February 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

Because Jesus himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

—Heb 2:18

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

CONFESSIONS
MONDAY—SATURDAY: 11:00 AM—12:00 Noon
WEDNESDAY: 5:30 PM—6:30 PM
Also by appointment

NATIONAL SHRINE HOURS
HISTORIC CHURCH: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  MONDAY - SATURDAY  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  SUNDAY  
OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS
PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  SUNDAY

SATURDAYS IN THE PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL:
HOLY ROSARY SODALITY AT 2:30 PM & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 3:00 PM

FIRST SATURDAYS IN THE HISTORIC CHURCH
ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP  10AM—1PM
EXPOSITION & BENEEDICTION 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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Email: info@shrinesf.org  Website: 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.
**DAILY MASS READINGS**

**Monday:** St. Blaise; St. Ansgar  
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;  
Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;  
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** St. Agatha  
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions  
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;  
Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** First Friday  
Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

**Mass Intentions — FEBRUARY 2 to 8**

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**WEDNESDAY EVE. MASS DISCONTINUED**

Due to lack of attendance the 7PM Wednesday Mass has been removed from the weekly schedule. The last Mass was celebrated on January 29th. The intentions that were already scheduled for upcoming Wednesday evenings will be moved to 12:15PM on the closest available dates.  
* A reformulation of another possible day for an additional Mass is being undertaken. Please check future bulletins and ShrineSF.org for announcements.

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

(Excerpted from VaticanNews.va)

This feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child to God in the Temple and his buying back (redemption) from God. It is also known as the Feast of the Purification of Mary, and the Feast of Candlemas. It is also called the Feast of Encounter (Hypapánte in Greek) because the New Testament, represented by the baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna. Joseph offered two pigeons in the Temple as sacrifice for the purification of Mary after her childbirth and for the presentation and redemption ceremonies performed for the Infant Jesus.

**Life messages:**

1) Every Holy Mass in which we participate is our presentation. Although we were officially presented to God on the day of our Baptism, we present ourselves and our dear ones on the altar before God our Father through our Savior Jesus Christ at every Holy Mass. Hence, we need to live our daily lives with the awareness both that we are dedicated people consecrated to God and that we are obliged to lead holy lives. (next page)
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

The Capuchins
Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis
by Fr. Bobby

“The Rule and Life of the Lesser Brothers is this: to observe the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Rule of the Friars Minor, I.

Like everyone, Francis of Assisi was seeking for the meaning of life, and where true happiness lie. He sought to find his meaning by being popular and famous. His greatest fear was to be an outcast, a reject. That is why lepers were so abhorrent to him. Yet, in the Gospel it says Jesus not only wanted to cure lepers, but even reached out and touched them! (cf. Mark 1:41). So when the young seeker from Assisi was confronted with a leper and decided to imitate Jesus by embracing the man, he was surprised that God changed “what was bitter into sweetness of soul and body.” No wonder he began to take the words of the Gospel seriously. God bless and keep you!

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

PERPETUAL PROFESSION OF BR. DANIEL IVAN PEREZ RICO
Northern Mexico Custody

On January 8, 2020 our Capuchin brother DANIEL IVAN PEREZ RICO made his perpetual profession of vows at Convento Santo Padre Pio in Ciudad Benito Juarez, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Please join in praying for him and for his perseverance in his vocation.

ST. JOSEPH OF LEONESSA
Feast day, February 4

St. Joseph of Leonessa clung to the cross of Christ as his only strength in life, and it gave him great perseverance and hope.

Eufranio Deseridi was born in Leonessa, Italy, in 1556, and was orphaned at the age of 12. He was raised by an uncle, who arranged a marriage for him that Eufranio declined because he felt a call to religious life. He met a group of Capuchin monks, and was impressed by their life together. He joined them at the age of 18, taking the name Joseph. He was known for the intensity of his prayer, and he was ordained a priest.

As a priest, he preached throughout the region, always holding a crucifix. His words were so interesting that he once converted a gang of 50 highway bandits who came to listen to his homilies out of curiosity. He was assigned as a missionary in a suburb of Constantinople, and became a chaplain to a group of 4,000 Christian galley slaves. He continued to preach, and his words comforted the imprisoned Christians and even converted some of their guards.

His zeal landed him in prison twice, and he was even tortured for demanding an audience with the sultan—he was hung by hooks over a smoky fire for three days. When released, he returned to Italy to continue his life as a wandering preacher.

Joseph was a tireless advocate for the poor, and established hospitals, homeless shelters, and food banks to serve them. He was known to wade into gang fights and brawls to preach peace, carrying nothing but the crucifix he kept with him.

In his 50s, he was struck with cancer. He underwent several painful operations without anesthesia in an attempt to remove the disease. He was asked if he wanted to be bound, but he pointed to his crucifix and replied, “This is the strongest bond—this will hold me better than any ropes could.” He died at the age of 58.

St. Joseph of Leonessa, who helped the poor, preached peace, and served enslaved Christians, pray for us!

2) We need the assistance of the Holy Spirit to recognize the presence of Jesus in ourselves and in others: All those who, like Simeon and Anna, persevere in piety and in the service of God, no matter how insignificant their lives seem in men’s eyes, become instruments the Holy Spirit uses to make Christ known to others. In His plan of redemption, God makes use of these simple souls to do much good for all mankind. In other words, The Holy Spirit employs ordinary men and women with simple faith as His instruments to bear witness to Christ, His ideals and teachings, just as He used Simeon and Anna. The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to us when we are receptive and eager to receive Him. Let us be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit within us to recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with us and in others. (Fr. Antony Kadavil)

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News and Events

PROJECT RACHEL RETREATS: HOPE & HEALING AFTER ABORTION
March 7 - 8, 2020
415-614-5567 projectrachel@sfarch.org
sfarchdiocese.org/rachel

Registration is open for the March 7 - 8 Hope and Healing after Abortion Women's Retreat, which will be held here in the SF Bay Area.

The retreat, at a confidential location, will be led by Fr. Vito Perrone, Contemplative of St. Joseph, with the Daughters of Carmel. A donation of $50 is suggested, but can be waived.

For more information, phone or e-mail (above), or register online at sfarchdiocese.org/rachel, where you can view a powerful new one-minute video testimony by Georgette Forney, co-founder of the Silent No More awareness campaign.

Future Project Rachel retreats are scheduled for August 2020 (in Spanish) and December 2020 (in English).

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.

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 MEN’S CONFERENCE
March 21, 2020 - St Pius Parish
(1100 WOODSIDE ROAD, REDWOOD CITY)
9:00AM - 3:30PM (8AM REGISTRATION)

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, is the Vocation Director for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and lives in Steubenville, Ohio. A prominent Marian priest, he exhibits an unmistakable zeal for the priesthood and devotion to Our Lady.

Father Calloway is an Emmy Award winner and the author of 14 books. His latest book is Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father.

Mass with his Excellency
Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone
Confessions available - Lunch included

Other Speakers: Nathaniel Binversie, Exodus 90
Ed Hopfner, Archdiocese of San Francisco
$45 / person (Early bird thru Feb 21 - $35)
Registration discount for sons (<20 years old) $20/person
Register online: https://www.sfarch.org/sfbaymen
For questions contact: Ed Hopfner, hopfnere@sfarch.org

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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

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.

*Please note: The St. Francis Church, the Porziuncola Nuova Chapel, and the Rectory residence together constitute the properties of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.