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**Priests of the  
Institute of Charity  
(Rosminians)**

**Pastor**

Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C.

**Parochial Vicar**

Fr. Bibin Mathew, I.C.

Deacon Dick Beaudry

**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.

Rosary 35 minutes before  
each weekend Mass

**Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

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

First Friday: 6:30 p.m.

**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

**BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN  
SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,  
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL,  
WHICH MEANS "GOD IS WITH US."**

MATTHEW 1:23

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 22, 2019

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday**  
4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Francis  
6:30 p.m. Spanish mass-
- Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Living & deceased members of The Papillero & Jensen Families by Alenita Jensen  
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members of Women of Faith  
4:30 p.m. †Pierre, Josette & Michael Casagrande by Jose & Anne
- Monday**  
8:00 a.m. Intentions for Deacon Dick by Women of Faith
- Tuesday**  
4:00 p.m. †Betty Muley by Sarah & Justin Norris  
5:30 p.m. Int. for Heidi, Chris & Paul Sokaupe  
7:30 p.m. Spanish Vigil Mass-  
11:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Francis
- Wednesday**  
8:30 a.m. **December 25—Christmas Day**  
10:30 a.m. †Ray & Estelle Morrow by Billie  
Helen O'Connor by Joe & Family
- Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. †Deacon Jerry by Women of Faith  
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass-
- Friday**  
8:00 a.m. Intentions for Harry & Maureen Riley by Patty White
- Saturday**  
4:30 p.m. †Frank Subko by Eileen Subko  
6:30 p.m. Spanish mass-
- Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis  
10:30 a.m. †David Arguelles by Vergelina Thompson  
4:30 p.m. Int. Bob Oakley (Daddy Bob) by Thomas Fahey



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:

Pat Allen, Katheryn Auton, Helen Bacovsin, Jerry Bauer, Bonnie Beaudry, Kayleigh Belinski, Patsy Bourassa, Monica Brandies, Frances Calvani, Jim Calvani, Marie Casale, Buddy Chapman, Katrina Crooks, Vaughn Crooks, Marie Colvin, Todd Davis, James Dailey, Jose Daniels, Jim Decker, Lilah Gill, Scott Gill, Rachel Harlor, Rhett Keane, Ethel Kotrady, Mary Little, Chuck Lloyd, Norman McKenzie, Jim Miller, Billie Morrow, David Mueller, Darryl Mummert, Andy Murphy, Ed & Gerry Murray, Iris Mussenden, Diania Niles, Dympna O'Reily, Antonio Pascual Theresa Polak, Ruth Pope, Judy Ragan, Jordan Schadrie, Ed Shea, Sue Soleau, Mercelita Stroz, Bernadette Suppa, Joe Suppa, Jr., Phyllis Suppa, Mary Edwina Binwa Sylvester, Richard Tompkins, Christy Torres, Heather Trotto, John Vicario, Tom Watson, David Weddermann, Janice Weddermann, Robby Weddermann, Loraine Wenner, Kurt Wicker, Donna Wiley, Mary Winiarski, Theresa Wynn, John Yeninas, the Doug Shoup Family, the Homebound and their Caregivers and in repose of the soul of John Cantwell and Trudy Nelson. Please remember to call the parish office if you need to have a name added to our prayer list. Names will remain on the list for four weeks, unless otherwise specified or they are considered a long-term illness. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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.

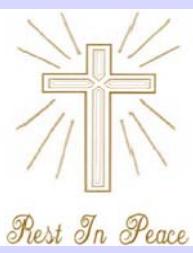


## Follow the Holy Father on Twitter!

Pope Francis is on Twitter! The Vatican uses Twitter as a way for the faithful to interact more closely with the Holy Father and is available in several different languages. Follow him at [www.twitter.com/pontifex](http://www.twitter.com/pontifex) as he shares his wisdom, thoughts, and blessings!

## Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

- Anthony Jordan Casale  
Casey James Casale  
Alejandro Cuesta  
Tony Cuesta  
Matt Daniels  
Spencer Dewey  
Jesse Doyle  
Remy Herrero  
Jeanine Hatfield  
Dan Holder  
Christopher Jeffers
- Patrick Junker  
Wesley Kosierowski  
Nicholas Kosierowski  
Leobardo Martinez  
Michael Mulhern  
Collin Newman  
Keenan Newman  
Donovan O'Connor  
Magaly Oliu  
Paul Michael Presley  
Derrick M. Shea  
& Logan



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.

(To have a name added to this list, please call the parish office.)

**From the Pastor...**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the last week of Advent and in a few days we will be celebrating Christmas. In today's gospel passage, Matthew's has us reflect Joseph and the role he played throughout the Incarnation story.

Joseph had hopes and dreams about his future. Mary was betrothed to him and he would have dreamt of a happy marriage and family with children of his own. And then...then it happened. He came to know that Mary was pregnant and obviously his first question would be, "Whose child is this?"

It was certainly not his child; not his, but whose? To say that Joseph felt disappointment and cheated might be an under-statement. And as to his reaction, it was an obvious reaction. He decided to call off the marriage.

Being a man of honor, he decided to do it quietly and informally. He was hurt, but he was man enough to contain it. He didn't want anyone else to be hurt. In that sense, he still cared about Mary and he wanted to spare her the scandal, which would be a devastating scandal for the unwed and pregnant Mary.

And then, after taking this decision, with his mind still swirling in confusion, "Whose child is this?", he has a dream in which an angel tells him what to do next. "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the

One conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."(Matt.1:20)

Joseph had to lay aside his disappointment and broken dreams to make the decision to accept the pregnant Mary and to take her home as his wife. Therein lies the greatness of Joseph. He took on the responsibility to care for Mary and her child. Even though the angel told him in the dream that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit, would that really answer his question "Whose child is this?" Would he be able to comprehend that truth? Would we be able to comprehend that truth?

But for Joseph, he may not have understood clearly whose child it was that Mary was carrying. But in the end, he took responsibility for Mary and her child and with that the Christmas Story turned from mystery to reality.

Life has many twists and turns. We may not ask questions like "Whose child is this?" but instead; "Whose job is this?" or "Whose mistake is this?" or "Whose fault is this?" Joseph also had his questions, but in the end, he took upon himself the responsibility of caring for Mary and Jesus, and Christmas became a reality.

In life, when people don't accept responsibility, when they don't do their jobs, or when mistakes are made and people start blaming the other, it may be the innocent bystanders who will have to suffer the consequences. But like Joseph, when we take responsibility upon ourselves, then we can make Christmas a reality. And we will truly know what Child it is that we are celebrating at Christmas. I wish you and loved ones a blessed week.

~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 it in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.

**Today's Readings**

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

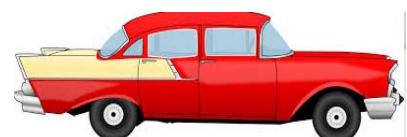
Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

**We need your help spreading the word!****St. Francis Car & Craft Show!**

Your assistance is needed to distribute our 2020 Sweetheart Celebration of Life Car & Craft Show flyers to various 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 8, 2020**, Car & Craft Show even more fun than last year!! Please text/call Captain Carl at **813-546-9440** to select a car show location, date and time that is amenable to your

Schedule OR just take a couple of flyer from the lobby and help spread them out!

**Here are some upcoming shows in our area:**

**Saturday, January 25th**– 23rd Annual Kumquat Festival.

14112 8th St. Dade City, Fl. 33525 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Not only will you enjoy your time visiting and meeting new people at these Craft shows but you will also bring more people back to our show in February. So please, help us spread the word and thank you!

