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(Rosminians)**

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Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C.

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Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m. (English)

6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

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

Rosary 30 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

Fourth Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018

*Mary set out and traveled to the hill country
in haste to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.*

Luke 1:39-40



Mass Intentions for the Week



- Saturday December 22**
 4:30 p.m. †Margaret Bauer by Theresa Bauer
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday December 23**
 8:30 a.m. †Jose Ariel Puerto by Jose Puerto
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
 4:30 p.m. †Pierre, Josette, & Michael Casagrande by Anne & Jose DelaFuente
- Monday December 24—Christmas Eve**
 4:00 p.m. †Celebration of Ellen Rothermel by Larry & Girls
 5:30 p.m. †Betty Muley by Nick Muley
 7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
 11:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday December 25—Christmas Day**
 8:30 a.m. †Deacon Jerry Thomas by Janna Ahmed
 10:30 a.m. For the Family of Marilyn Oliu
- Wednesday December 26**
 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Heidi, Christopher, & Paul Soleau by Mom
- Thursday December 27**
 8:00 a.m. †Frank Vass by Eva Vass
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass - †Primitiva Cabrera by Blanca Cabrera & Family
- Friday December 28**
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Dianne Ramsey by Carl Francis Kosierowski
- Saturday December 29**
 4:30 p.m. †David Arguelles by Vergelina Thompson
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday December 30**
 8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to God for the Year's Blessings by The Tran Family
 10:30 a.m. Toby Matheiu Ayallore by Ayallore family
 4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

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

Doreen Alfano, Pat Allen, Benjamin Ambrose, Cheryl Bauer, Bonnie Beaudry, Eileen Boyle, Dee Brown, Richard Brown, Dana Calvani, Frances Calvani, Jim Calvani, Maria Celani, Helen & Jack Clark, Susan Conely, Carmen Connors, John Danet, Doug Dimick, Marisa Dunn, Rick Eisenhard, Ralph Fehr, Barbara Fellabick, Mark Fetterman, Kenny Gay, Scott Gill, Brian Goldbach, Bill Haladay, Ada Hall, Charles Hall, Rachel Harlor, Colleen Harmon, Ronald Lee Hayes, Olivia Hicks, Coleman & Marlene Hill, Norma Homs, Doyle James, Ben Jones, Patricia Koch, Jill Kotowski, Norma Martinez, Shawn McConnel, John & Charlotte McFaul, Duncan McKenzie, Marie Miranda, Cheryl Morgan, David Mueller, Darryl Mummert, Kelly Murphy, Ed & Gerry Murray, Beverly Natter, Florence Nutting & Baby Girl, Charles Paisley, Tim Pasden, Mary Elizabeth Polumbo, Luisa Puerto, John Poulos, Isabella Powers, Pat Racic, Mary Ellen Riley, Pat & Barbara Riley, Elise Rowe, Harry Santos, Frank Schiele, Renee Schiele, Ada Scimeca, Tom Seals, Gail Shoyren, Bill Shumsky, Mike Silva, Catherine Mary Skidmore, Laura Spivey, Stanton Sullivan, Betty Valleri, Alice & Terry Veinotte, Ron Verheertum, Martin Vicario, Carol Wagner, Gabriel Wagner, George Wagner, Joan Wagner, Dave & Janice Wedderman, Robby Wedderman, Lorraine Wenner, Kurt Wicker, Paul Wicker, Mary Winiarski, Tom Woodard, Lisien Wong, Adalynn Wright, Georgiana Zawlocki, Ron Ziegler, the Homebound and their Caregivers and the repose of the soul of Patricia McDonough.

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	Jesse Witt	Remy Herrero
Aran Miller	Brittany I Jones Baker	Leobardo Martinez
Jarred Taracido	Adam Baker	Alejandro Cuesta
Joseph Michalek	Dan Holder	Wesley Kosierowski
Juan Cruz	Jesse Doyle	Nicholas Kosierowski
Spencer Dewey	Kenneth Urquhart	Paul Michael Presley
Kris Urquhart	Aaron C. Lint	Christopher Jeffers
Mickey Reese	Lawrence Morgan Null	Jared Michael Null
Christopher Heacox	John Andrew Marple	Haley Elizabeth Null
Ryan Levy Cruz	James E. Desaulniers	Donovan O'Connor
Jeff Calvani	Brennan Tyska	Jaiden Andrus
Ryan Hurley	James Kropp	Tony Cuesta
J.P. Zotomayor	Robin Brown	Michael Mulhern
Helen Castillo	Josh Silva	Jeanine Hatfield
Nathan Berry	Charles Laing III	U.S.S. Alabama Crew
Devon M. Callicoat	Mario Perez	Magaly Oliu
Matt Daniels	Joshua Eicholz	Michael Baez
Ryan Dimick	Kevin Lime	Trey M. Bushee
Patrick Jonker	Collin Newman	Shaun R. Bushee



