



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

November 25, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away,
his kingship shall not be destroyed.

— *Dn 7:14*



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}

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 — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (*Daniel 7:13-14*).

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (*Psalm 93*).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (*Revelation 1:5-8*).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (*John 18:33b-37*).

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: *St. Andrew*
Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: *B.V.M.; First Saturday*
Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

Please note starting Sunday, Nov. 18 the Shrine Rector introduced the daily recitation of the St. Michael Prayer immediately following the final blessing of Mass for both Sundays and weekdays, at the suggestion and encouragement of Archbishop Cordileone.

With the 2018 revelations of scandal involving several members of the episcopate and the clergy, Pope Francis asked the faithful around the world to pray for the protection of the Church against Satan, the "Great Accuser", ending it with the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel or the ancient prayer "Sub Tuum Praesidium" dedicated to the Virgin. Several bishops around the U.S. and the world have asked for the reintroduction of these prayers.

The St. Michael Archangel Prayer can be found on the back cover of the missalettes located in the Shrine pews. Also, a limited number of St. Michael prayer cards are available upon request.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Mass Intentions — NOV. 25 to DEC. 1

Sunday	11:00 am	† Theresa Christine Huyen Vu
Monday	12:15 pm	† Laurette Sarno
Tuesday	12:15 pm	† Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Collins, Jr.
Wednesday	12:15 pm	Milagros Aquino (<i>Intention</i>)
Thursday	12:15 pm	Thynn Moe (<i>Birthday</i>)
Friday	12:15 pm	Molly Lewis (<i>Birthday</i>)
Saturday	12:15 pm	† Samuel & Mary Rose Mantione

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

First Saturday of every month, next meeting is December 1 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



Holiday Concerts

Free-will donations appreciated

Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 2:00 pm

Carols, Hymns and chants of the season
Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellingers
Choir Director: Mr. Steven Meyer

Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Schola Chorale Group

Director: Mr. John Montanero

Organ accompaniment by Mr. Richard Mayer



** Also enjoy our large outdoor
Creche at the church front steps.*

- 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



DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

As Advent approaches, the National Shrine of St. Francis offers you an opportunity to assist in beautifying the Shrine – as a sign of our praise of the Incarnate Word, our newborn King—Emmanuel.



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

YOUR DONATIONS will also be used as an offering for the intentions of a deceased or sick loved one or for prayers for yourself or others.

On an envelope, please identify your donation for "CHRISTMAS 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 contact information.

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.

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

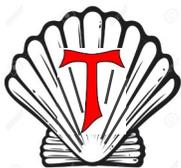
In gratitude, all your intentions will be prayed for during Advent and the Christmas season. The National Shrine will post the dedicated names in our bulletin.

Shrines and Pilgrimages

WHAT SHOULD I BRING WITH ME?

Most importantly: bring an open heart. Shrines are perfect places to find quiet time needed to listen to God's voice.

You may also consider bringing a rosary, prayer book, journal, or bible. But if you don't have those things, that's okay, too.



All shrines are free and open to the public. However, financial donations are graciously accepted. Remember that your offering helps the Shrine continue to minister to the people of God. Not sure how much to donate? It is typically free will but for large groups, call ahead to the Shrine you will visit and ask.

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The Capuchins

Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

We can boast in our weaknesses and in carrying each day the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Admonition 5)

Francis kept his perspective by keeping his eyes always on Jesus; it was the only way he could resist the temptation to make it all about himself. When crowds came to hear him preach, it was because Jesus inspired them; when some miracle of healing occurred, it was Jesus who healed. It was not always easy for Francis to remember this, which is why he took so much time in hermitages in silent prayer, and why the crucifix was so important for him. He kept praying the prayer he had taken up in the beginning: "We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches which are in the whole world, and we bless You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world." God bless you always!

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



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(O.F.M. Cap.)**

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Discerning a vocation?

Could a friar's life be for you?

Contact: Fr. Peter Banks, OFM Cap.

Email: peterbanksfmcap@yahoo.com; Phone: 805.686.4127

Website: www.BeAFriar.com

Want to talk about your vocation questions?

Fr. John, the Shrine Rector can be available—contact the Shrine office.
Peace

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 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.)

