



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**

September 23, 2018

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

— *Mark 9:39-40*

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

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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 wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*).

Psalms — The Lord upholds my life (*Psalms 54*).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (*James 3:16 — 4:3*).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (*Mark 9:30-37*).

- Please visit us on the Web at: www.ShrineSF.org
- The website includes an online Gift shop: **SHOPPE AT THE SHRINE**

National Shrine of
Saint Francis of Assisi



DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

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

Wednesday: *Ss. Cosmas and Damian*
Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: *St. Vincent de Paul*
Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: *St. Wencelaus, Ss. Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions*
Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: *Ss. Gabriel, Michael and Raphael*
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

NATIONAL SHRINE EARLY CLOSURE ON MONDAY, SEPT. 24

Please note the church, Porziuncola chapel and office will close at 3:00pm for a staff engagement.



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN OUR
ANNUAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
FOR
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI ~ 2018



* **SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 4th ~ NOVENA PRAYER**

Submit your prayer petitions.

A Novena Prayer will be recited after each Mass.

Novena prayer is available on our website, Shrine Bulletin & Holy Cards.

* **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD ~ TRANSITUS Memorial**

*Celebrate the Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi
from earthly-life to everlasting-life.*

6:00 pm Rosary

6:30 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Holy Mass

8:00 pm TRANSITUS Memorial

(All Services at the Porziuncola Nuova chapel)

* **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH ~ SAINT FRANCIS FEAST DAY**

11:00 am to 12 noon: Confessions

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Rosary

5:30 pm: Evening Prayer

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm ~ Eucharistic Exposition

7:00 pm ~ Holy Mass

(All services at the Shrine Historic Church)

* **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH ~ BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

*2:00 PM *(at the Shrine Historic Church)*

* **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH ~ SHRINE PARADE FLOAT!**

*150th Italian Heritage Day Parade - Parade begins 12:30 pm
Come cheer on the Capuchin Friars as they walk the parade
representing the National Shrine of St. Francis.*

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FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI NOVENA PRAYER

Will be recited Sept. 26—Oct. 4
after the daily Masses

*O beloved Saint Francis, gentle and poor, *your obedience to God and your simple, deep love for all of God's creatures led you to the heights of heavenly perfection and turned many hearts to follow God's will *Now in our day, pray also for us, * in our ministry to the many who come searching for peace* and intercede for us as we come before the Lord with our special requests. (Mention your special intention in silence.)*

*O blessed Saint of God, * from your throne among the hosts of heaven * present our petitions before our faithful Lord. * May your prayers on our behalf be heard * and may God grant us the grace to lead good and faithful lives. Amen. Saint Francis—Pray for us.*

Mass Intentions— SEPTEMBER 23 to 29

Sunday	11:00 am	† Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Collins, Jr.
Monday	12:15 pm	† C.J. Kissel
Tuesday	12:15 pm	<i>No Intention</i>
Wednesday	12:15 pm	† Mary Ellen DeMarais
Thursday	12:15 pm	† Rosa Cecchi
Friday	12:15 pm	Myra Tan (<i>Birthday</i>)
Saturday	12:15 pm	Matilda Fone (<i>Birthday</i>)

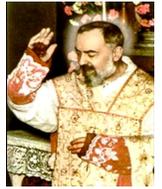
If you would like a Mass scheduled on a day with No Intention listed this week, please contact the Shrine office.

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

*Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina:
September 23*

First Saturday of every month, next meeting is October 6 in the Shrine church

- 10:00am Open church
- 10:15am Begin
- 10:30am Relic Veneration
Padre Pio prayers
- 10:50am Exposition/Adoration;
Confession, Rosary
- 11:50am Benediction
- 12:15pm Holy Mass



Brief meeting after mass

All are welcome. Questions, call the Shrine office at (415) 986-4557, or email info@shrinesf.org

FLOWERS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

As October 4 approaches, the National Shrine offers you an opportunity to assist in decorating the Church – as a sign of esteem for the Lord's faithful servant Francis of Assisi.

YOUR DONATIONS will assist the Shrine in adorning both the historic church and the Porziuncola chapel with beautiful flowers.

Please consider making an Offering for the intention of: a deceased or sick loved one or for prayers for yourself or others.

On a blank envelope, please identify your donation for "ST. FRANCIS FLOWERS".

Along with your gift by cash or check *(payable to National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi), please provide:

1) the name of the person who is the intention of the offering, 2) whether deceased, sick, etc., and 3) your name and number.

OFFERING ENVELOPES may be placed in the Collection basket at Mass or deposited in the center aisle Donation box in the rear of the church. You may also mail your donation to the Shrine office.

Note: Credit Card donations may be submitted on-line at ShrineSF.org

In gratitude, the Shrine will post the names that are dedicated in our Bulletin and in the back of the Church in the weeks following the feast.

Join Us . . .



