



# 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**

**December 16, 2018**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming."

— *Luke 3:16*



## 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

**HISTORIC CHURCH: 10:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY  
10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY**

*OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS*

**PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL: 10:00AM - 4:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY  
10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY**

**SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL:**

**HOLY ROSARY SODALITY AT 2:30PM & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 3:00PM**

**FIRST SATURDAYS IN THE HISTORIC CHURCH:**

**ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP 10AM—1PM**

**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

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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** — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (*Zephaniah 3:14-18a*).

**Psalms** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (*Isaiah 12:6*).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (*Philippians 4:4-7*).

**Gospel** — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (*Luke 3:10-18*).

## DAILY MASS READINGS

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

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

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

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

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

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

## Mass Intentions — DECEMBER 16 to 22

Sunday	11:00 am	Darren Lingard ( <i>Healing</i> )
Monday	12:15 pm	† Peter Vi
Tuesday	12:15 pm	† Br. Leonard Lewis
Wednesday	12:15 pm	† Consolacion Tolentino
Thursday	12:15 pm	Valerie Tan ( <i>Healing</i> )
Friday	12:15 pm	Liang Family ( <i>Healing</i> )
Saturday	12:15 pm	† Norma Ferrari Flanagan

## SHRINE OFFICE CLOSURES

Please note these dates when the office will be unavailable for the holidays and staff time-off:

- Tuesday, December 25 through Friday, Dec. 28
- Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Mass intentions can be made online. All other matters will be addressed on Jan. 2, 2019.

## ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Meetings every First Saturday of the month. The next meeting is January 5, 2019 in the Shrine church.



## NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Please come to enjoy the Shrine's **public Nativity Display** at the front entry to the historic church from the afternoon of Sunday, December 16 through Sunday, January 6, 2019.

### Concerts:

Sunday, December 16 at **2:00PM**—Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers

Sunday, December 23 at **6:30PM**—Schola Chorale

### Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve:

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

### Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day:

Mass at **11:00AM**

### Wednesday, December 26:

The Shrine church, chapel and office will be **CLOSED**.  
There will be no Mass or Confessions.

### Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve— VIGIL FOR PEACE

Confessions from **6PM to 7PM**

Mass at **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**

### Tuesday, January 1, 2019 New Year's Day

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Mass at **11:00AM**



*Pax et Bonum*



## ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

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.

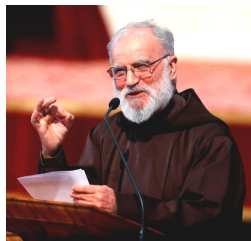
Recited daily following Mass.

## IN TIMES OF TROUBLE, HOLD FAST TO GOD, CAPUCHIN TELLS POPE

ROME - When storm clouds gather and the Catholic Church is tossed by the scandalous behavior of some of its members, Catholics must repeat what St. Francis of Assisi repeated: "God is and that suffices," the preacher of the papal household told Pope Francis and his aides.

"Let us also learn to repeat these simple words to ourselves when, in the Church or in our lives, we find ourselves in circumstances similar to those of (St.) Francis, and many clouds will disperse," said **Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa** on Dec. 7.

The preacher of the papal household leads the pope and Roman Curia officials in a spiritual reflection on most Fridays of Advent and Lent. For his 2018 Advent reflections, Cantalamessa said he would "set aside every other theme and any reference to current problems" and focus on each individual's need for a personal relationship with God.



"We know from experience that an authentic personal relationship with God is the first requirement in dealing with all the situations and problems that come up without us losing our peace and patience," said the 84-year-old Cantalamessa.

At the suggestion of Pope Francis, Cantalamessa will lead a retreat for the bishops of the United States Jan. 2-8 at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago as they continue to discuss and discern ways to handle the clerical sexual abuse crisis.

For the theme of his Advent reflections at the Vatican, the Capuchin chose a verse from Psalm 42: "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God."

"People today are passionate in searching for signs of the existence of intelligent beings on other planets," which is "legitimate and understandable," he told the pope and Curia officials. "Few, however, search for and study the signs of the Living Being who has created the universe, who entered into its history, and who lives in it."

Yet while "we have the real Living One in our midst," he said, "we overlook him to search for hypothetical beings who, in the best of cases, could do very little for us and certainly could not save us from death."

A fundamental fact for those who believe in God is not only that he exists, Cantalamessa said, but that he lives and continually seeks a relationship with the human beings he created.

Many Christians see Jesus' remark "Seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" as a promise that Jesus will give them everything they ask for, and then are "perplexed because we see this rarely happens," he said.

But the basic promise is "Seek me and you will find me; knock and I will open the door," Cantalamessa said. "He promises to give himself, above and beyond the small things we ask of him, and this promise is always infallibly kept. Whoever seeks him finds him; he will open to whoever knocks, and once someone has found him, everything else is secondary."

According to a Franciscan scholar, he said, St. Francis was comforted and went around repeating to himself, "God is and that suffices! God is and that suffices!"

Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Services, Dec. 7, 2018

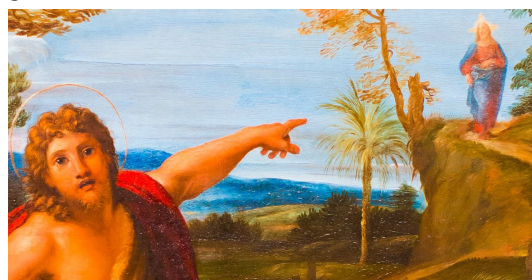
## Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

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)*

When he was born, St. Francis' mother chose to have him baptized as Giovanni Battista (John Baptist). His father Pietro, a merchant of fine cloth, heard this and was furious: how would it sound if the dealer in fine silk and satin had a son named after a man who wore camelhair! So Pietro decreed that his son would be known as Francesco (Frenchy). Despite the name change, however, Francis of Assisi truly followed the example of his patron, John the Baptist, and proclaimed the good news, always pointing people toward Jesus. And this Advent he still does. God bless and keep you!

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



## PERPETUAL VOWS FOR BR. VICTOR TAGLIANETTI

Please note the date and keep in your prayers our Capuchin brother Victor's upcoming PERPETUAL VOWS on Saturday, January 19, 2019.



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### Discerning a vocation?

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### Want to talk about your vocation questions?

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



## 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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## News and Events

### WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

Save the date: **Saturday, January 26, 2019**

Holy Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary: 9:30AM

Civic Center Plaza Rally: 12:30PM

Walk down Market Street begins: 1:30PM

*In support of the **Walk for Life**, the National Shrine will be participating in the Mass, Rally, and Walk.*

Please note on this day the Shrine will be **CLOSED** until 3:00pm. There will be no regularly scheduled Mass or Confessions.

There will be the celebration of the **Traditional Latin Mass** at 5:15PM in the historic church.

## 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.

You are 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](http://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.

### *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."



## 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.)

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