Eternal rest, grant unto them,
 O Lord, and let perpetual
 light shine upon them.
 May the souls of the faithful
 departed through the mercy
 of God rest in peace. Amen.

From the Pastor...

My Dear People in Christ,

Composer and performer, Bradley James, has set Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta's teachings and prayers to music in the internationally acclaimed recording, *Gift of Love: Music to the Words and Prayers of Mother Teresa*.

Bradley remembers her teaching: "Mother said we don't have to go to Calcutta to help the poor; rather, we must help them right in front of us." He applied this lesson when he encountered a homeless beggar on the streets of San Francisco. Bradley placed some money in his metal cup, then reached out and shook the man's hand. The recipient gave him a big smile, and the two exchanged names and small talk. Bradley recalls: "Then he pulled me a little closer and said, 'Thanks for the money, but what I really needed was a handshake' (Cf. Susan Conroy, *Our Sunday Visitor*, Oct. 19, 2003, p. 17). In effect, Bradley replicated this in his life and experienced the joyful mystery of the Lord's Visitation described in today's Gospel.

In his commentary on this episode of visitation, William Barclay remarks that blessedness confers on a person, both the greatest joy and the greatest task in the world. Nowhere can we see the paradox better than in Mary's life. Mary was granted the blessedness and privilege of being the mother of the Son of God. Yet, that very blessedness was to be a sword to pierce her heart: one day she would see her Son hanging on a cross.

So, to be chosen by God is often both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. God does not choose us for a life of ease and comfort, but to use us for His purposes. When St. Joan of Arc knew that her time was short, she prayed, "I shall only last a year; use me as You can." When we realize God's purposes in our lives, the sorrows and hardships of life disappear.

We can make a real difference in the lives of others by carrying Jesus to them. However, we cannot give what we do not possess. Christmas is the ideal time for us to be filled with the Spirit of Christ, allowing His rebirth within us. Thus He enables us to share His love with all whom we encounter by offering them humble and committed service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate caring.

Sharing Jesus with others is the best Christmas gift we can give. God wants each of us, like Mary, to carry to those around us the Lord of Life. It is easy to send flowers, Christmas cards or gifts. To give the gift of oneself, however, is the greatest gift of all. During the Christmas Season, God calls us into action as He did with Mary. Is there anyone we know who is lonely, in a nursing home, ill or bedridden? Can we help him or her with a brief visit?

I wish you and your family a blessed Advent Season.

Fr. Edison Bernavas I.C.



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 cream "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—From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).
Psalm—Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading—We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel—Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

More than 500 Nativity Scenes from Around the World are on Display in Plant City

Nativity scenes have been a popular Advent and Christmas tradition for centuries and are cherished by people of all ages. Now, there is an opportunity to see 500 nativity scenes on display in one room. Saint Clement Catholic Church, in Plant City, is presenting "Nativities Around the World." These artistic and unique Nativities are from different periods in history and from many different styles.



Location:

St. Clement Catholic Church, Cronin Hall, 1104 North Alexander Street, Plant City (Less than a minute's drive south of Interstate 4, Exit 21.)

Dates/Times:

After each weekend Mass and also each Sunday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM starting on December 1, 2018, and continuing through January 7, 2019. Group tours on other dates/times can be arranged by contacting Carol Rodriguez, 813-727-5214 or Crodriguez@stclementpc.org.

Please Join our FORMED Online Community

As a member, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. We are providing this resource free of charge to help our members learn and grow in their faith. So please join us. To sign up for FREE, just visit us here:

<https://stfranciscc.formed.org> and use Parish Code: Y499KR.

