasir called Miramolino. Later, they were transferred to Morocco with orders to no longer preach in the name of Christ.

Despite this ban, they continued to preach the gospel, and because of this, they were imprisoned again. After being subjected to flogging several times, they were beheaded. It was January 16, 1220.

St. Francis, at the announcement of the killing of his friars exclaimed: “Now I can say with certainty that I have five minor Friars”. The bodies were moved to Coimbra, Portugal. At this juncture, Anthony of Padua, who was in Coimbra, and who seems to have previously known the martyrs from their passage through Portugal to Morocco, received the vocation to enter the Franciscan order.

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**Discerning a vocation?**  
Could a friar’s life be for you?  
Contact: Fr. Peter Banks, OFM Cap.  
Email: peterbanksofmcap@yahoo.com; Phone: 805.686.4127  
Website: www.BeAFriar.com  

Want to talk about your vocation questions?  
Fr. John, the Shrine Rector can be available—contact the Shrine office. Peace
NEWS AND EVENTS

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2020
Saturday, January 25

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS
February 2020—Listening to the Migrants’ Cries
We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL
Lunar Year of the Rat
Saturday, February 1, 2020, 2:30 PM
Location: St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street @Geary, San Francisco 94109
The Chinese Ministry of the Archdiocese of San Francisco extends a warm invitation to all priests of the Archdiocese and their parishioners to join Bishop Wang, Bishop Walsh, Bishop Justice, and the Chinese community on the occasion of the Lunar New Year. All are welcome to the New Year Eucharistic Celebration and Ancestors Veneration Ceremony. Priests who wish to concelebrate the Mass are asked to bring a red stole. Following the Mass, a fundraising banquet will be served in Patrons’ Hall at 5PM.

To join in the banquet, please contact Fr. Peter Zhai, SVD, Director of Chinese Ministry, for tickets.

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.”

CATHOLIC RESOURCES

RELEVANT RADIO: San Francisco—Bay Area—KSFB – 1260 AM, plus now on 101.7 FM
Live Stream: www.relevantradio.com, Click at the top of the webpage
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
VATICAN YOUTUBE CHANNEL https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican#p/a
BIBLIACLERUS http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index_eng.html
“This program offers Sacred Scripture, its interpretation in light of Sacred Tradition and the teachings of the Magisterium, with appropriate theological commentary and exegesis.”
CATHOLIC CATECHISM COMPLEMENT

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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