



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**

June 2, 2019

The Ascension of the Lord

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.

— Acts 1:11



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 WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY

10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY

(CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY)

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

First Reading — Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (*Acts 7:55-60*).

Psalm — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (*Psalm 97*).

Second Reading — I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (*Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20*).

Gospel — Jesus prays that the love of the Father may be in those who believe (*John 17:20-26*).

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: *St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: *St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr*

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: *St. Norbert, Bishop*

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;

Jn 17:20-26

Friday: *First Friday*

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;

Jn 21:20-25

Mass Intentions — JUNE 2 to 8

Sunday	11:00 am	† Barbara Gilchrist
Monday	12:15 pm	† Harry, Anthony and Betty Di Theodore
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Majeed Ahmad (<i>Intention</i>)
Wednesday	12:15 pm	† Patrick Mullane
Thursday	12:15 pm	Michael Kleeman (<i>Healing</i>)
Friday	12:15 pm	Aslam & Margo Bhai (<i>Intention</i>)
Saturday	12:15 pm	Joseph Price (<i>Intention</i>)

FATHERS' DAY REMEMBRANCES

On June 16, we lovingly appreciate those dear men who cared, nurtured, and blessed our lives with their strength and steadfastness. The National Shrine presents this opportunity to give them, living and deceased, a spiritual gift through the Holy Mass.



Fathers' Day envelopes can be found in the pew pockets and the back of the church:

- ◆ Please list the names of your father, grandfathers, and paternal figures; they will be remembered at Mass at the Shrine.
- ◆ **You may submit your remembrance envelopes by way of** collection basket, church donation boxes, drop-off or mail to the Shrine office.

NORTH BEACH FESTIVAL

Weekend of June 15—16

In its 65th year, The North Beach Festival is considered one of the country's original outdoor Festivals.

The event is situated in the historic North Beach District, known to locals and visitors alike as San Francisco's Little Italy and the home of the famed beat generation. The Festival site includes numerous quaint streets in the heart of the district including Grant Avenue and Columbus Avenue.

The event will feature over 125 arts and crafts booths, gourmet food booths, two stages of live entertainment, Italian street painting, beverage gardens, kid's chalk art area and the



Blessing of the Animals (at the Shrine both days at 2pm).



Don't miss out on this great opportunity to participate in this San Francisco tradition which is known nationally and internationally.

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 August 2nd, the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels (in the Shrine Porziuncola chapel); 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 Porziuncola Nuova); and as often as one makes a formal pilgrimage as part of a group to the Shrine Church or to the Porziuncola 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.)

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL

There is now a REVISED SCHEDULE
for the Porziuncola Nuova:

Mondays and Tuesdays

CLOSED to the general public

The **OPEN DAYS** for the Chapel are:

Wednesday through Saturday

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

and Sundays

10:00 am to 2:00 pm



HAPPY NEWS ON CAPUCHIN VOCATIONS

From Fr. Miguel Angel Ortiz, OFM Cap; Secretary of
the Western Province:

Dear Brothers, Sisters, Family and Friends:

Great News! Thanks be to God!

- ♦ Javier Cruz has been accepted to be our new postulant.
- ♦ **Br. Artie Vasquez** has been approved to make First Vows in July.
- ♦ **Br. Nikolas Barth, Br. Marvin Abella** and **Br. Austin Cambon** have been approved to renew their vows on Friday of our Provincial Retreat week (*June 10-14*).



We thank God for the wonderful gift of these good brothers and commend them to Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother!

BLESSED FRA NICOLA DA GESTURI

Feast: June 8

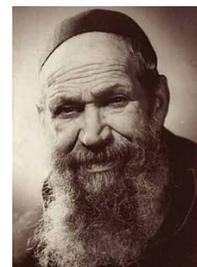
Giovanni Angelo Salvatore Medda was born on 4 August 1882 in Cagliari as the sixth of seven children to Giovanni Medda and Priama Cogoni Zedda. His siblings were Rita, Maria Antonia, Peppino, Giovanni and Salvatore. He received the sacrament of Confirmation in 1886.

