



# 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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**ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**August 30, 2020**

## **Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

— Mt 16:24



### CONFESSIONS

MONDAY—SATURDAY:  
11:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Also by appointment

### **NATIONAL SHRINE HOURS—FOR INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER**

\*VISITORS ARE EXPECTED TO OBSERVE FACE COVERING AND DISTANCING PRACTICES

**HISTORIC CHURCH: 10:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY**

**10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY**

*OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS*

### SUSPENDED FOR PANDEMIC MITIGATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- **HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**
- **PORZIUNCOLA NUOVA CHAPEL VISITOR HOURS**
- **SATURDAY ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Marriages at the Shrine \* Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, no new requests are being accepted for consideration until further notice

Baptisms No requests being taken until further notice

**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** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (*Jeremiah 20:7-9*).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (*Psalm 63*).

**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (*Romans 12:1-2*).

**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (*Matthew 16:21-27*).

## DAILY MASS READINGS

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** *St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

## LABOR DAY CLOSURE

Next Monday, September 7

The historic church will not be open for private prayer and Confession in observance of the U.S. Labor Day Holiday.

The scheduled open hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

## Health & Safety in the Pandemic

### PROVINCE FUNDRAISER CANCELLED



The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Capuchin Golf Tournament held every September has been cancelled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The friars of the Western America Province appreciate all your support and look forward to seeing you on the course next year!

## LIVESTREAMED MASSES

The home page on [ShrineSF.org](http://ShrineSF.org) has links to the livestream channels for parishes which celebrate Mass online. Please check them out if you are seeking to spiritually unite from home with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.



Order of Friars Minor Capuchins  
(O.F.M. Cap.)

## Mass Intentions — Aug. 30 to Sept. 5

Sunday	11:00 am	† Paula Gale Wiley
Monday	12:15 pm	† James & Joan Sharpen
Tuesday	12:15 pm	† Floyd Koch
Wednesday	12:15 pm	Mantione Family ( <i>Intention</i> )
Thursday	12:15 pm	Christine Lewis ( <i>Birthday</i> )
Friday	12:15 pm	† Fr. Vincent Capodanno
Saturday	12:15 pm	Sarah Konecsni ( <i>Intention</i> )

## PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

September 2020



### Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

## The Capuchins

### Reflections on the Wisdom of St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

*“Rinsing dew of the Holy Spirit moistens his faithful heart with compunction...He can hardly believe what was always a robbers' den is now the Lord's House.”* (Versified Life of St. Francis by Henri d'Avranches)

Once, when Francis of Assisi was asked, “What do you think of yourself?” He responded, “I think if God had shown as much kindness to the worst sinner in the world, he would be more grateful than I.” Our first reaction might be, “Oh, that's just what a saint says.” But in reality, Francis knew his own heart, and he knew the ways he was holding back from giving himself entirely to God. He had to learn daily what God was asking for. As he says, the answer is found in the Eucharist, where Jesus daily gives Himself to us. Every mass called Francis of Assisi to deeper love. He told his friars: “Look at the humility of God, and give yourselves totally to Him who gives Himself totally to you.” *That* is what kept Francis focused on what was important. The Lord bless and keep you!

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

# PROTEST TO REMOVE FATHER SERRA STATUE AT MISSION SANTA INÉS DRAWS OPPOSITION

*Lisa Andre, Santa Maria Times; August 24, 2020*

A cacophony of chanting, shouting, singing and motorcycles revving their engines echoed through Mission Santa Inés on Saturday evening as protesters' calls for removal of the church's controversial Saint Junipero Serra statue were met with loud opposition.

Two dozen protesters marched from Solvang Park up Mission Drive toward the front entrance of the mission, bearing oversized signage reading, "This is Chumash Land" and "Serra Ain't No Saint," while shouting "Take it down! Take it down," referencing the mission's life-sized bronze statue of Serra, an 18th century Roman Catholic Spanish priest and friar who is accused of mistreating Native Americans in his care.

**Black Lives Matter** activist Maurissa Vigil, 26, donning a face covering and holding a sign, said despite having launched a petition in July appealing to the city and church to remove the statue, and gathering over 1,000 signatures before it was determined that the city of Solvang had no jurisdiction over the matter, the group's attempts to communicate with mission pastor **Father Bobby Barbato** have gone unanswered.

"We have emailed him and called," Vigil said, standing with her group stopped outside of the mission. "It's still pretty early on in the campaign and we're just going to continue with this. We want to make sure [Father] Bobby has an accurate understanding of why [the statue] is so upsetting and why we would like it to be removed even though it is on private property. It's a significant part of the city."

