



# NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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**Very Reverend John De La Riva, O.F.M. Cap., Rector**

**MOST REVEREND SALVATORE J. CORDILEONE, J.C.D.**

**ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**March 15, 2020**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

“We have heard for ourselves,  
and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

— *Jn 4:42*

## 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<sup>AM</sup> - 5:00<sup>PM</sup> MONDAY - SATURDAY**

**10:00<sup>AM</sup> - 2:00<sup>PM</sup> SUNDAY**

*OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS*

**PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL: 10:00<sup>AM</sup> - 4:00<sup>PM</sup> WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY**

**12:00<sup>PM</sup> - 2:00<sup>PM</sup> SUNDAY**

**SATURDAYS IN THE PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL:**

**HOLY ROSARY SODALITY AT 2:30<sup>PM</sup> & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 3:00<sup>PM</sup>**

**FIRST SATURDAYS IN THE HISTORIC CHURCH**

**ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP 10<sup>AM</sup>—1<sup>PM</sup>**

**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 10:50<sup>AM</sup>—12<sup>PM</sup>**

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](mailto:info@shrinesf.org) **Website:** [ShrineSF.org](http://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** — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (*Exodus 17:3-7*).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (*Psalms 95*).

**Second Reading** — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (*Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*).

**Gospel** — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (*John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*).

## DAILY MASS READINGS

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** *St. Patrick*  
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*  
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

## SHRINE SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- ♦ The 12:15pm midday Mass will be celebrated at **11AM**
- ♦ The 3PM Stations of the Cross is **cancelled**

## 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

## Mass Intentions — MARCH 15 to 21

Sunday	11:00 am	Darren Lingard ( <i>Birthday</i> )
Monday	12:15 pm	† Demetria Santos
Tuesday	12:15 pm	† Josefina R. Garcia
Wednesday	12:15 pm	Mary Jane Di Theodore ( <i>Intention</i> )
	5:15 pm	† Ernestina Diana Olivares
Thursday	12:15 pm	Mantione Family ( <i>Intention</i> )
Friday	<u>11:00 am</u>	† Albert Artoux
	5:15 pm	Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	12:15 pm	Mary DeCleene ( <i>Intention</i> )

## BEST PRACTICES ON KEEPING HEALTHY & SAFE

Important reminders amid the current outbreak concerns:



Keep hands clean & hygienic with regular washing using soap & water.

If you are feeling ill, it is best to remain at home and recover fully—avoid congregating in large groups.



**From Archbishop Cordileone:** "People who are ill and those whose condition of health makes them especially vulnerable to infection by the COVID-19 virus are already, because of their situation, exempt from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. In addition to this, *for those who are healthy but feel anxiety from fear of contracting the virus in a large public gathering, I hereby dispense them from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass.*"



### Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL SCHEDULE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

March 13—27

- ◆ **Closed to visitors on a 2-week basis as a precaution against the Covid-19 outbreak**
- ◆ There will be no Saturday prayer devotions held in the Porziuncola.
- ◆ Masses, confessions, Lenten services and open time for prayer will continue as scheduled in the historic church.
- ◆ At the end of this period—March 27, the chapel access will be reevaluated.

## EASTER FLOWER DONATION APPEAL

The Shrine of St. Francis offers you an opportunity to assist in beautifying the Church – as a sign of our praise of the Risen Lord.

Identify your donation for “**EASTER FLOWERS**” on an envelope available at the back of the church.

Write your intention: for a deceased or sick loved one or for special prayers.

Gifts are accepted by cash or check (payable to **National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi**)



Place your donation envelope:

- ◆ In the **Collection basket** at Mass,
- ◆ the center aisle **Donation box** in the rear of the church, or
- ◆ send to the **Shrine office**.

Note: Credit Card donations may be submitted on-line at [ShrineSF.org](http://ShrineSF.org)

The names in dedication will be posted in our Bulletin and in the back of the church in the weeks following Easter Sunday.