Ministries Schedule - December 29 & 30

Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Bill Klosterman
Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers
Lector: Bob Winiarski
E.M.H.C.: Hall, Mummert, Subko, J. & J. Angelo, Benn

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Joseph O'Connor
Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers
Lector: Marie Colvin
E.M.H.C.: Shoemaker, Belinski, Boucher, Calvani, Gergen, Plourde

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: John Mabe
Altar Servers: S. Berhie, K. Erlendsson, G. Tran
Lector: Stu Martin
E.M.H.C.: DiRisio, Erlendsson, Klosterman, Moylan, Mussenden, Quintas

Sunday - 4:30 p.m.. Mass

Rosary Leader: Robert Winiarski
Altar Servers: Y. Mai, S. Iyog
Lector: Melanie Flott
E.M.H.C.: Byerley, B. & J. Harper, Redgrave, Smith Whitehead

Homebound E.M.H.C.

First Group: Kathy Carr & Marilyn Oliu
Second Group: Chito & Maria Ocampo
Third Group: Stu & Kristin Martin

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

Contact parish office to receive required instruction.

Marriage

Contact 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

Dec 23 -- Dec 29, 2018

Monday Dec. 24	Christmas Eve—Office Closed See page 7 for Mass schedule	
Tuesday Dec. 25	Christmas Day—Office Closed See page 7 for Mass schedule	
Wednesday Dec. 26	Dinner for the Needy	4:30 p.m.
Thursday Dec. 27	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.

O Come, Long Foretold

O come, Desired of nations,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold
Will break the captive fetters,
Redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.



~Simon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745), Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)

St Francis Car & Craft Show! Please Help!



Your assistance is needed to distribute our 2019 Sweetheart Celebration of Life Car & Craft Show flyers to other car shows in our area. This is the principal method of spreading the word to car show enthusiasts about our show. Through your involvement, we will make our February 9, 2019, Car & Craft Show even more fun than last year!!

Please see the dates and locations listed below or text/call Captain Carl at 813-546-9440 to select a car show location, date and time that is amenable to your schedule. Thanks!!

- ◆ **Thursday, January 3**
Roamin' Oldies Car Club Cruise-In, Mira Bay Winn Dixie Plaza, Hwy 41, Apollo Beach, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday, January 12**
Boggy Bottom Auto Show at Luptons Boggy Bottom Ranch, 8407 Lupton Pl., Plant City 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday, January 19**
Plant City Strawberry Classic Car and Truck Show McCall Park, 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday, January 26**
Pepboys of Brandon Car show at 1747 W. Brandon Blvd. 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Please Note...

Beginning the first weekend of January, the prayer list and the military personnel list in our bulletin will be completely revised. If there is someone on either list that you feel needs to remain, please contact the parish office and let us know. The new people will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless indicated that this is a long term illness. The troops will remain on the list for one year, and a reminder will go out next year to renew your loved one for an additional year. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Marriage Struggling?

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, no matter how bad it may be... Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program in Tampa Bay begins **Jan 25-27, 2019**. For more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org, or call (813) 816-0711. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.



Learn to Speak Latin

The Latin class of Most Holy Redeemer parish will welcome new students on January 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. To register, write cbracdon@msn.com or call (813) 748-0746. *Lingua Latina est thesaurus incomparandae praestantiae* - The Latin language is a treasure of incomparable value.

Blankets & Coats

If you have any new or gently used/clean blankets or coats that you are not using, please consider donating them to the parish office so that we can pass them out to the poor and needy in our area once the weather begins to get cold. The warmth of your generosity will go a long way in making someone's life just a little bit better. Thank you and God Bless.



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 food barrel. 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 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1-3 p.m. *Thank you for your generosity and support!*

Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center & Knights Women's Center



Volunteers Needed

We need you! Your skills can save lives by educating, supporting, and empowering women to make positive life affirming choices of responsible parenting or adoption. You can make a difference by being a positive influence for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Please consider serving God by serving women and families in need and by protecting our most precious pre-born infants. Flexible hours available to meet your schedule. Your investment in our future will make a difference! **Volunteer opportunities:** Client Advocates & Mentors, Office Assistants, Fundraising, Ultrasound Nurses or Technicians and Baby Boutique Helpers.

Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center,
6515 N. Armenia Av, Tampa 33604
For more information contact Liliana Gimenez,
813-631-4398, lgimenez@ccdosp.org

Wedding Jubilee Mass 2019

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Gregory Parkes will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on **Sunday, February 10th at 3:00pm**. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate 25, 50 or more years of marriage during the 2019 calendar year. **Please RSVP to the parish office by Thursday January 24th.**



Florida March for Life

The Diocese is sponsoring a day trip to the Florida March for Life in the nation's oldest city, St. Augustine, on **Saturday, January 12, 2019**. This March is for anyone who believes in the sanctity of human life. \$40.00/ adults and \$20.00/ages 13 and younger - includes boxed lunch.



The bus will depart St. Francis of Assisi Parish at 6:20 a.m. but please arrive at the parish 20 minutes early. After the March, participants are welcome to walk around Old St. Augustine or enjoy a Spaghetti dinner (\$10 donation) at the Cathedral. The bus will leave the Cathedral at 3:30 p.m. to bring you back to St. Francis. You should expect to arrive back around 7:00 p.m. Learn more and register here: <http://www.dosp.org/life/upcoming-events/> Question? Contact Sabrina Schultz at 727-344-1611 or sab@dosp.org. **There will be sign-up tables after all Masses, the weekend of December 29th & 30th** for those wishing to ride the bus and participate in this year's March for Life.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Judy Erlendsson.....	244-2853
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos.....	334-3454
Clothing Pantry	
Contact the Parish Office.....	681-9115
Eucharistic Adoration	
Susan Soleau.....	689-6914
Faith Formation	
Judy Erlendsson.....	244-2853
Food Pantry	
Marie Colvin.....	571-8170
Eucharistic Ministers	
Pam Caskey.....	651-1165
Helping Hands	
Dottie Mabe.....	681-2421
Hispanic Religious Education	
Maday Gonzalez.....	357-7813
Gloria Trejo.....	365-6392
Hispanic Baptism Classes	
Maria Elena Parilla.....	657-0218
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator	
Juanita Vega.....	731-0893
HomeBound/Nursing Home Visitation	
Janet Ganske.....	943-9928
Knights of Columbus	
Jack Claypoole.....	850-375-3628
Lectors	
Bob Winiarski.....	333-1976
Legion of Mary	
Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
Respect Life	
Carl Francis Kosierowski.....	546-9440
Rosary Leader	
Dawn Silva.....	649-8957
RCIA	
Fr. Henry Sebastian.....	681-9115
Sacristans	
Maria Ocampo.....	653-3011
Scouts	
Kathy & Ted Domey.....	685-8242
Tender Care	
John Familetti.....	681-9115
Ushers	
Ron Mullen.....	661-5983
Women's Guild	
Dottie Mabe.....	681-2421
Youth Ministry	
Joanna Kauer.....	731-7693

Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude of God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we wish to acknowledge and salute, *Dottie Mabe*, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound and Helping Hands Coordinator, & Office Volunteer. Thank you Dottie!

Stewardship Reflections

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
-- Luke 1:42



Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Offertory Collection.....	\$6,948.85
Children's & Youth Collection.....	\$59.00
On Line Giving/Offertory.....	\$988.00
Total Offertory for this week.....	\$7,995.85
Immaculate Conception Collection:.....	\$2,062.50
Building Fund.....	\$154.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 175	6:30 p.m. 275
8:30 a.m. 144	10:30 a.m. 227
4:30 p.m. 187	
Total Attendance: 1008	

~ For the Week of December 9, 2018 ~

POOR BOX DONATIONS
\$244.74

DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS
\$680.42

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!!*

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Stewardship by the Book

Be on guard, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

2018 Christmas Mass Schedule

Dear Parishioner,

May the infant Jesus, born on this Christmas day, bring peace into your souls and abundant blessings into the home of every parishioner. May every heart be opened to the infant Prince of Peace be a fervent reception of the Sacraments of his love.

This Christmas wish we send to you together with our grateful thanks for your very kind cooperation and good-will during the past year.

Let us continue this kind spirit of cooperation and good-will in the years to come and ask the Divine infant today to bring peace and happiness into our hearts and homes and blessings upon our parish. On Christmas morning you will be remembered in all Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C. and Fr. Henry Sebastian, I.C.