Letter from the Archbishop

November 15, 2018

My Dear People of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, As I write this message to you, I am in Baltimore, Maryland, for the plenary assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. I can tell you I came prepared to work with my fellow bishops to move aggressively forward in dealing with the abuse issues that are confronting our Church right now, and will continue to do so.



I was surprised along with everyone else at the announcement that Pope Francis requested the U.S. bishops to delay implementing any new provisions until after he meets in February with the presidents of the various Bishop Conferences throughout the world. While this initially came as a disappointment, we have to trust the wisdom of our Holy Father, who sees the wider vision of the Universal Church. As St. Paul says, we are all members of the Body of Christ, and whatever happens with any one member affects the whole body. Any decision of the U.S. bishops will likely have a felt impact in other countries throughout the world. While we in the United States are feeling some impatience over this, it is good that we move together on it with our wider family of faith, under the direction of the Shepherd of the Universal Church. In the meantime, we, your bishops in the United States, will continue to make provisions locally that are within our competence, while maintaining unity with the Bishop of Rome.

At the level of our own Archdiocese, as many of you know I have recently completed five town hall meetings held throughout the Archdiocese, as well as continued my consultations with advisors, our priests, and the Archdiocesan Independent Review Board (IRB). I want now to bring you up to date on my next course of action in our Archdiocese to deal with the crisis of faith many have described to me as caused by clergy sexual abuse and its mishandling. First, I offer my sincere thanks to all those who came to the town hall meetings to share experiences, concerns and ideas for dealing with the crisis. Perhaps a total of 1000 people attended these meetings, and another 1000 have viewed a town hall video on-line. This video is still available at <http://bit.ly/SFArchTownHall>. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to John McCord, a member of the IRB and a victim-survivor himself of clergy sex abuse, who movingly shared his experiences as both a survivor and an IRB member at the town hall meetings.

At these public meetings, I shared factual information about cases of sexual abuse and misconduct within the Archdiocese over the past thirty years. Our preliminary review showed that in the 1990's there were six instances of alleged abuse by clergy, and that there were three cases of abuse alleged to have occurred in the year 2000. There have been no allegations of any clergy abuse of minors said to have occurred since then.

In those town hall meetings I also spoke of the work of our Independent Review Board, whose duties include:

- Advising the Archbishop on any allegations of sex abuse of minors by Church personnel;
- Monitoring priests who have been removed from ministry for having abused minors (even if just once);
- Reviewing, and advising the Archbishop on, our safe environment policies and our procedures in reporting abuse.

Our safe environment policies include background checks of all employees and volunteers who have regular contact with minors, on-line training of such employees and volunteers, as well as students in all of our schools and faith formation programs and their parents, on how to be alert to signs of abuse and how to report abuse. All Church personnel are informed that they are mandated reporters, and are trained on how to report abuse. You may read for yourselves all of our policies and procedures on our Archdiocesan website at <https://sfarchdiocese.org/policies-index>: scroll down to C5-C8.

Importantly, I am engaging an outside, independent consultant to review all priest personnel files held by the Archdiocese from 1950 to the present. That review will include any allegations received since that time and how they were handled. This will be a review of the files of perhaps 4000 clergy personnel who have worked within the Archdiocese during that time period. This work will take a while, and when it is done I will report back the results to the Archdiocese.

Wednesday of last week, as I exited St. Patrick's church after the Memorial Mass for the deceased homeless, a woman confronted me and asked me if I cared about children who are abused by priests. I told her that I care about all children who are abused, no matter who the abuser is. The scandal of sexual abuse of minors is not confined to the Church; it is rampant all throughout our society. I hope the experience of our Church will serve as a catalyst for all sectors of our society to deal more aggressively in rooting out this societal scourge. And while I find encouragement in the progress our own Church has made in trying to do so, there is still more to be done. We need always to be vigilant and never, ever become complacent. I therefore continue to take under consideration possible further responses and modifications to policies and procedures of our Archdiocese, in order to attend to the need for ongoing improvement in the way we handle this most grave responsibility of the Church and her ministers.

Thank you again for your prayers, for your love of the Church, and for your support of our priests.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,
Most Reverend Salvatore 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>

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