



NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SERVED BY THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

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

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

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday—Holy Week

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

— *Luke 23:46*

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 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

Office: (415) 986-4557 **Hours:** Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Email: info@shrinesf.org **Website:** 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

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (*Luke 19:28-40*).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (*Isaiah 50:4-7*).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (*Psalm 22*).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (*Philippians 2:6-11*).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (*Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]*).

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper*
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: *Friday of the Passion of the Lord*
Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

THE FASCINATING HISTORY OF

"We adore you, O Christ" PRAYER FROM THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

While St. Francis is well known for his love of the poor and most vulnerable of society, he also had an intense love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Whenever he caught sight of a church in the distance, St. Francis was known to kneel down and give praise to God. Often he would say the following words that he passed on to his friars.

"We adore you, O Lord Jesus Christ, in this church and all the churches of the world, and we bless you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen."

This little prayer was used by Franciscans for many centuries and over time it was adapted to become a "standard" prayer in the popular devotion known as the Stations of the Cross. Franciscans were instrumental in spreading this devotion throughout Europe and the United States and so it should come as no surprise that this prayer of St. Francis has become the main prayer for this devotion.

Typically the prayer is shortened to say, "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because, by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

It is said at the beginning of each Station and is usually prayed while genuflecting.

The next time you pray the Stations of the Cross, remember St. Francis and his passionate love of Jesus.

Phillip Kosloski, Aleteia.com

Mass Intentions — APRIL 14 to 20

Sunday	11:00 am	† Elda Comparini
Monday	12:15 pm	Alan Shinn (<i>Healing</i>)
Tuesday	12:15 pm	† Janina Martin
Wednesday	12:15 pm	Christina (<i>Healing</i>)
	7:00 pm	Laura de Lara (<i>Healing</i>)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Darren Lingard (<i>Healing</i>)
Friday	3:00 pm	Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	<u>No Easter</u>	Vigil Mass at the Nat'l Shrine

Lent & Paschal Triduum Schedule



Wednesdays of Lent

Confession: 11:00 am – 12:00 Noon
& 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm
Mass: 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm

Shrine Church Hours:
10:00 am – 8:00 pm



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

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, APRIL 19

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, APRIL 20 – No Easter Vigil Mass

The historic church and Porziuncola chapel will be CLOSED.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord: 11:00 am
Church hours: 10:00 am–1:00 pm–Porziuncola chapel will be CLOSED.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 22

The historic church, Porziuncola and office will be CLOSED.

Good
Friday



The Franciscans in the Holy Land

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE HOLY LAND

Pontifical Good Friday Collection—April 19

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special day in the Church and our life of faith.

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is the home of a worldwide Commissariat of Friars Minor and monasteries who function as bridges between the Holy Land and Christians all over the world. The Commissariat offices here at the Monastery in Washington, D.C. coordinate the vital support for the work of the Franciscans who work in the Holy Land.



The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. It is vital that we care for the Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Islamic and Jewish population.

Faith, Memory & Culture – The Holy Places

Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the Holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to Salvation history.

Social & Charitable Activities

In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy.

Educational & Scientific Activities

The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for students to prepare them to get jobs and remain in the Holy Land as part of living Catholic communities. Funds are distributed to young men studying to become Franciscan priests or brothers. Finally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places discovering historical artifacts.

Pastoral Activities

The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering Worship, Christian Formation, youth and family programs.

Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs

The Franciscan Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize Liturgical Celebrations for the local Christians and Pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing Ecumenical cooperation.

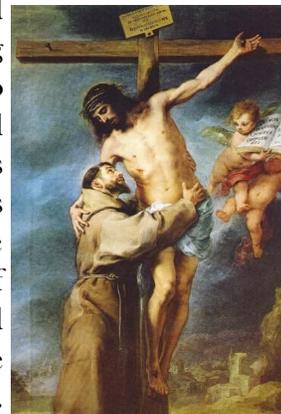
The Capuchins

Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

Let us, therefore, have charity and humility and give alms because it washes the stains of our sins from our souls. (Letter to all the Faithful).

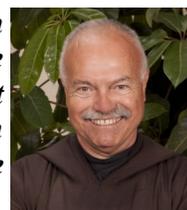
As a merchant, Francis would have been taught to value making a profit and learning how to promote himself in order to sell the product. In looking at Jesus and His passion, however, Francis became convinced of the importance of the virtues of charity and humility. He learned that he needed to cultivate these virtues to find true happiness. Meditating on the passion of



Christ, Francis let his heart be humbled by the Lord's compassion, and so let God transform his life into one of charity and generosity. He could preach with love to kings and peasants, to the sultan of Egypt and the beggars by the side of the road because he saw in each one someone redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus shed on the cross. He constantly meditated on Jesus' sacrifice, especially during Holy Week, the time of sacred remembrance in the Church. May the Lord bless and keep you during this Holy Week and always!

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

May the joy of Our Lord's Resurrection be with you and those you love! The Easter Season provides the perfect backdrop to celebrate the Capuchin friars' commitment to share the message of salvation!



Fr. Harold Snider, OFM Cap.—Provincial Minister



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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

Want to talk about your vocation questions?

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

SHROUD OF TURIN FILM AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, April 14 at 6pm
St. Mary of the Assumption—Cathedral Event Center
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco



A film presentation on the purported burial cloth of Christ will be shown. Potluck dinner follows.

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.)

DEAR GUESTS & VISITORS

We thank those whose ongoing support and generosity assist us in maintaining the life of the National Shrine. To further our efforts in making capital improvements around the facilities such as the renovation of our lower Hall, your financial contributions go a long way toward meeting these goals. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Pace et Bene

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.”

IN NEW ESSAY, BENEDICT XVI ADDRESSES ABUSE SCANDAL

(Vatican City) - In an essay published on April 11, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI offered his thoughts about the sex abuse crisis facing the Church. Benedict reviewed the sexual revolution of the 1960s, and examined its effects on priestly formation and life, before suggesting the Church's proper response.

“Today, the accusation against God is, above all, about characterizing His Church as entirely bad, and thus dissuading us from it. The idea of a better Church, created by ourselves, is in fact a proposal of the devil, with which he wants to lead us away from the living God, through a deceitful logic by which we are too easily duped,” Benedict wrote in “The Church and the Scandal of sexual abuse”.

“No, even today the Church is not just made up of bad fish and weeds. The Church of God also exists today, and today it is the very instrument through which God saves us.”

The emeritus pope's essay was published simultaneously in German at Klerusblatt, in Italian at Corriere della Sera, and in English at Catholic News Agency and the National Catholic Register.

The former pope said the sex abuse crisis cannot be understood apart from its wider social context, noting that “in the 1960s an egregious event occurred ... the previously normative standards regarding sexuality collapsed entirely, and a new normalcy arose.”



The emeritus pope also said there must be a profound appreciation of the astoundingness of the Incarnation, and, through it, Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

“The Second Vatican Council was rightly focused on returning this sacrament of the Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ ... to the

center of Christian life and the very existence of the Church. In part, this really has come about, and we should be most grateful to the Lord for it.”

But “a rather different attitude is prevalent,” he said. “What predominates is not a new reverence for the presence of Christ's death and resurrection, but a way of dealing with Him that destroys the greatness of the Mystery,” citing declining participation in Sunday Mass and treatment of the Eucharist as “a mere ceremonial gesture.”

“We do not need another Church of our own design. Rather, what is required first and foremost is the renewal of the Faith in the Reality of Jesus Christ given to us in the Blessed Sacrament.”

Excerpted from Catholic News Agency, Apr. 10, 2019

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