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th

4:00p.m., 5:30 p.m.* & 11:30 p.m.**

*Christmas Nativity performed by Faith Formation Students

**Caroling starts at 11:00p.m.

7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

Vigil Mass, Monday, December 31st

6:30pm English Mass

8:00pm Spanish Mass

Tuesday, January 1st

8:00am and 6:30pm English Mass

Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos hermanos en Cristo,

El compositor e intérprete, Bradley James, ha puesto música a las enseñanzas y oraciones de la Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta en la grabación internacionalmente aclamada, Regalo de amor: Música a las palabras y oraciones de la Madre Teresa.

Bradley recuerda su enseñanza: "La madre dijo que no tenemos que ir a Calcuta para ayudar a los pobres; más bien, debemos ayudar los que están justo enfrente de nosotros". Aplicó esta lección cuando se encontró con un mendigo sin hogar en las calles de San Francisco. Bradley puso algo de dinero en su taza de metal, luego extendió la mano y estrechó la mano del hombre. El destinatario le dio una gran sonrisa, y los dos intercambiaron nombres y charlas. Bradley recuerda: "Luego me acerque un poco más y dijo: 'Gracias por el dinero, pero lo que yo realmente necesitaba era un apretón de manos' (Cf. Susan Conroy, Our Sunday Visitor, 19 de octubre de 2003, p. 17). En efecto, Bradley replicó esto en su vida y experimentó el alegre misterio de la Visita del Señor descrita en el Evangelio de hoy.

En su comentario sobre este episodio de visitación, William Barclay comenta que la bendición confiere a una persona, tanto la mayor alegría como la mayor tarea del mundo. En ninguna parte podemos ver la paradoja mejor que en la vida de María. María recibió la bendición y el privilegio de ser la madre del Hijo de Dios. Sin embargo, esa misma bendición sería una espada para perforar su corazón: un día ella vería a su Hijo colgado en una cruz.

Entonces, ser elegido por Dios es a menudo tanto una corona de alegría como una cruz de dolor. Dios no nos elige para una vida fácil y cómoda, sino para usarnos para sus propósitos. Cuando Santa Juana de Arco supo que le quedaba poco tiempo, ella oró: "Solo duraré un año; utilízame como puedas". Cuando nos damos cuenta de los propósitos de Dios en nuestras vidas, las tristezas y dificultades de la vida desaparecen.

Podemos hacer una diferencia real en la vida de los demás al llevar a Jesús a ellos. Sin embargo, no podemos dar lo que no poseemos. La Navidad es el momento ideal para que nos llenemos con el Espíritu de Cristo, permitiendo su renacimiento dentro de nosotros. Por lo tanto, Él nos permite compartir su amor con todos los que encontramos al ofrecerles un servicio humilde y comprometido, un perdón incondicional y un cuidado compasivo.

Compartir a Jesús con los demás es el mejor regalo de Navidad que podemos dar. Dios quiere que cada uno de nosotros, como María, lleve a los que nos rodean el Señor de la Vida. Es fácil enviar flores, tarjetas navideñas o regalos. Sin embargo, darnos nosotros mismos en regalo, es el regalo más grande de todos. Durante la temporada de Navidad, Dios nos llama a la acción como lo hizo con María. ¿Conocemos a alguien que esté solo, en un asilo de ancianos, enfermo o postrado en cama? ¿Podemos ayudarlo con una breve visita?

Les deseo a usted y a su familia una bendecida temporada de Adviento.

P. Edison Bernavas I.C.



Bienvenidos a San Francisco de Asís!

Damos una especial bienvenida a todos los visitantes y nuevos feligreses que han venido hoy a celebrar la Misa con nosotros. Si usted es nuevo en nuestra comunidad, por favor preséntese a nuestro clero. Si vive en esta área y participa de la Misa regularmente, le invitamos a unirse a nuestra parroquia. Registrarse es importante para asuntos de bautizo, primera comunión, confirmación, unción de los enfermos y funerales.

La inscripción es muy fácil. Los formularios se encuentran a la entrada de la parroquia. Son unas tarjetas de color crema con el título, '**Registro Parroquial**'. Después de completarla, colóquela en el buzón ubicado en la puerta al lado de la fuente de agua en el vestíbulo.

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura—De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel (Miquea 5:1-4a).

Salmo—Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura—Aquí estoy, Dios mío, para hacer tu voluntad (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio—Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:39-45).

