



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**

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm,
because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

— *Jas 5:8*



MASS TIMES

MONDAY — SATURDAY:
12:15 PM

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY—SATURDAY:
11:00 AM—12:00 Noon

WEDNESDAY:
5:30 PM—6:30 PM

Also by appointment

NATIONAL SHRINE HOURS

**HISTORIC 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} WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY
10:00^{AM} - 2:00^{PM} SUNDAY**

SATURDAYS IN THE PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL:

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

FIRST SATURDAYS IN THE HISTORIC CHURCH

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP 10^{AM}—1^{PM}

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 10:50^{AM}—12^{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 — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (*Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (*Psalms 146*).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (*James 5:7-10*).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (*Matthew 11:2-11*).

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: *Las Posadas begins*
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: *St. Peter Canisius*
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Latin tag of "Gaudete" is derived from Paul's appeal in Second Philippians to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Rose-colored vestments may be worn instead of violet (or instead of blue, in the Anglican and some Lutheran and other Protestant traditions), which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday was also known as "Rose Sunday".

In churches that have an Advent wreath, the rose colored candle is lit in addition to two of the violet colored candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season, which has as a secondary theme the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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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."

Mass Intentions — DECEMBER 15 to 21

Sunday	11:00 am	† Lucila P. Rangel
Monday	12:15 pm	David Taylor (<i>Intention</i>)
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Laura Rosas-Lara (<i>Intention</i>)
Wednesday	12:15 pm	† Marie Hong Tran
	7:00 pm	† Pedro & Marie Gagete
Thursday	12:15 pm	Darren Lingard (<i>Healing</i>)
Friday	12:15 pm	† Leonard Ronald Sanker
Saturday	12:15 pm	Joseph Price (<i>Intention</i>)



NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Please come and enjoy the Shrine's public Nativity display at the front entry to the historic church from the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 8 through Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020.

Sunday, December 15

Holiday Concerts

2:00PM: "Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers"

7:30PM: "Schola Chorale"

Sunday, December 22

Holiday Concert: **7:00 PM** "Praise & Glorify"

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil Mass: **7:30PM**

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Mass: **11:00AM**

Shrine will close following conclusion of Mass.

Thursday, December 26

The Shrine church, chapel & office will be CLOSED.

There will be no Mass or Confessions.

Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

VIGIL FOR PEACE

Confessions: **6PM to 7PM**

Mass: **7:15PM**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8PM
(Benediction at 12 Midnight)

Peace Prayer Blessing

"To the City and to the World" at **12:15AM**

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 New Year's Day

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

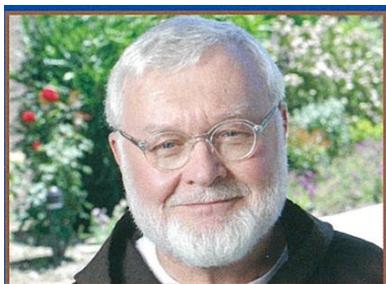
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass: **11:00AM**

Shrine closes immediately after Mass.

The Capuchins

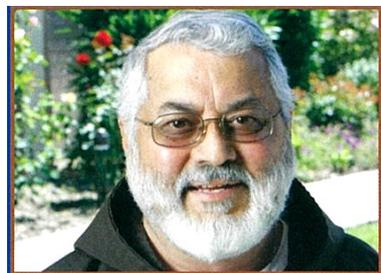
GOLDEN JUBILEES OF ORDINATION



For **Fr. Alan Wilson, OFM Cap.** spiritual care of the sick, a traditional Capuchin ministry, has been an important part of his life. Born and raised in Southern California, he graduated from St. Francis High School and joined the Order in 1961.

Fr. Alan's religious formation took place with the Capuchins of the New York/New England Province. He was ordained on **December 20, 1969**. After ordination and two years of parish ministry, he was assigned to St. Charles Hospital in Bend, Oregon as chaplain, and later served as chaplain in Fresno, California.

He ministered at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center, finding great joy in bringing spiritual comfort to the sick and their families, sometimes even using magic tricks and jokes to bring that comfort. Currently he is the Guardian at San Buenaventura Friary and helps out at the National Shrine.



Fr. Alejandro Magallenes, OFM Cap. has faced a variety of challenges since entering the Capuchin Order in 1961. He was ordained on **December 20, 1969**. He has worked as director of formation, a hospital chaplain, a retreat director, and pastor of a parish.

In 1985 he faced one of his biggest challenges as he led the first group of Capuchin Missionaries from California to the remote town of Yécora, Senora, their first mission in Northern Mexico.

Fr. Alejandro has been an exemplary Capuchin at San Lorenzo Friary even as he battled illness. He attributes all to God, and to the power of prayer. He now resides at St. John of God Care Center—Los Angeles, CA.

The Shrine Community congratulates Father Alan and Father Alejandro on their 50th anniversary of priestly ordination. Our best wishes and continued prayers for the Lord's blessings on you both!

Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

Francis preached the gospel of peace and salvation unto men, himself an Angel of the true peace, ordained by God to follow in the likeness of the Forerunner... preparing in the desert the way of sublimest Poverty. (Major Life of St. Francis by St. Bonaventure)

Francis of Assisi is a fascinating character, but his importance lies in the One to Whom he gave testimony, Jesus of Nazareth. The reason we remember Francis is because his encounter with Jesus changed his life, and gave it meaning beyond anything earthly riches or glory could provide. Francis marveled that the Son of God would enter our world as a poor, defenseless infant. This is what inspired Francis' own relation to the world, and why Francis celebrated Christmas with so much joy—it was the entrance of the Son of God into our world. This was at the heart of Francis' life and preaching. God bless and keep you!

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

SOLVANG CHRISTMAS PARADE



Fr. Bobby Barbato (*center*) and Fr. Peter Banks (*right*) accompanied by the Capuchin novices of the San Lorenzo Novitiate, marched in the Christmas Parade through the town of Solvang, CA. *December 7, 2019.*

"Come and See"

January 24-26, 2020

Capuchin House of Studies

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News and Events

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WALK for LIFE WEST COAST 2020

16TH ANNUAL



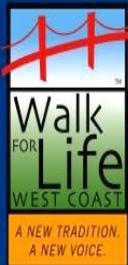
Saturday, January 25, 2020 • Civic Center Plaza • San Francisco

Rally: 12:30PM

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

Info Faire: 11:00AM

Saturday, January 25, 2020



Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Ends at Embarcadero Plaza/Ferry Building.

BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.



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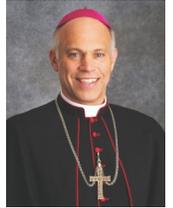
Register and information:

(415) 658 - 1793

email: info@WalkForLifeWC.com

ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE: A MESSAGE FOR ADVENT

"How we long for the vision of Isaiah to be a reality: 'They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.' We long for peace, and this is a theme that rises to prominence especially at this time of the year: during Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ, the Prince of peace, and we celebrate his coming at Christmas; we pray for peace and renew ourselves in hope that peace can be realized in the New Year." *(from homily for the First Sunday of Advent)*



DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Help the National Shrine in beautifying our environment – as a sign of 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.

Feel welcome to submit prayer intentions with your donation for 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.

CATHOLIC RESOURCES

RELEVANT RADIO: San Francisco—Bay Area—KSFJ – 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.