



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

September 20, 2020

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

— *Phil 1:21*



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

Office: (415) 986-4557 **Hours:** In-person visits suspended until further notice

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 — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (*Isaiah 55:6-9*).

Psalms — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (*Psalms 145*).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (*Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a*).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (*Matthew 20:1-16a*).

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: *St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: *St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*
Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF ST. PADRE PIO

Dear God,
You generously blessed Your servant, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, with the gifts of the Spirit.

You marked his body with the five wounds of Christ Crucified, as a powerful witness to the saving Passion and Death of Your Son.

Endowed with the gift of discernment, St. Pio labored endlessly in the confessional for the salvation of souls.

With reverence and intense devotion in the celebration of the Mass, he invited countless men and women to a greater union with Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, I confidently beseech You to grant me The grace of ...
(here silently state your petition).

Glory be to the Father...(3x). Amen.

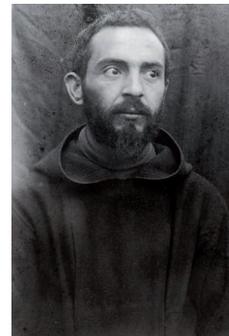
Mass Intentions — September 20 to 26

Sunday	11:00 am	† Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Collins, Jr.
Monday	12:15 pm	† Ronald J. Tocchini
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Grakie Cucina (<i>Intention</i>)
Wednesday	12:15 pm	† Grazio & Maria Forgione
Thursday	12:15 pm	James Tocchini (<i>Birthday</i>)
Friday	12:15 pm	Albert Lewis (<i>Healing</i>)
Saturday	12:15 pm	Baby Zoe (<i>Special needs child</i>)

Feast of St. Padre Pio—September 23

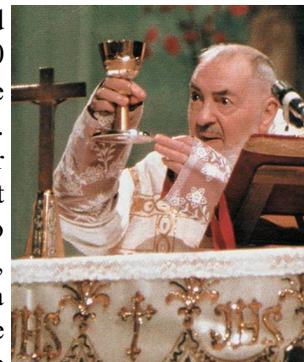
ST. PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA Feast—September 23

- Born: May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Benevento, Italy as *Francesco Forgione*
- Died: September 23, 1968 in San Giovanni Rotondo, Foggia, Italy of natural causes
- Venerated: December 18, 1997 by Pope John Paul II (decree of heroic virtues)
- Beatified: May 2, 1999
- Canonized: June 16, 2002 by Pope John Paul II in Rome, Italy



Born to a southern Italian farm family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd, and Maria Giuseppa. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars in Morcone, Italy and joined the order at age 19. Suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. Ordained at age 22 on August 10, 1910.

While praying before a cross, he received the stigmata on 20 September 1918, the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He



He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. Reportedly able to bilocate, levitate, and heal by touch. Founded the *House for the Relief of Suffering* in 1956, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. In the 1940's he started a series of prayer groups that continue today with over 400,000 members worldwide.

The Capuchins

Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

The Lord says, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you and pray for those who persecute and slander you." Indeed that person truly loves his enemy who is not hurt by an injury done to him by that enemy, but who is disturbed only because of the sin which affects his enemy's soul. And let him show this love by his deeds. (Admonition IX)

One of Francis' first "enemies" turned out to be his own father, who opposed his conversion and desire to serve Christ in the church. Francis had to learn to face this enemy, not with anger but with conviction. We can only imagine the pain Francis experienced when his father took his son's clothes and walked away from him. Francis, I am sure, prayed every day for his father's soul, and who knows the graces God may have given Pietro through his son? May God bless and keep you always!



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

POSTULANT RECEIVES TAU CROSS

Brother Marciano, this year's candidate, was officially welcomed as a postulant of the Western America Province. In a brief ceremony during evening prayers on the Feast of the Stigmata of Francis (Sept. 17), he received the symbol of the Franciscans and will be part of the community until May 2021.