Las Fundaciones Centro de Embarazo y Centro de la Mujer

Te necesitamos! Tus habilidades y destrezas pueden salvar vidas educando, apoyando y dando valor a mujeres para hacer una vida positiva reafirmando elecciones de paternidad y adopción responsable. Usted puede hacer una gran diferencia influyendo de manera positiva hacia mujeres enfrentando embarazos no planeados. Porfavor considere servir a Dios ayudando y sirviendo a mujeres y familias en necesidad y protegiendo a los preciosos bebés que aún no han nacido, horarios flexibles y que se acomodan al suyo, su inversión en este proyecto puede hacer una gran diferencia en un future. Oportunidades para voluntarios en : Abogados, consejeros de clientes , asistente de oficina , recaudador de fondos , técnicos o enfermeras en sonograma y ayudantes en la boutique(tienda) de bebé.

Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center,
6515 N. Armenia Av, Tampa 33604

Para más información contacte a Liliana Gimenez, 813-631-4398, bgimenez@ccdos.org

Abrigos y Cobijas

Si usted tiene cobijas o abrigos nuevos o seminuevos que no esta usando, por favor considere donarlos ala oficina de la iglesia, de esa manera nosotros podremos darlos alas personas necesitadas de nuestra área una vez que las temperaturas comiencen a bajar y se ponga frio. Lo cálido de su generosidad mejorara la vida de una persona necesitada un poquito! Gracias y que Dios les bendiga.



Árbol de Angelitos



La despensa de St. Francisco de Asís pondrá el Arbolito de Navidad decorado con angelitos en la entrada de la iglesia. Por favor escoja un ornamento o un angelito y tráigalo de regreso a la iglesia con su donación de lo que se le pide en el angelito, comida enlatada o no percedera y póngalos en el barril de comida. Que maravillosa forma de dar para atrás de lo que Dios nos ha dado y poder ayudar a los mas necesitados especialmente en esta época del año. Todas sus donaciones dan soporte a nuestra despensa de comida que está abierta Lunes , Miércoles y Viernes de 1-3 pm. Gracias por su generosidad y soporte.

Bodas de Jubileo

La misa del jubileo, misa con el obispo Gregory Parkes se llevara acabó en la catedral de St. Judas el Apóstol el Domingo 10 de Febrero alas 3:00pm. Este evento honra a las parejas de nuestra diócesis que estarán celebrando 25, 50, o más años de matrimonio durante el año 2019. Por favor de registrarse en la parroquia antes del Jueves, 24 de Enero.

Marcha de Florida por la vida

La Diócesis está patrocinando un día de viaje (Marcha por la Vida) a la ciudad más antigua de la Nación, St. Agustín, **el Sábado 21 de Enero del 2019**. Esta marcha es para cualquier persona que crea en la santidad de la vida humana. \$40 Dólares por adulto y \$ 20 por niños menores de 13 años, un lonche incluido.

El autobús saldrá de la parroquia de St. Francis a las 6:20 am, favor de llegar 30 minutos antes. Después de la marcha los participantes son bienvenidos a dar una caminata alrededor del Antiguo St. Agustín y disfrutar una cena con espagueti (\$10 dólares donación) en la Catedral. El autobús saldrá a las 3:30 para traerlos de regreso. Se planea llegar a St. Francis a las 7 pm. **El 29 y 30 de diciembre habrá una mesa después de las misas registrándose por si desea ir en el autobús** o por favor de llamar o enviar un mensaje al Capitán Carl al (813) 546-9440.

<http://www.dosp.org/life/upcoming-events/> para más información o a sab@dosp.org con Sabrina.



Posadas Iglesia Catolica St. Francis



Fecha	Nombre Y Telefono	Direccion
SABADO 22 DE DICIEMBRE	Juanita (813) 731-0893	St. Francis
DOMINGO 23 DE DICIEMBRE	Sara Gomez (813) 900- 6308	1216 Freda Ln. Seffner, FL 33584
LUNES 24 DE DICIEMBRE	Juanita (813) 731-0893	St. Francis

Esta Semana en Nuestra Parroquia

Lunes 24

Noche Buena, La Oficina de la parroquia estará cerrada

Martes 25

Día de Navidad, La Oficina de la parroquia estará cerrada

Sábado 29

7:00 p.m. Practicá de Coro

Mas de 500 escenas de Pesebres de Alrededor del Mundo se Encuentran en Exposición, en Plant City



Escenas de pesebres han sido una tradición de Adviento y Navidad por muchos siglos y Apreciados por personas de todas las edades. Ahora tenemos la oportunidad de ver 500 escenas de pesebres en exposición. La iglesia Católica de San

Clemente, en Plant City, esta presentando “Pesebres Alrededor del Mundo “Estos únicos y artísticos pesebres son en diferentes estilos y en diferentes periodos de la historia.