**Ministries Schedule - December 28 & Dec. 29****Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Knights of Columbus**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Maria Lopes**E.M.H.C.:** Benn, Claypoole, Subko, Angelo, J. & J., Daniels.**Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Knights of Columbus**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Marie Colvin**E.M.H.C.:** Boucher, Gergen, Jersey, Klosterman, Leone, McCollum.**Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Knights of Columbus**Altar Servers:** Brown Family (3 please)**Lector:** Paul Nunez**E.M.H.C.:** Zawlocki, DiRisio, Erlendsson, Moylan, Vazquez, Oliu.**Sunday - 4:30 p.m.. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Knights of Columbus**Altar Servers:** K. Arevalo-Cortes, A. Cortes, S. Cortes.**Lector:** Bob Winiarski**E.M.H.C.:** Regan, S. & T., Smith, Whitehead.**Homebound E.M.H.C.****First Group:** Marilyn Oliu & Kathy Carr**Second Group:** Anna Marie Gergen & Mary Pacheco**Third Group:** Chito & Maria Ocampo**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.**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****December 22—December 26, 2019**

<b>Monday</b> <b>December 23</b>	Cub Scouts meeting	7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	All Day
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	All Day
<b>Thursday</b> <b>December 26</b>	Bible Study K of C Officer meeting	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

**Please Join Our Ministries!!**

Please heed God's call to serve and join one of our parish ministry groups. We are in desperate need of additional **Lectors, Homebound Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Rosary Leaders.** The phone numbers for all ministry leaders can be located in the yellow box on page 6 of the bulletin.

**We are Courageously Living the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal!**

Our parish is filled with caring, generous people who understand and embrace the

Annual Pastoral Appeal and the good that it brings to our parish and to our diocese.

**Thank you** to all who have given a sacrificial gift to this year's APA. Your generosity to APA supports the mission of Jesus Christ, allowing us to bring God's love and mercy past our parish boundaries. If you have not yet made a gift, it's never too late.

BE COURAGEOUS, let faith be your guide, hope be your inspiration, and love inspire your action. Every gift of every size spreads the loving message of Jesus Christ.

**BE COURAGEOUS!**

**Offertory Envelopes****Why is it so important to use my offertory envelopes?**

The regular use of envelopes will assist us when the time comes for sacramental preparation, such as **couples wishing to be married, parents wishing to have a child baptized, sponsor certificates for sacraments, and special permission letters for baptisms and marriages.**

Also, contribution statements for monetary donations can only be issued to those parishioners that use envelopes.

[Please use your envelope — EMPTY or NOT — whenever you attend Mass.](#) Place them in the offertory collection so that your attendance may be recorded. **Did you know that only approximately 35% of registered parishioners use their envelopes each week?** Don't forget to use your envelope to make sure that you are counted!! Not sure if you are registered...please call the office.



## Please Join our FORMED Online Community

As a member of the FORMED community, you will have access to movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. St. Francis of Assisi parish is 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, visit us here:** <https://stfranciscc.formed.org> and use Parish Code: Y499KR.



## Car & Craft Show Meetings

The Car & Craft Show Steering Committee will be hosting meetings at 7 p.m. in the Legion of Mary room on the following Wednesdays: January 8 & 22 and February 5. All parishioners interested in learning about and/or helping with the Car & Craft show are welcome to attend.

## Angel Tree

The St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry will have an Angel Tree placed in the Narthex. We will also be having a second Angel Tree which will be dedicated to the donation of Christmas gifts for children between the ages of 1 and 15 years of age. Please take home an "Angel" or "ornament" and bring back your donated non-perishable food items and / Christmas gift and place them under the Angel trees with the ornament attached to the item.



What a wonderful way to give back and help our food pantry and those in need, especially this time of year! *Thank you for your generosity and support!*

## Save the date!

**Saturday—February 8 at 8:45 a.m.**



We would like to remind you all that 50 members of the East Hillsborough Community Band, our headliner entertainment, will be performing at our Show!! They will open the Show at about 8:45a.m. with their rendition of our National Anthem, followed by two 30 minute sets. We encouraged you and your family to bring your lawn chairs and to get to the Show early. The Band's first set is scheduled for 9:15a.m.

## World Wide Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES: Christmas is coming: A time to recall God's great gift of Love to us on Christmas morn. What better gift can you give your spouse than the gift of yourself in Love. Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and rekindle and renew the deep love that God wants for you. For information call the Application Couple at (813) 270-7832 or go on-line at <http://www.wwme-tampabay.org>. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in this area is Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2020 at the Hampton Inn in Oldsmar, FL. Space IS limited, so please apply early!