NOTE THE DATES

Sept. 26: Begin Novena prayers for the Feast of Saint Francis

October 3: Feast Vigil & Transitus Commemoration

October 4: Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

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."



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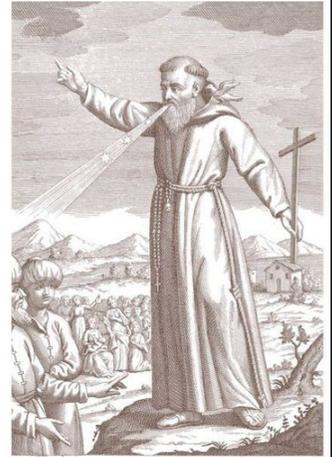
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PROVINCE FUNDRAISER CANCELLED



The 28th 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!



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

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

Be a Friar—Western Capuchin Vocations



WITH POPE'S OKAY, CARDINAL SAYS RETURN TO PUBLIC MASS "NECESSARY AND URGENT"

Inés San Martín, *CruzNow.com*

September 12, 2020

Calling it “necessary and urgent” to return to public Masses as soon as anti-COVID 19 measures permit, the Vatican’s top official for liturgy has urged Catholic bishops around the world not to let religious worship be relegated to a priority level below “recreational activities” or treated as just another public gathering.

Signed by Cardinal Robert Sarah of Guinea, Prefect of the Vatican’s Congregation for Divine Worship, the letter came with the approval of Pope Francis.

Sarah argues that although the Catholic Church should cooperate with civil authorities and adopt protocols to protect the safety of the faithful, “liturgical norms are not matters on which civil authorities can legislate, but only the competent ecclesiastical authorities.”

Sarah also insisted that broadcast and livestreamed Masses are useful, but they’re no replacement for being physically present.

“No broadcast is equivalent to personal participation, nor can it substitute for that participation,” Sarah wrote.

Since the coronavirus pandemic broke out in March, most bishops’ conferences, following Pope Francis’s lead, closed the liturgy and other sacraments to the faithful, asking for them to be made available online and via TV and radio. Leading by example, Francis livestreamed his daily Masses from his residence at the Vatican’s Casa Santa Marta, drawing sizeable audiences on YouTube and Italian TV.

In Italy, the government of Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte greenlighted the resumption of public Masses in late May, on the advice of a technical-scientific committee that’s been overseeing the country’s response to the COVID crisis, and Francis ended his daily livestream.

In other parts of the world, including the pontiff’s former archdiocese in Buenos Aires, Masses are still being celebrated without faithful or with extreme restrictions, which have led some critics to claim a double standard when 15 people are allowed into a grocery store but only 10 in a church.

Sarah wrote the letter on Aug. 15, it was approved by Francis on Sept. 3, and then sent to bishops’s conferences worldwide last week. The Vatican released the text of the letter Saturday.

The 72-year-old Guinean cardinal, often seen as a conservative stalwart in the Church, praised bishops and episcopal conferences for “listening to, and collaborating with, civil authorities and experts,” saying bishops have been “prompt to make difficult and painful decisions, even to the point of suspending the participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist for a long period.”

“This congregation is deeply grateful to the bishops for their commitment and effort in trying to respond in the best possible way to an unforeseen and complex situation,” he wrote.

Sarah, named by Pope Francis to his present post in 2014, titled the letter, “Let us return to the Eucharist with Joy.”

Sarah insists that when circumstances allow, it is “necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, as the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; and at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows.”

“As soon as is possible,” Sarah wrote, “we must return to the Eucharist with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with Him, to receive Him and to bring Him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love and hope.”

We “cannot be without the Christian community,” Sarah added, “cannot be without the house of the Lord,” “cannot be without the Lord’s Day.”

CATHOLIC RESOURCES

RELEVANT RADIO: San Francisco—Bay Area—**KSFB – 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

"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

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