1st Annual

Feasting with Francis

Al Fresco Style

benefiting



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

at the
150th Italian Heritage Parade
Sunday, October 7, 2018



*Enjoy parade viewing
Dine Al Fresco Style*

while supporting the National Shrine



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND MINISTRIES OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

Tickets: Seats \$65 per seat or a Table of 8 for \$520

Children under 8 years old \$35 per seat

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE – RESERVE TODAY

Food Catered by

Mona Lisa Restaurant

Full Italian Menu:

Antipasto
Insalata
Pasta with meat dishes
Dolce & Frutta



Ticket price includes:

- Front row seats to view parade
- Full Italian menu
- Water, sodas, Caffe –
- *Wine available at an extra charge

Shrine Activities:

- 11:00am Mass
- 11:45am Table Seating begins
- 12:30pm Parade

To reserve your seat or for more information contact:

Shrine office: 415-986-4557 www.ShrineSF.org

Email: Rodney at admin@shrinesf.org



Your donation is deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law

The Capuchins

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE TO THE CAPUCHINS

Improvised speech given in the Apostolic Palace, Vatican City, September 14, 2018

"There is a prepared speech here, but it is too formal to share with you Capuchins; it will be delivered to Father General ... This is the official thing, but I prefer to speak to you like this, from the heart.

To you [addressed to the newly-elected Minister General Fray Roberto Genuin] I wish you the best: You are the fourth general I know. Earlier I met Flavio Carraro, with whom we have been partners in the Synod of '94; then, to John Corriveau, who has stolen a good Capuchin from Argentina to make him a Counselor, but then I got revenge and made him a Bishop [laughs, they laugh]. Then Mauro [Jöhri], a good Swiss, who has taken things forward with common sense - good sense - with a sense of the concrete, of reality; and, like all those who know how to speak different languages but also the dialect, he is one who gets into the details of life. And now you, the fourth. I wish the best [to you and the new Councilors].

This morning I was thinking about you Capuchins. There is a word that you have said in your speech: first of all the Capuchins are "the friars of the people". It is a characteristic of you: closeness to people.

Be close to the people of God, neighbors. And closeness gives us the science of being concrete, wisdom - it's more than science: it's a wisdom. Closeness to everyone, but especially to the smallest, the most discarded, the most desperate. And also to those who have fallen away. I think of Fray Cristoforo (personage of "Promessi sposi" of Manzoni), to "your" Fray Cristoforo. Closeness: this word I would like to remain in you, as a program. Closeness to the people. Because the people have a great respect for the Franciscan habit. Once Cardinal Quarracino (his predecessor as archbishop of Buenos Aires) told me that, in Argentina, sometimes some "mangiaprete" (anticlerical) says some vulgar word to a priest, but never, never a Franciscan habit was insulted, because it is a grace. And you, Capuchins, have this closeness: keep it. Stay always close to the people.

Recently, in Ireland [in Dublin], I have seen your work with the most discarded and I was moved. The Superior of that house, the old founder, said something beautiful: "We, here, do not ask where you come from, who you are: you are a Child of God". This is one of your characteristics. You understand people well, intuitively, without conditions. Come in ... we'll talk later. And it is a charisma of yours, this closeness, keep it.

Then, another thing typical of the Capuchins: you are men capable of resolving conflicts, of making peace, with that wisdom that comes precisely from closeness; and above all, to make peace in consciences. That "here we don't ask questions, here we listen", that I said of that Irish Capuchin, you exercise it in the sacrament of Confession and penance. You are men of reconciliation. I remember your Church in Buenos Aires: so many people, from all over the city, were going to confession there. Why? Because the Capuchins listen to you, they smile at you, they do not ask you things



The Holy Father greets the Provincial Minister of our Western America Province, Fr. Harold Snider, OFM Cap.

and they forgive you. And this does not mean being "wide-sleeved", no, this is the wisdom of reconciliation. Keep the apostolate of confession, of forgiveness: it is one of the most beautiful things you have, to reconcile people. Both in the sacrament, and in families: to reconcile, to reconcile. And patience is required for this, not words. Few words, but closeness and patience.

And then, another thing that I have seen in your life: simple prayer. You are men of prayer, but simple. A prayer of one on one with the Lord, with the Virgin, with the saints ... keep this simplicity of prayer. Pray much, but with this simplicity. Men of peace, simple prayer, men of the people, men of reconciliation. This is the way the Church wants you to be: keep this. And with that freedom and simplicity that is proper to your charism.

I thank you for everything you do for the Church, I thank you very much. Continue like this, continue like this ... "a la Capuchina" ... [laughter]

Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

"You have crucified Jesus, and are still crucifying Him, by delighting in vices and sins." Admonition V

The image we often have of Francis of Assisi is of a happy go lucky man, always smiling and dancing in the forest. It is true Francis was a man of tremendous faith and joy, but he was also someone acquainted with the effects of evil and sin, beginning with his own. He took seriously the need we have to challenge ourselves and to give up those things that are displeasing to God. For Francis, sin is choosing our own will above God's will, delighting in ourselves and rejecting the place of God's commandments in our life. The saint prayed: "Lord, enlighten the darkness of our hearts and help us to fulfill Your holy and true command." Francis lived a life of penance, which meant a life of seeking each day, each moment, what was pleasing to the Lord. And his life shows us that the struggle is worth it. God bless and keep you always!

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