The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.
—Mt 4:10

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: 10:00AM - 5:00PM
10:00AM - 2:00PM Sunday
Open Certain Holidays
Porziuncola Chapel: 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Wednesday - Saturday
12:00PM - 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
SUNDAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: St. Casimir Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence; First Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Mass Intentions — MARCH 1 to 7

Sunday 11:00 am † Grazio & Maria Forgione
Monday 12:15 pm Fr. Gustavo Ramirez, SDB (Anniversary of Priestly ordination)
Tuesday 12:15 pm Reparations to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Wednesday 12:15 pm † Msgr. Alfonso Gallegos, O.A.R.
5:15 pm Open Intention
Thursday 12:15 pm Reparations to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Friday 12:15 pm Reparations to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:15 pm Open Intention
Saturday 12:15 pm Open Intention

If you would like a Mass scheduled on a day with an Open Intention listed this week, use the form on: ShrineSF.org/mass-intentions.html
You may also contact the Shrine office.

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

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

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.

“GREEN THUMB” VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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.”

ADJUST YOUR CLOCKS

Next Sunday, March 8
Forward - One hour

2020 LENTEN GENERAL SCHEDULE

Mass:
Monday - Saturday 12:15 pm
Weds. & Fri. 5:15 pm

Confessions:
Monday - Saturday 11 am to 12 noon
Weds. & Fri. 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross:
Friday: 3:00 pm

Please Note:
There will be no evening Mass, Confessions, nor Stations of the Cross on the evening of Friday, March 13, 2020.
ARCHBISHOP’S LENTEN MESSAGE
Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone

Another year has passed, and we stand at the beginning of a new Lenten season with all the promise it holds for each of us. We look forward to these six weeks of intensified prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with the intention and hope that we will come to Easter changed, somehow, for the better; more the person God wants us to be, the person we each know we can and should be. I encourage everyone to calendar time for each of these things: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Rosary as a family; Fasting on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, at a minimum; Sharing enough with the poor that you feel the loss to yourself, as much as the recipient notices the blessing. During this Lent, which corresponds with a highly divisive political campaign, may we be especially generous, with civility, clarity, and compassion, in our conversations with those with whom we disagree. The bishops of the United States offer counsel on how to rise above attacks, root viewpoints in the Gospel, and stand up for one’s own convictions while honoring the dignity of others (visit civilizeit.org). Our efforts can be an offering this Lent, an indication of our desire to conform our lives more closely to that of Jesus. May God bless you in this holy season.

ST. CECILIA PARISH
LENTE LECTURE SERIES
Tuesdays in March, 7:30pm—9pm
2555 17th Ave, San Francisco
$10. Visit stcecilia.com

Topics for Reflection
March 3: “Does Jesus Really Expect Us to Be Perfect?”
   Presenter: Father Felix Just, S.J.
March 10: “Mind the Gap: A Faith Perspective”
   Presenter: Sister Mary Greenan
March 24: “Spiritual Poverty and the Spirit of Lent”
   Presenter: Dr. Margaret Turek

LITURGY DURING THIS COLD & FLU SEASON
The obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home.

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.

Use common good sense in the reception of Holy Eucharist during the annual cold and flu season.

* * Communion will be temporarily restricted to the reception of Consecrated Hosts.

The Capuchins
Lenten Reflections on St. Francis
by Fr. Bobby

Because I am the servant of all, I am obliged to serve all and to administer the fragrant words of my Lord to them. Second Letter to All the Faithful.

Francis of Assisi had learned from his father Pietro how to be a good merchant, how to convince others that the product he had to sell was something they needed. This ability served him well when he began to serve the Lord: he was still out to convince others, now of their need for Jesus and His gospel. Francis, the joyful extrovert, could not hide the treasure he’d found, and wasn’t about to put his light under a bushel basket. He felt the call to share the good news and the call of all people to find life only in Jesus Christ. He was the servant of God’s word, which he called “fragrant” and “sweet.” May God bless and keep you always!

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

BLESSSED INNOCENT OF BERZO, OFM Cap.
Feast—March 3

This saintly and wise educator of youth, Blessed Innocent of Berzo, came from Niardo and was a secular priest before his entrance into the Capuchin Order. On April 16, 1874, when he was already thirty years old, he received the habit of St Francis and soon attracted the attention of all by his extraordinary virtues. He was appointed assistant novice-master, and director of the candidates for the order.

It was a fortunate choice, especially as Father Innocent followed the educational principles of St Francis. He paid due attention to exterior mortification, especially to bridling the tongue and to religious decorum. Interior mortification, however, he looked upon as the all-important thing, realizing that external discipline without interior compliance is hypocrisy and unwelcome tyranny, which in time degenerates into outright perversity.

Charity was the soul of his educational methods. He loved his pupils, and they loved him. Teacher and pupils were united in the bond of most intimate understanding.

Blessed Innocent of Berzo died on March 3, 1890. His hallowed remains rest with the Capuchins in Berzo. The process of his beatification was begun under Pope Benedict XV.

The Franciscan Book of Saints, ed. by Marion Habig, OFM

* Pope John XXIII presided over the beatification of Innocenzo da Berzo on 12 November 1961 and made him the patron of both Berzo and of children.
**News and Events**

**U.S. BISHOPS HAVE UPDATED VOTING GUIDE FOR CATHOLICS**

The March 3 primary elections are here. 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.

**WOMEN’S RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

March 7—8, 2020

Led by Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ with the Daughters of Carmel

Held at a confidential site

To sign up, email: projectrachel@sfarch.org

Call: (415) 614-5567, or register online: sfarchdiocese.org/rachel

*All inquiries are confidential.*

**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.

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/sfbaymen

For questions contact: Ed Hopfner, hopfnere@sfarch.org

**CATHOLIC RESOURCES**

**RELEVANT RADIO:** San Francisco—Bay Area— KSFB – 1260 AM, plus now on 101.7 FM

Live Stream: www.relevantradio.com. Click **LISTEN LIVE** 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

BIBLIA CLERUS: 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**


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.*