Locación: Salón Social de la Iglesia Católica de St. Clemente, 1104 North Alexander Street, Plant City (a menos de un minuto manejando hacia el Sur de la interestatal 4, salida 21)

Hora/Fecha: El fin de semana después de cada misa y también cada Domingo de 2-5 pm. Empezando el 1 de Diciembre del, 2018, continuando hasta el 7 de Enero del 2019. Se pueden formar grupos de guía en los días y fechas mencionados, contactando a Carol Rodríguez, 813-727-5214 o por e-mail Crodriquez@stclementpc.org.

Tome Nota por favor...

El primer fin de semana de Enero, la lista de los militares en nuestro boletín será revisada completamente. Si usted desea mantener en la lista a algún militar miembro de su familia, comuníquese con la oficina para dejarlo saber. De ahora en adelante persona añadida a la lista solo se mantendrá en ella por 4 semanas, a menos que se indique que es una enfermedad a largo tiempo. Las tropas se mantendrán en la lista por un año , el próximo año se le recordara para renovar a su ser querido en la lista por un año mas. Gracias por su apoyo constante y su cooperación.

EN LA CARIDAD DE SUS ORACIONES, por favor oren por aquellos que están enfermos, encerrados en su casa o confinados en hospitales y hogares para ancianos, especialmente por los siguientes:

Doreen Alfano, Pat Allen, Benjamin Ambrose, Cheryl Bauer, Bonnie Beaudry, Eileen Boyle, Dee Brown, Richard Brown, Dana Calvani, Frances Calvani, Jim Calvani, Maria Celani, Helen & Jack Clark, Susan Conely, Carmen Connors, John Danet, Doug Dimick, Marisa Dunn, Rick Eisenhard, Ralph Fehr, Barbara Fellabick, Mark Fetterman, Kenny Gay, Scott Gill, Brian Goldbach, Bill Haladay, Ada Hall, Charles Hall, Rachel Harlor, Colleen Harmon, Ronald Lee Hayes, Olivia Hicks, Coleman & Marlene Hill, Norma Homs, Doyle James, Ben Jones, Patricia Koch, Jill Kotowski, Norma Martinez, Shawn McConnel, John & Charlotte McFaul, Duncan McKenzie, Marie Miranda, Cheryl Morgan, David Mueller, Darryl Mummert, Kelly Murphy, Ed & Gerry Murray, Beverly Natter, Florence Nutting & Baby Girl, Charles Paisley, Tim Pasden, Mary Elizabeth Polumbo, Luisa Puerto, John Poulos, Isabella Powers, Pat Racic, Mary Ellen Riley, Pat & Barbara Riley, Elise Rowe, Harry Santos, Frank Schiele, Renee Schiele, Ada Scimeca, Tom Seals, Gail Shoyren, Bill Shumsky, Mike Silva, Catherine Mary Skidmore, Laura Spivey, Stanton Sullivan, Betty Valleri, Alice & Terry Veinotte, Ron Verheertum, Martin Vicario, Carol Wagner, Gabriel Wagner, George Wagner, Joan Wagner, Dave & Janice Wedderman, Robby Wedderman, Lorraine Wenner, Kurt Wicker, Paul Wicker, Mary Winiarski, Tom Woodard, Lisien Wong, Adalynn Wright, Georgiana Zawlocki, Ron Ziegler, por los que estan en sus hogares y las personas que los cuidan .

