



# NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SERVED BY THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

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

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**March 24, 2019**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

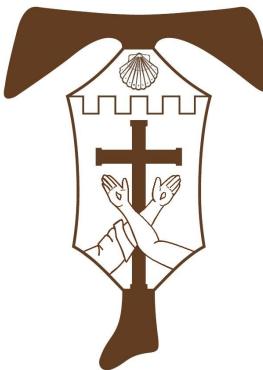
“But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

— *Lk 13:5*

## MASS TIMES

MONDAY — SATURDAY:  
12:15 PM

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM



## CONFESIONS

MONDAY—SATURDAY:  
11:00 AM—12:00 Noon  
Also by appointment

## NATIONAL SHRINE HOURS

**HISTORIC CHURCH: 10:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY  
10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY  
*OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS***

**PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL: 10:00AM - 4:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY  
10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY  
SATURDAYS IN THE 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**

**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

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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 have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (*Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15*).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (*Psalm 103*).  
**Second Reading** — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (*1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12*).

**Gospel** — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (*Luke 13: 1-9*).

## DAILY MASS READINGS

- Monday:** *Annunciation of the Lord*  
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;  
Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- 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

## 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 a blank 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 Donation boxes in the church and Porziuncola. 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.

- Please visit us on the Web at: [www.ShrineSF.org](http://www.ShrineSF.org)
- The website includes an online Gift shop: **SHOPPE AT THE SHRINE**

## Mass Intentions — MARCH 24 to 30

Sunday	11:00 am	† David Neil-Gallacher
Monday	12:15 pm	Kelly Harlett ( <i>Intention</i> )
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Mai Family ( <i>Intention</i> )
Wednesday	12:15 pm	† Mother Mary Angelica, PCPA
	7:00 pm	Ester Baldovino ( <i>Healing</i> )
Thursday	12:15 pm	Laura de Lara ( <i>Healing</i> )
Friday	12:15 pm	<i>Open Intention</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Open Intention</i>
Saturday	12:15 pm	Fr. Matthew Marney ( <i>Intention</i> )

If you would like a Mass scheduled on a day with an Open Intention listed this week, please contact the Shrine office.

Please note 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).

## Lent 2019



### 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:** 1:00 pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 5:00 pm - 6:45 pm (*Concluding with Benediction*)

**Confession:** 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm

**Mass:** 7:00 pm

**Confession (after Mass):** 7:45 pm - 9:00 pm

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

National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi



# The Capuchins

## Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

*Let us love our neighbor as ourselves. And if anyone does not want to love them as himself, let him at least not do them any harm, but let him do good.*  
Second Letter to the Faithful.

Francis of Assisi was both an idealist and a realist. His ideal was to live out the Gospel, to keep the love of God foremost in his life. But he also realized that living the gospel life involved everyday challenges. One challenge was to keep living gospel values even when his heart was not in it. There were days when the love of God burned within him. On those days he would do whatever good he could. There were days when he felt lazy or empty or sad. On those days he would do whatever good he could. His Lenten penance at times might be to smile at a brother whom he didn't like. And see what God did with that! God bless and keep you throughout this time of Lent!



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



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Discerning a vocation?

Could a friar's life be for you?

Contact: Fr. Peter Banks, OFM Cap.

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

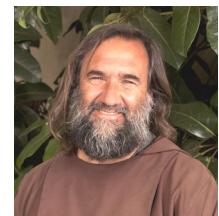
Want to talk about your vocation questions?

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

## FR. DAVID'S VISIT TO O.L.A.

March 25

Our Lady of the Angels Parish  
1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame



**Fr. David Beaumont, OFM Cap.** and visiting friars from the **Capuchin Northern Mexico Mission** will speak at a special Mission Retreat on **Monday, March 25th at 8:30am** and again at **7:30pm**. O.L.A. Parish welcomes you to make this special event a part of your Lenten journey to walk with our Capuchin friar missionaries and our brothers and sisters in Northern Mexico. Come and hear firsthand how the friars evangelize Christ to the people, learn how generous contributions are helping the mission, its people, and the bounty of their flourishing vocations in Northern Mexico.

## KILLINGS AND KIDNAPPING OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS IN AFRICA

Killings and kidnapping of priests, the religious and other pastoral workers especially in West Africa, seem to be on the increase.

**English Africa Service, Vatican News - 21 March 2019**

Although it is worth bearing in mind that by far the majority of victims in killings and kidnappings are ordinary innocent persons, crimes targeting religious pastoral workers are on the rise in Africa.

### Capuchin Priest Fr. Toussaint Zoumaldé

Agenzia Fides reports that Capuchin priest, Fr. Toussaint Zoumaldé, a native of the Central African Republic was killed in Ngaoundéré, Cameroon on his way to Baibokoum in Chad.



According to a statement released by the General Custody of the Capuchins for Chad and the Central African Republic, Fr. Toussaint Zoumaldé had gone to the Diocese of Bouar, in the western part of Central African Republic to conduct some training. In the night between 19 and 20 March, unknown people attacked and killed him in Ngaoundéré (Cameroon) where he had made an overnight stop.

Fr. Toussaint (born in 1971) had worked as the Director of Radio Siriri, in the Diocese of Bouar.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Zoumaldé and for the persecuted Church in these areas of the world!**

## 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.)

### ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Monday, March 25

*At once virgin and mother, Mary is the symbol and the most perfect realization of the Church: "the Church indeed. . . by receiving the word of God in faith becomes herself a mother. By preaching and Baptism she brings forth sons, who are conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of God, to a new and immortal life. She herself is a virgin, who keeps in its entirety and purity the faith she pledged to her spouse."* (Catechism of the Catholic Church#507)



# God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

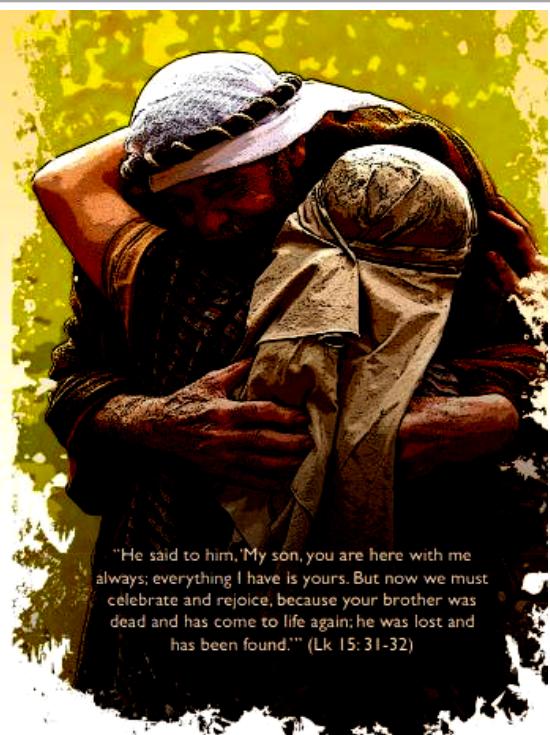
"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.<sup>1</sup> The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"<sup>2</sup>

FAITH  
WORSHIP  
WITNESS  
  
JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to



"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

<sup>1</sup> *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/ben-xvi\\_spe\\_20120309\\_penitentia-apostolica\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitentia-apostolica_en.html).

### CATHOLIC RESOURCES

**RELEVANT RADIO:** San Francisco—Bay Area— **KSFB – 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 Portiuncola Nuova Chapel, and the Rectory residence together constitute the properties of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.