*Thank you for your generosity*

## Pillar of Lent—Prayer

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE INVITATION

[40DaysForLife.com](http://40DaysForLife.com)

Email: [sf40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:sf40daysforlife@gmail.com), Phone: 408-840-DAYS (3297)

40 Days for Life began its vigil praying outside Planned Parenthood clinics on Ash Wednesday, February 26, and will continue through Palm Sunday, April 5. This link: [https://youtu.be/bw\\_7kZxmIJY](https://youtu.be/bw_7kZxmIJY) has videos from the Archdiocese of San Francisco Human Life & Dignity office promoting the two vigils in San Francisco and in Redwood City. Sign up for hours in San Francisco by e-mail or by phone (above). To sign up for hours in Redwood City, use the e-mail [themunns@yahoo.com](mailto:themunns@yahoo.com); or call 650-918-9119. For complete information, visit the website, above.



## The Capuchins

### Lenten Reflections on St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

*Let us love God and adore Him with a pure heart and a pure mind, because He seeks this above all things... We must confess all our sins to a priest and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from him. Second Letter to All the Faithful.*

The love of God became evident to Francis not only in the world around him, in the gift of sun and moon and rain, but also in the gift of the Church, the living body of Christ. Through the church he had first heard the gospel message and it was the church that helped him live his vocation as a herald of the Gospel. The daily sign of God's love that Francis revered above all was the Eucharist, the daily gift of Jesus Christ, in which He humbles Himself each day. Francis was convinced if he wanted to keep on the right track and live and preach the gospel in a fruitful way, he had to center his life of penance on the Jesus who gave Himself in the blessed sacrament. Without this daily evidence of God's love, Francis knew he would soon be discouraged. Instead, each day he was renewed to continue to proclaim the love of God to the world. God bless and keep you!

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

### FR. DAVID BEAUMONT, OFM Cap. TALK

Monday, March 16, 7:30pm

Our Lady of Angels Parish

1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame

(650) 347-7768

Fr. David, ministering in the Capuchin Missions in Northern Mexico, will be visiting O.L.A. from March 14-17. Fr. David will also host a Lenten Prayer Retreat on Monday, March 16 after the 8:00 am Mass and again at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.



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[www.olacapuchins.org](http://www.olacapuchins.org)

#### Discerning a vocation?

Could a friar's life be for you?

Contact: **Fr. Peter Banks, OFM Cap.**

Email: [peterbanksofmcap@yahoo.com](mailto:peterbanksofmcap@yahoo.com); Phone: 805.686.4127

Website: [www.BeAFriar.com](http://www.BeAFriar.com)

#### Want to talk about your vocation questions?

Fr. John, the Shrine Rector can be available—contact the Shrine office. Peace

## News and Events

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

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



Featured speaker: Fr. Donald  
Calloway, MIC



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

Register online:

[www.sfarch.org/  
sfbaymen](http://www.sfarch.org/sfbaymen)

For questions contact:  
Ed Hopfner,  
[hopfnere@sfarch.org](mailto:hopfnere@sfarch.org)

### ECUMENICAL SERVICE "SALUTATIONS TO THE HOLY CROSS"

His Excellency Archbishop  
Cordileone, Homilist

and

His Eminence  
Metropolitan Gerasimos



**Thursday, March 26, 2020 – 7:00 pm**

Church of the Holy Cross, 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, Ca

**Commemorating the 13 Year Anniversary**  
of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross and the  
Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
joining together in Salutations and Veneration  
of the relic of the Holy Cross of our Lord.

*Reception with refreshments and discussion immediately to follow.*

### COVID-19: POPE COMPOSES PRAYER TO VIRGIN MARY FOR PROTECTION

*(Devin Watkins, Vatican News)* ROME - The Pope offered a prayer to the Virgin Mary on March 11, in a video message to mark the Diocese of Rome's day of prayer and fasting for the coronavirus emergency.

Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, said Tuesday that the Pope wanted to entrust the city of Rome, all of Italy, and "the entire world to the protection of the Mother of God, as a sign of salvation and hope" during the ongoing coronavirus emergency.



*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus'  
pain, with steadfast faith.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what  
we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment  
of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and  
bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy  
Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the  
test – and deliver us from every danger, O  
glorious and blessed Virgin.*



### CATHOLIC RESOURCES

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

**Live Stream :** [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com). Click  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>

**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)

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.