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 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. — Col. 3:17

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: 10:00AM - 5:00PM  MONDAY - SATURDAY
10:00AM - 2:00PM  SUNDAY
Open Certain Holidays
PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL: 10:00AM - 4:00PM WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY
10:00AM - 2:00PM  SUNDAY

SATURDAYS IN THE PORZIUNCOLA 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
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 10:50AM—12PM

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
First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).
Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).
Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ’s peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).
Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

DAILY MASS READINGS

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
**Tuesday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
**Wednesday:** Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
**Thursday:** Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
**Friday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday
1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
**Saturday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS
January 2020—Promotion of World Peace

That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: ANTONIO DE LA RIVA 1929—2019

Please remember in your prayers, the repose of soul of Antonio De La Riva, the father of our Shrine Rector, Fr. John. “Tony”, as he was known, passed away on December 14th not long after celebrating his 90th birthday. His Vigil Rosary, Funeral Mass and burial will be held on January 3rd & 4th in Southern California.

Eternal rest grant unto Antonio, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mass Intentions — DEC. 29 TO JAN. 4, 2020

**Sunday** 11:00 am † Jacques Rene Chirac
**Monday** 12:15 pm Souls in Purgatory
**Tuesday** 7:15 pm Mai Family (Thanksgiving)
**Wednesday** 11:00 am † Violet C. Dittman
7:00 pm Shrine CLOSED—No Mass
**Thursday** 12:15 pm † Liam Flanagan
**Friday** 12:15 pm † Marie Hong Tran
**Saturday** 12:15 pm Fr. John De La Riva, OFM Cap. (Intention)

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 11AM
Shrine Church
Holy Day of Obligation

Mary’s Divine Motherhood—Catechism of the Catholic Church

Paragraph 495 Called in the Gospels ”the mother of Jesus”, Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as ”the mother of my Lord”. In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly ”Mother of God” (Theotokos).
The Capuchins

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES AT THE SHRINE

The National Shrine was honored to have the presences of two Capuchins who con-celebrated with Father John at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass on Dec. 24th.

Pictured at the far left is Fr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap. Fr. Regis, visiting from Washington DC, is a world renowned expert on Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi, has authored nine books and many journal and encyclopedia articles as well as edited a number of other books. He taught at the Pontifical University Antonianum in Rome; the Franciscan Institute of Saint Bonaventure University, Olean, New York; and the Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury, England-where he served for 10 years as a governor. He is an Emeritus Professor at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

The homilist for the Vigil Mass was Fr. Hai Ho, OFM Cap. (2nd from right). Fr. Hai serves as chaplain of Saint Mary’s College, Moraga and Postulant Formator at the Capuchin Student House in Berkeley. The theme of his sermon was, “Emmanuel—God is with us” in all of life’s situations, good or bad.

On the far right is Br. Peter Ciolino, OFM Cap. a native of North Beach and familiar presence at the Shrine and his old neighborhood.

We are grateful for the friars, liturgical volunteers, and Mass attendees who made both observances of Christmas wonderful and spirit-enriching celebrations of the Eucharist and of Our Savior’s birth.

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.”

Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

“Our most holy Father, our Creator, Redeemer, Consoler, and Savior, Who are in heaven, in the angels and in the saints, enlightening them to love.” (St. Francis, Prayer Inspired by the Our Father)

Every family has its joys and its challenges. We know it was no different for the family of Francesco di Bernardone. Francis had to leave his family home and face rejection by his own father, Pietro. It was a hard price to pay for living out the call of God. I am sure Francis, to avoid becoming bitter, prayed for his own father every day. By following the path on which the Lord led him, the saint of Assisi learned to trust more and more in the one Father of us all. God bless you and give you a most grace-filled 2020!

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

In gratitude to our Shrine donors for their donations for the purchase of poinsettias adorning the church & chapel, we remember their prayer intentions:

**Collauti Family (Intention)**

**Cezanne M. Tocchini (Thanksgiving)**

**De Vincenzi Family (Intention)**

**John Berenguer**

**Erna Egli (Intention)**

**Members of the Purdy/Read Family**

**Caleb Sharma (Intention)**

**Mike English**

**Maria Molina (Intention)**

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**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP SALVATORE J. CORDILEONE**

"What a joy it is to celebrate once again this Christmas Day. Christmas is a time filled with so many special celebrations – family get-togethers and cherished memories. Many of us think, first and foremost, that Christmas is a time of gift giving; and that is, indeed, what we celebrate at Christmas. Christmas is the day we celebrate God’s greatest gift to us, the gift of His Son. His Son, born among us, taking on a human body, so that in that body he could die on the cross and win for us our eternal salvation. This is the gift we celebrate on Christmas.

But Christmas is not exactly about gift-giving, but a gift exchange. So what is the gift exchange between us and God? God has given us the greatest gift, the gift of His Son. What gift do we give God in exchange? We could never merit that gift, but we can receive it and live our lives for God, using all the gifts that God has entrusted to us – all of our talents, all of our time, all that we have materially as well as spiritually in this life – to use it for God’s purposes so that we might make a beautiful gift of ourselves, with the help of God’s grace, in return for the gift He has given us.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. “

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**PRAYERS FOR A BLESSED 2020**

The National Shrine staff prays for a faith-filled, healthy and prosperous New Year for our community, volunteers, benefactors and all the visitors who will pass through our doors in 2020. We hope you can join us for the New Year’s Eve Vigil for Peace, Tuesday beginning with 7:15PM Mass.

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**CATHOLIC RESOURCES**

**RELEVANT RADIO:** San Francisco—Bay Area— KSFB – 1260 AM, plus now on 101.7 FM

Live Stream: [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com)

TV MASS: Sundays at 6:00am on KTSF Channel 26 and KOFY Channel 20.

**Archbishop Cordileone’s New Video Channel:**


**EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) Videos**

— Television, Online Live Streaming & Radio


**VATICAN YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

[https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican](https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican#p/a)

**BIBLIACLERUS**

[http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index_eng.html](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**


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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.

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