



# NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SERVED BY THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

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

**MOST REVEREND SALVATORE J. CORDILEONE, J.C.D.  
ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**March 18, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

— *John 12:23*

## 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**

**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> MONDAY - SATURDAY**

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

**SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL:**

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

## Baptism

- Contact the Shrine office for details

## 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

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San Francisco, CA 94133

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**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** — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (*Jeremiah 31:31-34*)

**Psalms** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (*Psalms 51*).

**Second Reading** — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (*Hebrews 5:7-9*).

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (*John 12:20-33*).

## DAILY MASS READINGS

**Monday:** *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

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;  
Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*  
Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

## Mass Intentions— MARCH 18 to 24

Sunday	11:00 am	† Herta Kolbe
Monday	12:15 pm	† Louise Bottaro
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Sr. Mary Eucharista, SMMC ( <i>Intention</i> )
Wednesday	12:15 pm	NO MASS
	7:00 pm	† Paul Kochis
Thursday	12:15 pm	† Maria Testani
Friday	12:15 pm	† Peggy Testani
	7:00 pm	† Angeline Schleider
Saturday	12:15 pm	† Robert John Testani

## EASTER FLOWERS

As the Solemnity of Easter approaches, 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.

YOUR DONATIONS will assist the Shrine in adorning both the St. Francis church and the Porziuncola chapel with beautiful flowers.

Please consider making an Offering for the intention of: a deceased or sick loved one or for prayers for yourself or others.

On an envelope, please identify your donation for “EASTER FLOWERS”.

Along with your gift by cash or check \*(payable to National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi), please provide: 1) the name of the person who is the intention of the offering, 2) whether deceased, sick, etc., and 3) your name and number.

OFFERING ENVELOPES may be placed in the Collection basket at Mass or deposited in the center aisle Donation box in the rear of the church. You may also mail your donation.

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

In gratitude, the Shrine will post the names that are dedicated in our Bulletin and in the back of the Church in the weeks following Easter Sunday.

## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Monday, March 19

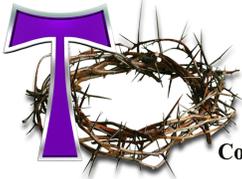
O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of your chaste spouse, the Virgin Mother of God, we choose you this day to be our special patron and advocate; we firmly resolve to honor you all the days of our life.

Therefore we humbly beseech you to receive us as your client, to instruct us in every doubt, to comfort us in every affliction, to obtain for us and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect us at the hour of our death.

Amen.



## National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi



### Lent Schedule - 2018

#### REGULAR SCHEDULE

**Confession:** Monday – Saturday 11:00am – 12:00pm

**Mass:** Monday – Saturday. 12:15pm

**Sunday Mass:** 11:00am

#### IN ADDITION TO REGULAR SCHEDULE

#### Wednesdays of Lent

**Confession:** 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, and 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm

**Mass:** 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm

*Shrine Church hours: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm*

#### Fridays of Lent \* Except Good Friday

**Stations of the Cross:** 5:00pm

**Confession:** 6:00pm–7:00pm and 8:10pm–9:00pm (*during Exposition*)

**Mass:** 7:00 pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:** 8:00pm–9:00pm

*Shrine Church hours: 10:00am – 9:00pm*

## SHRINE SCHEDULE ON MARCH 21 & 22

### Wednesday, Mar. 21

Church, chapel & office CLOSED from 9am–3pm

NO 12:15pm Mass

Church OPEN: 3pm–8pm

Evening confession: 5:45pm–6:45pm

Mass: 7:00 pm

### Thursday, Mar. 22

Church, chapel & office open from 10am–4pm

## Holy Week and Triduum Schedule

**Palm Sunday, March 25**—Holy Mass: 11:00 am  
*Blessing & distribution of palms*

**Holy Thursday, March 29**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8:00 pm—10:00 pm

*Altar of repose in the Porziuncola Nuova chapel*

**Good Friday, March 30**

Confession: 11:00 am—11:45 am

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 pm

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm

*Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Holy Cross,  
Holy Communion*

Confession: 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

*Church hours: 10:00 am—8:00 pm*

**Holy Saturday, March 31**—No Easter Vigil Mass

*The Shrine church, chapel & office will be CLOSED*

**Easter Sunday, April 1**

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord: 11:00 am

Church hours: 10:00 am—1:00 pm

*The Shrine chapel & office will be CLOSED*

**Easter Monday, April 2**

*The Shrine church, chapel & office will be CLOSED*

## NAT'L SHRINE TO HOST "MISSION YOUTH"

On March 24, the Shrine of St. Francis will welcome a group of young adults who will be spending Holy Week evangelizing around San Francisco accompanied by Father Justin Kielhorn, L.C. Mission Youth is a pastoral program directed by Regnum Christi, an apostolic movement recognized by the Universal Church. Their mission statement:

"Mission Youth, engaging young people, adults and families, exists to spread Christ's love through missions in the U.S. and abroad serving communities in their specific needs. The encounter with Christ, others, and ourselves transforms and empowers us and those we serve."

M.Y. provides week-long and day-long opportunities for youth and college students to embrace the true meaning of encounter, bringing the life and reality of the Gospel to the streets.

Please include these bold young men and women in your prayers.