He was five when his father died on 10 June 1887 and thirteen when his mother died on 6 June 1895. As a result of this Medda was put in the care of his father's sister, Rita, who regarded and used him as her servant. He spent his time between work in the fields and the cattle guard. His aunt - and "master" - died sometime after this. He received his First Communion on 18 December 1896. Medda practiced self-mortification as a stimulus to respond to his vocation in becoming a professed religious.

In March 1911 he entered a **Capuchin** institution in Cagliari and made his novitiate and first solemn profession. He soon took the habit and assumed the name of "Nicola". He fluctuated between monasteries in Sanluri to Sassari as well as in Oristano. He was in charge of the kitchens. He was removed from this position in 1924. He took to the streets and devoted himself to charitable acts in the name of Saint Francis of Assisi. Despite this he still received insults from those who saw him as a mere beggar.

He became popular as time went on and people approached him for advice and to talk with him. He was invited to visit hospitals and provide comfort to the sick. Sudden healings started and so his fame increased. During World War II he cared for the displaced and those separated from their families. He ensured each person was fed and looked after.

On June 1, 1958 he was exhausted and approached the Father Superior. He asked to be relieved from his duties and was allowed this. He was admitted to the clinic and required an operation due to his health which took a sharp decline at this point. He died on June 8, 1958 and was beatified by St. Pope John Paul II in 1999.



The Capuchins

Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

"The Apostle says: The letter kills, but the spirit give life. Those people are put to death by the letter who only wish to know the words alone...." Admonition VII.

Peace and Good! Even in his own lifetime, people would call Francis of Assisi "another Christ." His desire to live the gospel message plainly and completely impressed others. But in reality, it has always been a mistake to say that Francis followed the gospel literally, because he lived almost twelve hundred years after Jesus, in a different land, a different culture, speaking a different language. Francis' goal was not to reproduce the life of Christ in a literal sense, but to take the message of the Gospel to heart and be led by the Spirit in making that message the real center of his daily life. He prayed to God always, "Let me desire what You want me to do." The secret to becoming another Christ for Francis was to do the will of the Father, just as Jesus had done. In that, with the grace of God and much patience, he succeeded. God bless you always!

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



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News and Events

SUPPORT GROUP FOR ILLNESS

Wednesday, June 5, 10:00 am – noon (meetings are first Wednesday of each month)

St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center, Msgr. Bowe Room (west side of parking lot level)

Deacon Christoph Sandoval 415-567-2020 Ext. 218
csandoval@stmarycathedralsf.org.

"Strength for the Journey" is a monthly support group, meeting on the first Wednesday, for people with life-threatening illness. Such a diagnosis can be an opportunity to seek spiritual support through Scripture, Sacrament, and Community, and this group offers that spiritual support. Members can also receive guidance on Catholic teaching and the preparation of Health Care Directives. There is no charge. For more information, or to register, contact Deacon Sandoval, above.

FAITH, FILM AND FREEDOM

Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, 666 Filbert Street

Religious Freedom Week is June 22 through 29. Among events sponsored by the Office of Human Life and Dignity is an evening with producer **Megan Harington** and comedian/actor **Christopher Meehan**, who will speak about what is happening with pro-life and Christian films. Surprisingly, faith- and morals-based films are making unexpected profits and winning sizeable audiences. This phenomenon has caught the eye of Hollywood executives who have created a niche film studio focused on that market. All are welcome to the evening, admission is free.



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS Marriage Enrichment Conference

Saturday, August 3, 2019 | 9:00AM – 4:00PM
Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary | Belmont, CA

Speakers: Deacon Harold-Burke Sivers; Rev. Michael Hurley, O.P.; and Roland Millare, S.T.D.

Mass Celebrant: Most Rev. Robert E. Christian, O.P.,
Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco
Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation | On-site Childcare

Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual

Early Bird discount available until June 17; scholarships are also available upon request

On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email Conference Coordinator Susie Lopez at

susie@forlifeandfamily.org

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Archbishop Cordileone's New Video Channel:

Please visit: <http://sfarchdiocese.org/home/archbishop/video-series-with-archbishop-cordileone>

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<http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live.asp>

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CATHOLIC CATECHISM COMPENDIUM

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.