## Jams and Jellies Please!

Our jam and jelly shelves are running low for our peanut butter and jelly ministry.



Please place your donations of jam or jelly into the food barrel located in the narthex or drop it off at the parish office during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Thank you! Your generous donations help us provide peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to the poor and needy of our area each week.

## St. Francis Magnet Sale

We now have our own Bumper-Stickers! The magnet can not only be placed in the back of our cars but can also be used to decorate our refrigerators, offices, and even lockers. The magnets are \$5 and will be available for purchase in the front office during regular office ours Monday— Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



I am a proud member of St. Francis of Assisi, Seffner

## Parish Assistance Program

### Your Life, your Faith, your Well-Being

Confidential counseling and support, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**You can call when you are struggling with:**

- ◆ Anxiety and depression
- ◆ Stress
- ◆ Relationship issues
- ◆ Family Issues
- ◆ Grief & Loss
- ◆ Addictive behaviors



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**Parish Ministries**

<b>Altar Servers</b>	Judy Erlendsson.....	244-2853
<b>Church Musician</b>	Ramon Martos .....	334-3454
<b>Clothing Pantry</b>	Contact the Parish Office .....	681-9115
<b>Faith Formation</b>	Judy Erlendsson.....	244-2853
<b>Food Pantry</b>	Marie Colvin.....	357-4999
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pam Caskey .....	651-1165
<b>Helping Hands</b>	Dottie Mabe .....	681-2421
<b>Hispanic Religious Education</b>	Carolina Gonzales.....	451-0637
	Flor Vazques.....	763-7219
<b>Hispanic Baptism Classes</b>	Maria Elena Parilla .....	716-7385
<b>Hispanic Homebound/Visitacion a Hogares de Ancianos</b>		
<b>Hispanic Ministry Coordinator</b>	Juanita Vega .....	731-0893
<b>Homebound/Nursing Home Visitation</b>	Janet Ganske .....	943-9928
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Dave Jersey .....	986-7686
<b>Lectors</b>	Bob Winiarski.....	333-1976
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
<b>Respect Life</b>	Carl Francis Kosierowski.....	546-9440
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Deirdre Bristol .....	689-3121
<b>RCIA / Hispanic RCIA</b>	Fr. Edison Bernavas.....	681-9115
	Maria y Jose Lopez.....	453-7215
<b>Sacristans</b>	Maria Ocampo .....	653-3011
<b>Scouts</b>	Kathy & Ted Domey .....	685-8242
<b>Tender Care</b>	Marie Colvin.....	357-4999
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Mullen.....	661-5983
<b>Women of Faith</b>	Theresa Redgrave .....	245-5149
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	Debbie Voor .....	245-3294

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**Stewardship Reflections**

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."  
~ Matthew 1:23

**Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving**

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Offertory Collection .....	\$7,871.05
Children's & Youth Collection.....	\$76.00
On Line Giving/Offertory .....	\$1,140.00
<b>Total Offertory for this week.....</b>	<b>\$9,087.05</b>

*~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~*

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

4:30 p.m. 160	6:30 p.m. 277
8:30 a.m. 166	10:30 a.m. 231
	4:30 p.m. 167

Total Attendance: 1001

**~ For the Week of December 8, 2019 ~****POOR BOX DONATIONS**

\$237.42

**DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS**

\$400.29

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!!

**Vocation View**

Vocation from God are not always clear. Not all of us are as lucky as Joseph who had an angel appear to him saying: "Take Mary as your wife, and fear not."

