



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Deacon Jerry Thomas

Deacon Dick Beaudry

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
and 4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary 25 minutes before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with Priest



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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday November 29

4:30 p.m. †James Barkow
by Rick & Sue Berst

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday November 30

8:30 a.m. †Charles & Bertha Mullan
by Donna & Mike Cousineau

10:30 a.m. †Robert Vogt by Jean Styers

4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Francis

Monday December 1

8:00 a.m. †James W. O'Brien, Sr.
by Barbara O'Brien

Tuesday December 2

8:00 a.m. †Gloria AVECILLA Nosce
by Chito & Maria Ocampo

Wednesday December 3

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Bonnett & Alcee Families
by Marlene Hill

Thursday December 4

8:00 a.m. Intention of Fr. James McAteer
by Chito & Maria Ocampo

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Friday December 5

8:00 a.m. †Francis Pacini
by Carmela Blair

Saturday December 6

4:30 p.m. †Raymond & Blanche Stark
by Marion Usher

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday December 7

8:30 a.m. †William Kingston, Jr.
by Pat & Jim Barry

10:30 a.m. Deceased & Living Members of the
St. Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

~John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for those who are ill, homebound, or confined to hospitals and nursing homes, especially for the following:

Benjamin Ambrose, Ernest den Masters, Rina & Luis
Nancy & Heather Berard, Joe Maura, Alberta Migues, Heidi
Beckering, Dorothy Benn, Louise Miller, Michelle
Dee Brown, Brittany Munoz, Helen O'Connor,
Bourassa, Dolores Budden- John Openlander, Ed Murray,
brock, Jimmy & James Burke, Rick Nellis, Mary Elizabeth
Raymond Burke, Goldie Bug- Polumbo, Richard Pope, Rev.
gert, Dana Calvani, Yovanna Joseph Presley, I.C., Granger
Campos Cabrere, Patty Capi- Redgrave, Catherine Schaefer,
tano, Alan Chester, Michael Louise Schrembi, Mary
Casagrande, Angie Chica, Schembri, Bill Shumsky, Pam
Daniella Crays, John Cushwa, Smith, Laura Spivey, Bob
Edward DeMars, Carmen Steadham, Evelyn Steen,
Connors, Jean Davis, Delia Andy Stramel, Jr., Stanton
Devine, Ruth Erlendsson, Sullivan, Bernadette Suppa,
Rosemarie Gabriel, Dennis James Toles, Betty Valleri,
Garcia, Mary Geraci, Kenny Isabel Valdez, Frank Vass, Al
Gay, Patricia Graf, Rachel Veinotte, Alice Veinotte,
Harlor, Howard Harper, Miriam Velez, Lucy Vessa,
Marlene Hill, Charlie Homs, Martin Vicari, Carol Wagner,
Addy Irazarry, Brady Keyes, Gabriel Wagner, George
Aliccia Marrone, John Wagner, and the Homebound
McFaul, Jim Miller, Carlene and their Caregivers and the
Mingle, Cindy Mellon, Chela repose of the soul of Rachel
& Herman Maldonado, Jay- Hebert and Patricia Ozimek.

Lord,

Look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

Daniel Hutton	Helen Castillo	James E. Desaulniers
Karen Castillo	Derrick M. Shea	Brennan Tyska
Aran Miller	Nathan Berry	James Kropp
Jarred Taracido	Devon Michael Callicoa	Robin Brown
Joseph Michalek	Matt Daniels	Josh Silva
Juan Cruz	Jack Vine	Charles Laing III
Christian Morelo	Jesse Will	Christa Seals
Adam Murray	Brittany L. Jones Baker	Joshua Eicholz
Kris Urquhart	Adam Baker	Kurt Datol
Stefan Tyska	Cameron Trinkle	Kevin Lime
Mickey Reese	Zachary Trinkle	
Christopher Heacox	Brandon Trinkle	
Ryan Levy Cruz	Dan Holder	
Jeff Calvani	Jesse Doyle	
Robert Lewis	Kenneth Urquhart	
Greg Bender	Aaron C. Lint	
Ryan Hurley	Lawrence Morgan Null	
J.P. Zotomayor	John Andrew Marple	



Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!

We extend a special welcome to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial.

Registration is very easy and the green "*Parish Registration*" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalms — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

WATCH!

"Watch!" This word occurs three times in today's Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of "watch" leaves no doubt as to what the story is about.

We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master's work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.

UNWRINKLED

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age.
~ Thomas Bailey Aldrich

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

These days I live in what had been for well over a hundred years a parish convent for the sisters who once taught in the parish's grade school. Like every old house it has creaks and clatters and clicks that ricochet about at night-time and never seem to be heard in the daytime house. And because all of us who live here are adults, we say it's just the noises of an old house bedding down for a sleep—until one of us is home alone at night. Then, when the others return, we rush to tell them how Mother Caroline was up and around again. The dark does crazy things to our imaginations and makes us act and think like kids.

