



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**

August 26, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

— *John 6:68*

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^{AM} - 5:00^{PM} MONDAY - SATURDAY

10:00^{AM} - 2:00^{PM} SUNDAY

OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS

PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL: 10:00^{AM} - 4:00^{PM} MONDAY - SATURDAY

10:00^{AM} - 2:00^{PM} SUNDAY

SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL:

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY AT 2:30^{PM} & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 3:00^{PM}

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

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 — The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (*Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b*).

Psalms — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (*Psalms 34*).

Second Reading — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (*Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]*).

Gospel — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (*John 6:60-69*).

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: *St. Monica*

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: *St. Augustine*

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: *First Saturday, B.V.M.*

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The National Shrine will be CLOSED on Monday, September 3 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. There will be no Confession, Mass or office hours.

We will return to the normal schedule on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Mass Intentions— AUG. 26 to SEPT. 1

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| Sunday | 11:00 am | † Lucas Gabriel Satuito |
| Monday | 12:15 pm | † Josefina Esperanza |
| Tuesday | 12:15 pm | † Oscar C. Villacrusis |
| Wednesday | 12:15 pm | † Rachel Cassel |
| Thursday | 12:15 pm | Darren Lingard (<i>Healing</i>) |
| Friday | 12:15 pm | President Donald Trump (<i>Intention</i>) |
| Saturday | 12:15 pm | † Samuel & Mary Rose Mantione |

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

For the month of September the Holy Father asks the faithful to especially remember:

Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



SHRINE RECTOR'S AVAILABILITY

Please note Fr. John is away until September 5. Fr. Alan Wilson, OFM Cap. is covering in his absence. Contact the office staff for general matters or to forward a message, during regular hours.

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.”

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.)

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.

Mission Statement

As Capuchin Franciscans we follow St. Francis of Assisi as brothers, living the Gospel in prayer, fraternity and ministry, witnessing simply to Jesus Christ and the Church as a joyful presence of hope and salvation to all, especially to those most in need.

Guiding Principles

PRAYER - Rooted in our Capuchin contemplative tradition and expressed in many forms

As followers of St. Francis, desiring to be conformed more perfectly to the crucified and risen Christ

- We affirm that our prayer is rooted in our Capuchin contemplative tradition and is expressed in many forms.
- We seek to witness both personally and communally to affective prayer.
- We seek to become a living prayer and joyful presence to draw others to Christ.

FRATERNITY - Rooted in mutual love, humble reverence and respect for one another and for all people

We Capuchins are friars minor, rooted in mutual love, humble reverence and respect for one another and for all people.

- Individually and communally, we commit ourselves to be in greater solidarity with the poor.
- We manifest a compassionate caring attitude toward one another as brothers.
- We affirm, animate, support and encourage the building of community.

MINORITY - Following the meek and humble Christ and sharing our joy as lesser brothers by walking with people of every social condition

As brothers of St. Francis, we faithfully follow the meek and humble Christ.

- We cultivate a disposition of humility and respect of the dignity of others.
- We share our joy as lesser brothers by walking with people of every social condition and by being instruments of reconciliation.
- We commit ourselves to the evaluation of our lifestyle, both individually and communally.

Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

“Let those who are placed over others boast about that position as much as they would if they were assigned the duty of washing the feet of their brothers [and sisters].” Admonition 4.

Francis, as we said, wanted his own brothers who were in charge to be called ministers, servants of the others. But he also reminded those in charge of the church of their duty to serve the needs of the faithful. However, he did this not by yelling at them, or tearing them down, but by giving an example of humble obedience and evangelical perseverance.

Once a bishop forbade him to preach in his diocese and Francis left, but came back an hour later and asked again. The bishop said, “Why have you come back?” Francis replied, “If a son is kicked out the door, he should come back in through the window.” The bishop was overwhelmed by Francis’ humble response and allowed him and his brothers to preach. As always, for Francis the best way to preach the gospel was to live it and allow God to give others a living example of how Jesus’ words were spirit and life. We ask God to help us in our day do the same. God bless and keep you!