Vigil said there was never an intent to physically remove the statue during the protest, despite rumors to the contrary.

"The first time I heard someone say that was on Facebook," Vigil said. "There was a post going around trying to rally support against us, mentioning that we were going to tear it down. We've been working on the protest for at least a month, and intended for everything to be just that."

A small group of counter-protesters lining the opposite side of Mission Drive flew large American flags and shouted, "USA! USA," demanding protesters tell the truth about the history of Serra.

One counter-protester who would only identify herself as Diane, said her group was there in support of America and the Serra statue. She explained that fellow counter-protesters who were not so visible were ready to step in at any moment if the protest turned sideways.

"We know they are lying about Father Serra," she said. "He was a good priest [...] he wanted a Bill of Rights for the Chumash people. He loved them and the Chumash people loved him."



Joining the counter-protesters, Mission Santa Inés parishioner Jan Butler said that although one lady had yelled "Liar! Liar!" at protesters, it wasn't how others in her group felt. Rather, she encouraged those protesting the statue to conduct more historical research.

"I firmly believe that the majority of people do not want to see this kind of dissension at all," said Butler. "They really want to see people come together — I know I do."

A group of church parishioners standing guard at the mission's main entrance marked with bright orange cones and "No Trespassing" signs that warned violators of intended prosecution, were accompanied by 10 "Knights on Bikes," a Southern California Catholic biker group tied to the Knights of Columbus. They revved their Harley-Davidsons in unison to drown out protester chants.

Riverside Knights on Bikes member David Sanchez, sporting a black leather vest with religious and patriotic patches, said he supports peaceful protest and his own right to also peacefully protest.

"Praying and chanting, that's wonderful, but when they start calling the Catholic church the devil and Hitler — I just didn't like hearing it. I didn't think it was appropriate," Sanchez said. "So we have a right to counter-protest. We are in for the service of the church."

Catholic musical group Shofar Christiano from Los Angeles stood firm at the mission entrance with parishioners and produced loud bellowing sounds from their trumpet-like instruments made from hollowed-out rams' horns, a practice that is said to be of ceremonial importance dating back to biblical times.

In response to the increased noise volume, protester Railyn Jenae took the bullhorn and led protesters, largely comprised of Chumash descendants, in louder cries to remove the Serra statue.

A father holding his toddler who declined to be named, said he joined the protest in support of the cause — and future generations.

Fifty yards away, on mission property, a group of 20 friars from San Lorenzo Seminary dressed in brown robes, sang hymns and recited prayers as the mission bells rang out in vigil.

The visiting regional bishop of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, **Bishop Robert Barron**, who had earlier led a prayer service and Mass at the mission attended by hundreds of parishioners in response to the planned protest, instructed the group of friars to safely remain on church grounds.

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"We heard there was some plan for a demonstration, and that they wanted to remove the statue," Barron said. "They have no business removing a statue from our own property — so we thought we should take a stand, and the stand should be obviously a nonviolent one. No one is interested in a confrontation."

Barbato, who attended the protest Saturday, explained that all access points to Mission Santa Inés had been closed for the day due to the anticipated escalation of the protest by pro-Serra counter-protesters, who had reportedly threatened to take matters into their own hands.

"It's too volatile now, I don't think they want dialogue at this time," Barbato said. "What we're trying to do is pray, and be grateful for what we have. This kind of stuff scares me because it's all over our society."



Addressing the outcry, Barbato agreed that the 18th century was less than perfect, riddled with "problems and struggles."

"I mean, I have a problem with any country going in and colonizing another, but look at human history," Barbato said. "It's a sad reality. If I were back then and could make the decision, I would say, 'No, don't do that, that's other people's lands.'"

He added that although Serra doesn't necessarily need a statue to prove his sainthood, moving the statue is an act beyond his control. Barbato said, however, that he's open to a conversation about it under different circumstances.

"I always have this delusion that people can just sit down and have a quiet talk. But I'm not willing to move [the statue] because they're telling me all these horrible things," Barbato said. "If I say, 'OK,' then what's next? I do feel it's the principle that we have to defend, our freedom of faith. What if someone doesn't like the cross? Are they going to tell us to take that down, too?"

## News and Events



# FATIMA

AUGUST 28

IN THEATERS & ON DEMAND



## HEALING AFTER ABORTION—MEN'S RETREAT

NEW! For men only – a one-day retreat for healing after abortion, on Sept. 19, in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Led by Contemplatives of St. Joseph Father Vito Perrone. For more information or to sign up:

<https://sfarch.org/healing-for-men>  
or [projectrachel@sfarch.org](mailto:projectrachel@sfarch.org) or call 415-614-5567

## *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."



## 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)

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