Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

— 1 Cor. 2:10

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: 10:00 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 10 AM—1 PM
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 10:50 AM—12 PM

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

Church & Office: 610 Vallejo Street (at Columbus) San Francisco, CA 94133
Office: (415) 986-4557 Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
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.
**SUNDAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

**Monday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
**Friday:** St. Peter Damian
Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
**Saturday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**SHRINE CLOSURE FOR PRESIDENTS’ DAY**

Monday, February 17
The Church, Chapel and Shrine office will be CLOSED in observance of the United States Holiday.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING CONFESSION & MASS DISCONTINUED**

♦ The 6PM Confession and 7PM Holy Mass have been removed from the schedule.

♦ The Wednesday evening Mass intentions that were already scheduled have been transferred to a 12:15PM Mass on the closest available date.

♦ A re-evaluation of another additional weekday Mass is ongoing. Please check future Shrine bulletins and the website for an announcement.

**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.”

**Mass Intentions — FEBRUARY 16 to 22**

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**LITURGY DURING THIS COLD & FLU SEASON**

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home.

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season.

If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace.

**“GREEN THUMB” VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

To assist with church flowers display and maintenance. If interested, please contact the Shrine office.

**LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We welcome those who have previous experience as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to assist with Masses at the Shrine. Training can also be arranged for those who would like to learn. If interested, please contact the Shrine office.

**ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**

First Saturday of every month. The next meeting is March 7 at 10:00am in the Shrine church.

**National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi**
Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis
by Fr. Bobby

Francis of Assisi was once asked by his friends, when he seemed to be very distracted, “Francis, are you in love?” At that time he was seriously seeking God’s will in his life and in a moment of inspiration he replied, “Yes! I am in love with a most beautiful lady.” It was Lady Poverty who captivated Francis: Poverty not as a condition, but as a way of letting go of all that holds us back from God. And indeed that was the reason for Francis’ embrace of poverty, and it was what helped him become a saint. God bless you!

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

CAPUCHIN MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Amid the current events highlighting worldwide concern and anxiety over pandemic disease, it is worth noting the humble and heroic service of the friars toward the sick throughout their history:

“The Capuchins truly captured the hearts of the people when the Black Plague struck Western Europe killing millions. While many of the clergy and religious fled the catastrophe, the Capuchins remained to care for the people. Over 2,000 friars died from the plague as Martyrs of Charity."

Capuchins.org

“John of Fano wrote his Dialogo to check the exodus of the Observants and to refute the arguments of the reformers. The heroic dedication of the Capuchins became public knowledge during the plague that struck Camerino (Italy) and during the sack of Rome in May 1527.

“Historians record the horizontal, or human, dimension of the proposed (Capuchin) reform in the assistance given by the first friars to the plague-stricken in Camerino in 1523. This social element confirmed the authenticity of their charism and won for them the protection of the civil authorities and the material support of the people.

“This work made (Father Matthew of Bascio) pleasing in the sight of God and of St. Francis and won the esteem of all the people. They looked upon him as a saint. It gained him access to the court of the Duke and Duchess of Camerino, Gianmaria Varani and Catherine Cibo, who was the niece of the reigning pontiff, Clement VII. Both of them felt a great debt to Father Matthew for his charitable labours on behalf of their subjects and were anxious to express their gratitude. The Duchess, especially was most thankful for the cure of two gentlemen of her court who had fallen seriously ill of the plague and whom Matthew, through the grace of God, had snatched from the jaws of death. She offered to be of any service to him or his group.” From “The Capuchins and Ecclesiastical and Civil Authorities”;

Capuchins Friars of Australia, capdox.capuchin.org.au

Pictured: Fr. Alan Wilson gives Anointing of the Sick to a hospital patient and visitor.
News and Events

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT AT ST. PATRICK SEMINARY

Friday, February 21 – Sunday, February 23
St. Patrick’s Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park
Fr. Cameron Faller, Office of Vocations 415-614-5683
faller.cameron@sfarch.org stpsu.edu/is-God-calling-you

Might God be calling you, or someone you know, to the priesthood? The process of discernment is the process of discovering God’s purpose for your life. St. Patrick’s Seminary and University forms men for the priesthood after the model of Jesus Christ: teacher, priest, and shepherd. The seminary is hosting its annual discernment retreat, and all interested men 21 years and above are encouraged to attend. Attendance does not imply any further obligation. Please contact Fr. Cameron Faller in the Office of Vocations to register and/or to get more info.

PARISHIONER WORKSHOP FOR VOCATIONS

St. Cecilia Church, 2555 17th Ave. San Francisco
Saturday, Feb. 29th from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Churches are asked to send 2-5 parishioners who would lead vocation promotion at their parish. Questions, please contact:
Fr. Cameron Faller—Director, Office of Vocations, Archdiocese of S.F. | (415) 614-5683

DAILY LENTEN PRAYER EMAILS FROM THE JESUIT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Participate in our online retreat and receive daily prayers in your inbox throughout Lent!
Each day, a member of the JST community will offer a reflection on the Scripture readings which will be sent to subscribers.
To participate, visit: scu.edu/asharenewed

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

Speakers:
Fr. Donald Callowaym MIC
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/sbaymen
For questions contact: Ed Hopfner, hopfhnere@sfarch.org

U.S. BISHOPS HAVE UPDATED VOTING GUIDE FOR CATHOLICS

The March 3 primary elections are just around the corner. How should a Catholic vote? The U.S. bishops have updated their guide to formation of conscience for participation in public life, “Forming Consciences for Public Life,” and have produced a short video. The updated document and the video, as well as links to resources for specific issues such as immigration and respect for life, are available on the Faithful Citizenship page of the archdiocesan website, above. The six-minute USCCB Faithful Citizenship video is also divided into four shorter videos. So far, it is available in Spanish, English, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. To access all the videos, visit the USCCB website here: usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship.

CATHOLIC RESOURCES

RELEVANT RADIO: San Francisco—Bay Area— KSFB – 1260 AM, plus now on 101.7 FM
Live Stream: www.relevantradio.com. Click on "Listen Live" at the top of the webpage
TV MASS: Sundays at 6:00am on KTȘF 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
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 COMPRENDIUM

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.