## The Capuchins

### ST. PADRE PIO: "If only I could help you to help others, Jesus"

*This story by Sr. Bernadette Mary Reis, FSP was written in advance of Pope Francis' visit to Pietrelcina and San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy on Saturday, March 17. These are the locations most identified with Padre Pio.*

What is it about Padre Pio? What draws people the world over to pray that through his intercession, they might be freed from physical and moral ailments? Why do people, including Pope Francis, still go on pilgrimage to visit his final resting place?

#### Padre Pio: authentic disciple

Perhaps the answer lies in his credibility. As a Christian, and as a priest, he is the "real deal." There is nothing fake about him. Padre Pio is the proof that present-day Christians need to believe that it is possible to fulfill our baptismal commitment even in modern times. What is the ultimate proof? "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13)

#### Padre Pio's stigmata

Pope Francis has chosen to visit San Giovanni Rotondo on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Padre Pio's death. This year also coincides with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the year in which Padre Pio received the stigmata.

After joining the Capuchin Franciscans when he was sixteen, Padre Pio battled with illness. As a young priest he began to touch both the physical and moral illness of others. As an army chaplain in World War I, Padre Pio was forced to witness the effects of the war first hand.

The suffering he witnessed around him prompted him to pray, "If only I could help you to help others, Jesus." From that September day in 1918 on, Padre Pio bore a physical sign that his prayer had been answered: the stigmata. Padre Pio himself testified that he suffered continually and intensely from the stigmata.

#### Padre Pio: confessor and spiritual friend

Padre Pio's priestly ministry flowed from this event. He spent hours in the confessional assuring penitents of God's pardon and mercy. His concern for the salvation of the souls of those who entrusted themselves to his priestly ministry went even further. Padre Pio once told someone:

*"I have made an agreement with the Lord—that when my soul is purified by the flames of purgatory and is worthy to enter heaven, I will stand at the gates of paradise and will not enter until I have seen the last of my sons and daughters enter."*

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## 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 Porziuncula Indulgence, one must receive sacramental absolution and receive Holy Communion at Mass. Additionally, 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.

At the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi, the Pardon of Assisi may be received 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.)

## Padre Pio: healer

Padre Pio's solicitude for others' well-being went beyond the confessional. For years he had wanted to erect a hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo. His dream was realized in 1956 with the inauguration of the *Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza* (House for the Relief of Suffering). To those gathered for the event, Padre Pio shared his dream that the hospital would grow to the point of being "technically adequate to meet the highest clinical standards" and that it would be a:

*"place of prayer and science where mankind finds itself in Christ Crucified as one sole flock with one single shepherd."*

Today the facility has a 1000 bed capacity and is internationally renowned. It still operates according to the ideals given it by Padre Pio: the promotion and protection of the integrity of the person.

## Padre Pio: man of his word

The Lord used Padre Pio in miraculous ways: many people were healed through his prayers, he had the gift of reading souls, at times he foretold people's date of death, held conversations in languages he did not know, exorcised those possessed by the devil. But the deliverance of others caused him tremendous physical and moral suffering—including demonic attacks on his person. Investigations into his personal and moral authenticity always proved that he was a man of his word.

When all was said and done, Padre Pio remains what he defined himself to be:

*"I am an instrument in divine hands; an instrument which only succeeds in serving some purpose when it is handled by the divine Craftsman"* (from Volume III of Padre Pio's Letters).

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## ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

First Saturday of every month

The next meeting is April 7 in the Shrine church

- 10:00am Open church
- 10:15am Begin
- 10:30am Relic Veneration  
Padre Pio prayers
- 10:50am Exposition/Adoration;  
Confession, Rosary
- 11:50am Benediction
- 12:15pm Holy Mass



Brief meeting after mass

All are welcome. Questions, call the Shrine office at (415) 986-4557, or email [info@shrinesf.org](mailto:info@shrinesf.org)

## News and Events

### MERCY NIGHT TO PREPARE FOR EASTER

Tuesday, March 20, 7pm to 9pm

St. Dominic Parish, 2390 Bush St., San Francisco

Ed Hopfner, (415) 614-5547

The archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life and St. Dominic Parish are sponsoring an evening of Adoration, quiet prayer, and reflection, in the beautiful worship space that is St. Dominic Church, with contemplative music and candlelit illumination. Anyone seeking God's presence is welcome. Confession is available, as well as prayer teams to pray with or for you. Come for five minutes, or the whole two hours—and bring a friend. Complete information is on Facebook: [Bit.ly/stdmercy](https://www.facebook.com/Bit.ly/stdmercy).

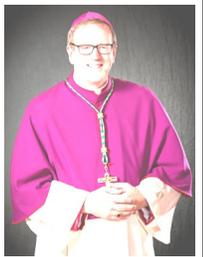
### BISHOP ROBERT BARRON AT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

"Looking at the World Through the Catholic Lens: Principle Themes in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition"

Wednesday, March 21, 7:30-9 pm

Main Chapel on the campus of Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga

In this talk, widely acclaimed theologian and author Bishop Barron will explore the beauty, wisdom, and vitality of our rich Catholic intellectual tradition and how it can be a rich resource for the renewal of culture today. The event is free and open to the public; guests are advised to arrive early to secure admission. For more information, contact Father Dave Gentry, [dgentry@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:dgentry@stmarys-ca.edu), (925) 631-4790



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### 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."



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 Portiuncola Nuova Chapel, and the Rectory residence together constitute the properties of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.