Oramos por las personas que estan luchando con alguna enfermedad. Señor, pasa tu mano sanadora sobre ellas, y líbralas del sufremiento, concédeles una pronta recuperación, fortaleza y cuidado mientras se sanan. Gracias en el nombre de Jesús, Amén

Por favor recuerden orar por nuestras tropas, especialmente:

Daniel Hutton	Brittany L Jones Baker	Remy Herrero
Aran Miller	Adam Baker	Leobardo Martinez
Jarred Taracido	Dan Holder	Wesley Kosierowski
Joseph Michalek	Jesse Doyle	Nicholas Kosierowski
Juan Cruz	Kenneth Urquhart	Paul Michael Presley
Spencer Dewey	Aaron C. Lint	Christopher Jeffers
Kris Urquhart	Lawrence Morgan Null	Jared Michael Null
Mickey Reese	John Andrew Marple	Haley Elizabeth Null
Christopher Heacox	James E. Desaulniers	Donovan O'Connor
Ryan Levy Cruz	Brennan Tyska	Jaiden Andrus
Jeff Calvani	James Kropp	Tony Cuesta
Ryan Hurley	Robin Brown	Michael Mulhern
J.P. Zotomayor	Josh Silva	Jeanine Hatfield
Helen Castillo	Charles Laing III	U.S.S. Alabama Crew
Nathan Berry	Mario Perez	Magaly Oliu
Devon M. Callicoat	Joshua Eicholz	Michael Baez
Matt Daniels	Kevin Lime	Collin Newman
Ryan Dimick	Patrick Jonker	Trey M. Bushee
Jesse Witt		Shaun R. Bushee
Alejandro Cuesta		

Calendario de Ministerios -- Dec. 24 & 29

Lunes, 24 de diciembre. Misa 7:30 p.m.
Líder de Rosario: Gustavo Cervantes
Servidores del Altar: Por favor regístrese en la sacristía
Lectura: Jose Nima y Benjamin Aguado
Ministros Extraordinarios de La Sagrada Comunión: Por favor regístrese en la sacristía

Sabado, 29 de diciembre. Misa 6:30 p.m.
Líder de Rosario: Jose Lopez
Servidores del Altar: Por favor regístrese en la sacristía
Monitor: Marisela Morales
Lecturas: Natividad Benitez y Marta Carrillo
Ministros Extraordinarios de La Sagrada Comunión: Por favor regístrese en la sacristía

Donaciones y Ofrendas

Domingo, 9 de Diciembre, 2018

Colecta de Misas.....	\$6,948.85
Colecta de niños.....	\$59.00
Ofrendas en línea.....	\$988.00
Total Ofrenda en esta semana	\$7,995.85
La Fiesta de La Inmaculad Concepsion	\$2,062.50
Fondo de construcción esta semana.....	\$154.00

~ De Generosamente Desde su Corazón ~

ASISTENCIA A LA MISA

4:30 p.m.	175	6:30 p.m.	275
8:30 a.m.	144	10:30 a.m.	227
		4:30 p.m.	187

Total Asistencia : 1008

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Bendita eres entre las mujeres,
 y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre.
 ~Lucas 1:42



~ Para la Semana del 9 de Diciembre 2018 ~

CAJA DE DONACIONES PARA LOS POBRES
 \$244.74

CAJA DE DONACIONES PARA EL
 MINISTERIO DE COMIDAS
 \$680.42

Gracias a todos aquellos que generosamente apoyan nuestras cajas de donaciones para los pobres y para los ministerios de comidas, por su apoyo nosotros podemos ayudar a los más necesitados.
¡Gracias y que Dios los bendiga!

Horario de misas de Navidad 2018

Queridos feligreses,

Que el Nacimiento del Niño Jesús traiga paz a su alma y abundantes bendiciones a cada uno de sus hogares en esta Navidad. Que cada Corazón esté abierto a recibir al Recien Nacido Principe de paz con un ferviente recibimiento al Sacramento de su amor.

Le enviamos nuestros mejores deseos para esta Navidad junto con nuestro agradecimiento por su generosidad y cooperación en este año que termina.

Continuemos con este espíritu de caridad, cooperación y Buena voluntad en los años que están por venir. Pidamos al Divino Niño que nos traiga paz y Felicidad a nuestros hogares y muchas bendiciones sobre nuestra parroquia. En la Mañana de Navidad será recordado en todas las misas.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C. and Fr. Henry Sebastian, I.C.

Noche Buena

Lunes, 24 de Diciembre

4:00p.m., 5:30 p.m.* & 11:30 p.m.**

*Representación del Nacimiento del Niño Jesús

**Villancicos 11:00pm

7:30 p.m. (Español)

Día de Navidad

Martes, 25 de Diciembre

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA VIRGIN MARIA, MADRE DE DIOS

Misa de Vigilia, Lunes 31 de Diciembre

6:30 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Español

Martes, 1 de Enero

8:00am and 6:30pm