The dark has a way of flaunting itself with fearsome noises and sowing mysterious unknowns. And when not only our bodies but also our very lives find themselves in the dark, when we don't know how best to deal with disciplining our children, or where to direct the rest of our lives, or how to manage a relationship, well, such darkness can seem unbearable. Then the dark is too much with us.

We're never quite sure what mysterious unknowns our God might raise up out of the dark. That may also be why each of us in our own crazy way tries to befriend the dark's noises. We say they're the sounds of an old house, or the day cooling down, or the furnace kicking in, or we say it's Mother Caroline. One way or another we find a way to live with the darkness, for who knows what our God, the divine potter of the reading from Isaiah, may yet do with the damp clay of our lives?

~ Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalms 122:1-9; Matthew 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalms 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37
 Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31
 Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalms 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalms 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
 Monday: World AIDS Awareness Day
 Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier
 Thursday: St. John Damascene
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: St. Nicholas; First Saturday

Ministries Schedule — December 6th & 7th**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Soleau, S.**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Caskey, M.**E.M.H.C.:** Angelo, J. & J.; Toles, C. & C.;
Silva, J.; Caskey, P.**Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Plourde, H.**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Lukban, D.**E.M.H.C.:** Shoemaker; Veinotte; Bull; Leone;
Pasden; Plourde**Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Oliu, M.**Altar Servers:** Wayne, K.; Kemp, D.**Lector:** Carr, K.**E.M.H.C.:** DiRisio; Mussenden; Vazquez; Carr;
Monaldi, F. & J.**Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Diaz, D.**Altar Servers:** Cortes, A.; Cortes, K.**Lector:** Wrobel, J.**E.M.H.C.:** LePochat; Whitehead; Hazzard;
Byerley; Claypoole, C. & J.**Homebound E.M.H.C.****December 5th:** First Friday

Priests visit homebound

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m. or
anytime by appointment with priest.**Anointing of the Sick**For all those threatened by serious illness: available
anytime, but particularly during daily Mass.**Baptisms**

After required instruction, contact parish office.

MarriageContact office at least six months before desired date
and before setting date.**Business Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis**November 30 — December 6, 2014**

Monday December 1	Emaus Group	7:00 p.m.
	Baptism Class	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday December 2	Legion of Mary	8:30 a.m.
	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	7:00 p.m.
	Pope John XXIII Prayer Group	7:00 p.m.
	Women's Guild Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday December 3	Dinner for the Needy	4:30 p.m.
	RCIA	7:15 P.M.
	MDS Group	7:30 p.m.
Thursday December 4	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
	Knights of Columbus:	6:30 p.m.
	Officers & Business Meeting	
	Aspirants	7:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
Friday December 5	Hispanic Community:	7:00 p.m.
	Confession & Adoration	
Saturday December 6	Hispanic Faith Formation	5:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Youth Group	5:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.

St. Francis Women's Guild

The Guild invites all the women of the parish to the next monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 2nd at 7 p.m.** in the Dinner Hall. We will be making a small Christmas craft to take home. Bring a friend and join us for spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

BAPTISM CLASS

The next scheduled baptism class for those parents wishing to have their children baptized here at St. Francis will be Monday evening, **December 1st at 7:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room. **Parents need to complete our series of three classes prior to having their child baptized.**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

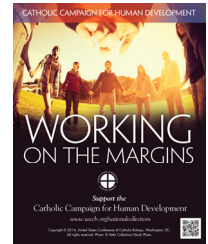
The feast day of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, Monday, December 8th is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be celebrated in honor of this feast day on **Monday, Dec. 8th at 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in English and 7:30 p.m. in Spanish in the Social Hall.**

Thank You.

A sincere thank you for all the Masses and cards in memory of my daughter, Ann Johnson. I will keep each of you in my prayers. With gratitude and thanks, *Rachel Harlor*

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we help keep Catholic social teaching alive and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18).



MARCH FOR LIFE, ST. AUGUSTINE

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, January 17, 2015

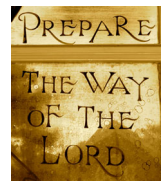


March for Life, St. Augustine is for anyone of any faith who believes in the sanctity of human life. Nativity Catholic Church of Brandon, FL is coordinating a bus trip for the *March for Life, St. Augustine*.

Registration for the trip will take place after all the Masses at St. Francis on Dec. 13th & 14th.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Advent is the season in which we prepare for the great celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. Please join us on **Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.** for our *Parish Advent Reconciliation Service*. ***Prepare ye the way of the Lord...***



Can you help?

A couple and their disabled son who live at Williams Landing need an occasional ride to 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. If you can help, please call Judy at 813-653-0055.

Angel Tree



The *St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry* has an **Angel Tree**, located in the narthex. Please take home an "angel" or an "ornament" and bring back your donated non-perishable food items and place them in the barrel next to the tree. What a wonderful way to give back and help those in need, especially this time of the year! All donations support our Food Pantry, open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1-3 p.m. The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers. If you have about 3 hours to spare and are interested, please contact the parish office during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 681-9115.

