



# THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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**ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**February 14, 2016**

The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart.

— Romans 10:8

## 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](http://www.ShrineSF.org) for information about the National Shrine of St. Francis, and the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

While there, click on our on-line Gift shop: **SHOPPE AT THE SHRINE**, where you'll find a vast assortment of religious goods. **Note** that a percentage of all sales goes to support the life and mission of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.

**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 Portiuncula Nuova chapel.

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**Saint Francis of Assisi QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"It would be considered a theft on our part if we didn't give to someone in greater need than we are."

**Mass Intentions—February 14-February 20, 2016**

Sunday	11:00 am	+Lela Jahn (Requested by Chris and Bette Stockton)
Monday	12:15 pm	Wayne Beigel Intention (Requested by Mary & Steve Beigel)
Tuesday	12:15 pm	+Nina Kuprashvili (Requested by Miguel Espina)
Wednesday	12:15 pm	+Patricia R. Barton (Requested by J.C. Scarborough & Family)
Thursday	12:15 pm	+ Eileen O'Malley (Requested by Theresa D'Alba)
Friday	12:15 pm	Theresa D'Alba Intention (Requested by Theresa D'Alba)
Saturday	12:15 pm	+Fr. Michael Walsh OFM Cap. (Requested by Capuchins Western America Province)

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent; Valentine's Day; World Marriage Day

**Monday:** Presidents' Day

**Wednesday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

**Friday:** Abstinence

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**



On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis commissioned "Missionaries of Mercy," priest-confessors sent forth worldwide as "living signs of the Father's readiness to welcome those in search of [God's] pardon." In a way, though, Pope Francis challenges all of us to become "missionaries of mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 18) by living Lent in this Jubilee Year of Mercy "more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (*MV*, 17). Francis bids us make the prophet Micah's words our own: "God . . . who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins" (*Micah* 7:18, 19). Having experienced God's mercy ourselves in the unconditional forgiveness of our sins, how eager we should be to invite others to know the peace of God's boundless mercy; perhaps even to experience, through our reaching out in gentle kindness and compassionate care, something of God's unconditional love for them.

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"Be assured of my prayers for all of you, the dear faithful of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, in a special way during this Jubilee Year.

May we all rededicate ourselves in being Merciful like the Father, as we seek to draw ever closer to our Lord Jesus Christ in his Holy Spirit."

*Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone*

**Lent/Easter Season:**

Palm Sunday-March 20;  
Good Friday March 25;  
Easter Sunday March 27;  
Divine Mercy Sunday-April 3

National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi

**JOB VACANCY: - Now Hiring**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Please visit our website: [ShrineSF.org](http://ShrineSF.org) for more information and job description.



Please be aware that Mass intentions are properly applied to, and for the benefit of: deceased person \*(except for Canonized Saints, who the Church, by authority of the Pope publicly declares that they are in heaven – enjoying the Beatific Vision), and the living (whether for the sick, dying, or for a special intention).



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, OFM Cap., will be confiscated and removed. Cooperation is appreciated.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Israelites show their faith by offering the Lord first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

### JESUS AND THE DEVIL

The devil tempted Jesus by quoting scripture, as today's Gospel reminds us. Try a self-serving miracle. Try selling out. Try dazzling the audience; people are gullible, after all. Try all these easy ways. The tempter tries to urge Jesus onto the slippery slope, attempts the old soft-soap, the snake-oil solutions that are always readily at hand. The devil knows better, but is powerless to do better, much less be better. The devil is evil personified, who senses in Jesus the stronger, truly attractive presence of holiness.

Evil is exposed and engaged, we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel. Evil knows the jig is up. The undoing of lies begins with Jesus, who takes up the work of soul-healing and world-healing. This Lent, the Church invites us to enter into this renewing, re-creative work and be made whole again. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

### Drama: *Thérèse, The Story of a Soul*

Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 pm  
Star of the Sea Church, Parish Hall,  
4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco

*Thérèse: The Story of a Soul* is a face-to-face encounter with Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most beloved saints of modern times. In this one-woman performance, Thérèse speaks directly to the audience with humor, grace and humility.

The musical score is lyrical and inspiring, and was composed by Sister Clare Sokol, herself a Carmelite nun.

*Thérèse: The Story of a Soul* is a delightful drama for all ages including young adult and teen audiences. Tickets are not required; (free-will offering).

Visit [Star of the Sea Website](#) for more information.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today Lent begins. Ash Wednesday initiates the forty days of the Lenten fast, but since Sundays are not tallied in the days of fasting, today is the solemn opening of the forty days of Lent. The Church has work to do today, principally the calling forward of those chosen (the proper word is elected) for the Easter sacraments. Some of those who have been catechumens may now make a transition to a new way of life as the "elect." For them, this Lent will be a time of "purification" and "enlightenment." For us who accompany them, it is a time of helping them discern God's call and prepare for new life.

This year, while the readings from the third year of the Lectionary cycle are usually read, they are set aside on certain Sundays for the benefit of the elect. We turn then to the readings from Year A, and we give those who journey to the font of baptism three extraordinary companions. In the Gospels for those days, we meet the woman of Samaria and the man born blind, and we come to the tomb of Lazarus three days after his death. Many bishops celebrate the Rite of Election on or near today, affirming God's choice for these new faithful, and also offering them the solidarity of many companions. In 2013, over 38,000 adults entered the baptismal waters in the United States, a remarkable testimony to the vigor of our tradition of receiving and nurturing adult faith.

—*Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

### 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,



### SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor.  
Love the poor, honor them as  
you would Christ himself.

—*St. Louise de Marillac*

**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>

**BIBLIACLERUS** [http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index\\_eng.html](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 COMPENDIUM**

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium\\_ccc/documents/archive\\_2005\\_compendium-ccc\\_en.html](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.)