



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

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 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.

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Saint Francis of Assisi QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Where there is peace and meditation, there is neither anxiety nor doubt."

LENT SCHEDULE

In addition to our regularly scheduled services,

MONDAY & THURSDAY

Confessions: 4:30-6:45pm & Holy Mass 7:00 pm

FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 4:00—4:45 pm

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00-6:45 pm

Confessions: 5:15-6:30 pm

Holy Mass: 7:00 pm

Friday schedule concludes on the last Friday prior to Holy Week—March 18th

Lenten Evening Schedule ends on Monday, March 21st.

Shrine Church Hours Extended on Monday, Thursday & Friday during Lent 10:00 am—8:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Evening Confessions nor Mass on Monday, March 7th

(The Shrine Church will be closed after the 12:15 pm Mass)

The Shrine Church will be closed on **March 8th & 9th—No Masses & No Confessions**

There will be no Evening Confessions nor Mass on Thursday, March 17th

(The Shrine Church will be closed after the 12:15pm Mass)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday: 7:00pm + Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Conclude: Procession to Altar of Repose in Porziuncola Nuova Chapel – Adoration)

Good Friday: 12 noon + Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Followed by Veneration of the Cross, Communion)

6:00pm—9:00pm Confessions

Easter Sunday Mass—11:00 am

Mass Intentions—March 6-12, 2016

11:00 am	Sunday	+Jack D'Alba
12:15 pm	Monday	+Jack D'Alba
12:15 pm	Thursday	+Marguerite & Peter Tarantino
7:00 pm	Thursday	+Josephine Leen
12:15 pm	Friday	Theresa D'Alba (Intention)
7:00 pm	Friday	+Samuel J. & Mary Rose Mantione
12:15 pm	Saturday	+Louise Folder

Visit the Vatican's Jubilee Year of Mercy Website

www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Tuesday: St. John of God

Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi

JOB VACANCY: - Now Hiring

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Please visit our website: 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

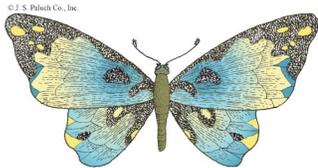
First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING



Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young

son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

Jubilee Year of Mercy

On Laetare Sunday, we rejoice as Luke's Jesus proclaims that God is boundlessly merciful. The parable's prodigal son returns home, not authentically repentant but desperate, having squandered on prostitutes (or so his older brother claims) the inheritance wrongly demanded while his father still lived. This selfish son is only spared ritual "shaming" when the father "shames" himself, running to embrace him, interrupting his prepared "act of contrition." By doing so he challenges confessors, and all of us, to be signs, says Pope Francis, "of the primacy of mercy always, everywhere, and in every situation, no matter what." Avoid the harshness of the elder son, Francis warns, "who stands outside, incapable of rejoicing," his judgment "severe, unjust, and meaningless in light of the father's boundless mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). If John's Gospel is proclaimed, the "religiously observant" people there likewise serve to warn against harshly judging others, for the physical blindness of the man they expel from the synagogue is healed, while their own blindness of heart remains.



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Chrism Mass

Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

Please join Archbishop Cordileone, the clergy and laity of the archdiocese for the Chrism Mass on **March 17 at 5:30 pm**. Included in this annual rite, unique to a cathedral and only done once a year, is the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens, as well as the Consecration of the Holy Chrism, all three of which are used in sacraments and blessings in the parishes of the archdiocese in the coming year. Also included in the full Mass is the Renewal of Priestly Promises by our presbyters. All are welcome.

Contact Laura Bertone in the Office of Worship with any questions, bertone@sarch.org.

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO San Francisco—Bay Area— **KSFB – 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>

EWTVN (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

"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

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.)