Time of Preparation

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St. Francis Chronicle



Francis: Advent is upon us once more, Bluey...

Blue Jay: It hardly seems possible, dear saint, that a whole year has gone by already, does it?

Francis: You're obviously enjoying life, my friend, if time is passing you by so quickly, right?

Blue Jay: Obviously so, Francis, there's never a dull moment here in the lobby of St. Francis church, I mean the traffic ongoing...

Francis: And I'm so happy to see that our poor, homeless brothers and sisters have free access and a welcome here...I enjoy listening to them and see how well our office staff—and Miss Sally—treat them.

Blue Jay: Advent is such a hard time for them, I mean Thanksgiving for those who are home-less just doesn't sound right, does it?

Francis: Nor does Christmas, my friend. Just imagine spending Christmas under a tree in the cold weather?

Blue Jay: Of course, we mustn't forget where Jesus Our Saviour spent His first birthday, dear saint...

Francis: You're just being argumentative, Bluey. Remember Jesus was in the best of company, His Mother and St. Joseph, and all the animals around Him to keep Him warm.

Blue Jay: Okay, okay, you're right, of course, even if an animal shelter is no Tampa General Hospital!

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Maria LePochat	651-9813
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos	
Adam DeMary	
Clothing Pantry	
Bill Klosterman	708-4230
Eucharistic Adoration	
Susan Soleau	689-6914
Faith Formation	
Judy Erlendsson	661-3091
Eucharistic Ministers	
Pam Caskey	651-1165
Helping Hands	
Judy Harris	653-0055
Hispanic Ministry	
Sonia Barroso	651-4038
Hispanic Religious Education	
Cristina Garcia	571-5430
Hispanic Baptism Classes	
Maria Elena Parilla	657-0218
HomeBound/Nursing Home Visitation	
Monica & David Brandies	654-1969
Knights of Columbus	
Steve Jarosz	685-2021
Lectors	
Alice Murray	315-9613
Legion of Mary	
Marie Colvin	571-8170
Rosary Leader	
Dawn Silva	649-8957
RCIA	
Deacon Dick Beaudry	689-0769
Sacristans	
Maria Ocampo	653-3011
Scouts	
Kathy & Ted Domey	685-8242
Tender Care/Food Pantry	
John Familetti	681-9115
Ushers	
Ron Mullen	661-5983
Women's Guild	
Susan Boudreau	651-9150
Margarita Maria Colon	643-6421
Youth Group	
Steve Jarosz	685-2021

Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude for God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we acknowledge and salute **Sherry Sweeney**, Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion... *Thank you, Sherry!!*

Stewardship Reflection

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." ~ Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance.

Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. **Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, everyday, and listen to what God is saying to you.**

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, November 16, 2014

"Charity is above all a hymn of love."

Offertory Collection	\$7,384.85
Children's & Youth Envelope & Loose/Contents	20/\$77.00
On Line Giving/Offertory	\$1,190.00
Total Offertory for this week.....	\$8,651.85
Total Offertory, week of 2013	\$8,537.39
Increase.....	\$114.46
Envelopes Issued/Used	661/241(37%)
Building Fund.....	\$240.00
On Line Building Fund	\$115.00
Total Building Fund for this week.....	\$355.00
Budgeted Expense This Month	\$52,000.00
Total Receipts Month to Date.....	\$30,671.76
2014 APA	\$695.00
On Line 2014 APA	\$145.00
Total 2014 APA for this week	\$840.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 175	6:30 p.m. 295
8:30 a.m. 217	10:30 a.m. 274
4:30 p.m. 198	
Total Attendance: 1,159	

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 make our bulletin possible.
Thank You!

~ For the Week of November 16, 2014 ~

POOR BOX DONATIONS

\$268.18

DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$239.30

Thanks to all who so generously support our Poor Box & Dinner Ministry Collections. Because of your support, we are able to help those in need. *Thank you and God bless!!*

A Unique Gift at Christmas



REMEMBER a loved one at Christmas with a gift of poinsettias to beautify our altar and sanctuary area. All honorees and those memorialized will be listed in our **December 21st** bulletin unless anonymity is requested.

Suggested donation is \$10.00 per poinsettia plant. Please insert the name(s) in the appropriate section, "**In Memory of**" or "**In Honor of**" on this form. Make your check payable to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, attach it to this form with payment and place in our offertory basket or in the parish drop box in the lobby next to the water fountain.

Please do so as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday, December 16th.

MEMORIALS

(for the deceased)

No. of
Poinsettias

Please Print Name as it is to Appear in Bulletin on December 21st.
(Please print clearly.)

_____	In Memory of _____
_____	In Memory of _____
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HONOREES

No. of
Poinsettias

Please Print Name as it is to Appear in Bulletin on December 21st.
(Please print clearly.)

_____	In Honor of _____
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_____ Total POINSETTIAS at \$ 10.00 EACH = _____

By: _____ ph: (____) _____ - _____