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

PROVINCIAL TO ATTEND CAPUCHIN GENERAL CHAPTER IN LATE AUGUST



Dear Friends of the Capuchins,

St. Francis once told his brothers, “I see men coming from all over the world, called by the Lord to join our band of God’s troubadours!” Today, his vision is realized, perhaps, beyond his wildest dreams.

At the end of the summer, I will be attending our General Chapter in Rome, where friars from all over the world will gather to discuss our life as Capuchins. It is always a great gift to meet friars from other countries and compare notes.

One thing is true everywhere: we are able to continue to minister among God’s people because of the generosity of so many friends and benefactors. Whether we gather as an international brotherhood, or simply a small community in each of our houses, our prayers always go out for those brothers and sisters who support us and work with us among God’s people.

I thank you once more for your wonderful generosity, which allows our ministry here and in Northern Mexico to continue and flourish. Please know I will take your intentions with me as I travel to Rome, and I will commend you to the Lord’s care. Pray for me and all the brothers.

May the Lord bless and keep you!

Fr. Harold Snider, OFM Cap.

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Provincial Minister

Letter from the Archbishop

August 17, 2018

My Dear People of the Archdiocese of San Francisco,

The recent reports of episcopal negligence and malfeasance in the face of clerical sexual abuse, coupled with some reports of bishops themselves guilty of sexual predation, have reopened old wounds and inflicted new ones on victims, their families, the Catholic faithful at large, and indeed, the larger society. This has been further fueled by a spirit of raw ambition on the part of some, who will stop at nothing to advance their careers and climb the ecclesial corporate ladder over investing themselves in serving the people of God. Such behavior on the part of Church leaders is despicable, reprehensible, and absolutely unbecoming of a man of God.

I have emphasized this point to the seminarians of our Archdiocese in my recent summer meetings with them, and made it very clear that their vocation as diocesan priests is to serve God's people where they are most needed in our local church. This was not difficult to do. I am inspired by their purity of motivation, their great love for Christ and his Church, and their desire to be faithful servant leaders.

I have been in conversation with the administration at St. Patrick Seminary, who have conducted a review of their policies on issues involving sexual abuse and harassment. While the policies are thorough, I intend to discuss with the Seminary and its Board of Trustees ideas on how to more effectively implement these policies and ensure that they are followed. I intend to do the same with regard to the policies of the Archdiocese with my Cabinet at the Pastoral Center. These policies, and information on how to report abuse, are available on our Archdiocesan website (<https://sfarchdiocese.org/protecting-children>).

While attending to policies and procedures is necessary, by itself it is really superficial. What is called for at this time is penance in reparation for sins against faith and morals. This is how we keep the righteous indignation that so many of us feel at this time from becoming an anger that divides the Body of Christ.

Last year, in response to a request from some of the faithful of our Archdiocese, I consecrated the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This was on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady at Fatima. At that time, I asked our people to live this consecration by observing what our Blessed Mother asked of us there. I now ask our priests and people to engage in prayer, penance and adoration as an act of reparation for sins against chastity and the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, in accordance with our Lady's wishes.

I repeat here what I asked of you then, and implore you even more earnestly to join me in:

- Praying the rosary daily – and for families, to pray the rosary as a family at least once a week;
- Practicing Friday penance by abstaining from eating meat and one other additional act of fasting (e.g., another form of food or drink, or skipping a meal);
- Spending one hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at least once a week.

After consulting with the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and my Cabinet, moreover, I will designate a day when together we will make an act of reparation, and how that will be conducted. While I pledge to attend to policies and their observance, we all must be engaged at this time on the spiritual level. Without prayer, penance and adoration in reparation for the horrendous sins rampant in our Church for very many years now, any efforts of the temporal order will be meaningless.

In the meantime, I ask you, our people to stay close to your parish priest. Our priests make great sacrifices to serve their people with generosity and compassion. They are there for you, attentive to providing you pastoral care. I am grateful to them for their labors in the Lord's vineyard, and pray that the divine assistance may be with them as they minister to you during this time of crisis.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone

Archbishop of San Francisco



CATHOLIC RESOURCES

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

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CATHOLIC CATECHISM COMPENDIUM

http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html