# *2019 Christmas Mass Schedule*

*Dear Parishoner,*

*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 goodwill 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. Bibin Mathew I.C*

## **Christmas Eve**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

\*Christmas Nativity performed by Faith Formation Students at 5:30 Mass

\*Caroling starts at 11:00pm

**7:30 p.m. (in Spanish)**

## **Christmas Day**

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 2020**

( Holy Day of Obligation in 2020)

Vigil mass Tuesday , December 31st

**6:30pm, English/ 8:00pm Spanish**

Wednesday Mass times;

**8:00am and 10:00am, 6:30pm English Mass**

# *Horario de Misas de Navidad 2019*

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 Recién Nacido Príncipe 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,

*P. Edison Bernavas, I.C. y P. Bibin Mathew, I.C.*

## Noche Buena

Martes, 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

Miércoles, 25 de Diciembre

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

## *SOLEMNIDAD DE LA VIRGIN MARIA, MADRE DE DIOS*

*Martes, 1 de Enero 2019*

Misa de Vigilia, Lunes 31 de Diciembre

**6:30pm**

**8:00pm Español**

Miercoles, 1 de Enero

**8:00am and 6:30pm**

**Desde el Escritorio del Párroco**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo!



Esta es la última semana de Adviento y en unos días estaremos celebrando la Navidad. En el pasaje del evangelio de hoy, Mateo nos hace reflejar a José y el papel que jugó a lo largo de la historia de la Encarnación. José tenía esperanza y sueños para su futuro. María estaba comprometida con él y él habría soñado con un matrimonio feliz y una familia con hijos propios. Y luego... luego sucedió. Llegó la noticia que María estaba embarazada y, obviamente, su pregunta sería: “¿De quién es este niño?”

Ciertamente no era su hijo; no, pero ¿de quién era? Decir que José se sintió decepcionado y engañado podría ser una subestimación. Y en cuanto a su reacción, fue una reacción obvia. Decidió suspender el matrimonio. Siendo un hombre de honor, decidió hacerlo en silencio e informalmente. Estaba herido, pero era lo suficientemente hombre como para aguantarse. No quería que nadie más saliera lastimado.

Y luego, después de tomar esta decisión, con su mente todavía dando vueltas en la confusión, “¿Pensando de quién sería ese niño?”, Tiene un sueño en el que un ángel le dice qué hacer a continuación. “José, hijo de David, no tengas miedo de tomar a María como tu esposa, porque Aquel que fue concebido en ella es del Espíritu Santo”. (Mateo 1:20)

José tuvo que dejar a un lado su decepción y sus sueños rotos para tomar la decisión de aceptar a la embarazada María y llevarla a casa como su esposa. Ahí reside la grandeza de José. Asumió la responsabilidad de cuidar a María y su hijo. Aunque el ángel le dijo en el sueño que el niño fue concebido por el Espíritu Santo, ¿eso realmente respondería a su pregunta “¿De quién es este niño?” ¿Sería capaz de comprender esa verdad? ¿Seríamos capaces de comprender esa verdad?

Pero José, puede que no haya entendido claramente de quién era el bebé que María llevaba en su vientre. Pero al final, asumió la responsabilidad de María y su hijo y con eso la historia de Navidad pasó de ser un misterio a una realidad.

La vida tiene muchas vueltas. Es posible que no hagamos preguntas como “¿De quién es este niño?” “¿De quién es este trabajo?” O “Quién cometió ese error?” O “¿De quién es la culpa?” José también tenía sus preguntas, pero al final, asumió la responsabilidad de cuidar a María y Jesús, y la Navidad se convirtió en una realidad. En la vida, cuando las personas no aceptan la responsabilidad, cuando no hacen su trabajo como deberían, o cuando se cometen errores y las personas comienzan a culpar al otro, pueden ser los espectadores inocentes quienes tendrán que sufrir las consecuencias. Pero como José, cuando nos hacemos responsables de nosotros mismos, podemos hacer realidad la Navidad. Y realmente sabremos qué niño es que estamos celebrando en la Navidad.

Les deseo a usted y a sus seres queridos una semana bendecida.

El 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, Bienvenido! 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.

**Lecturas de Hoy**

Primera lectura — La señal es que la virgen estará embarazada y dará a luz un hijo varón (Isaías 7:10-14).

Salmo — Va a entrar el Señor: él es el Rey de la Gloria (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús, descendiente de David biológicamente, fue establecido el Hijo de Dios en poder (Romanos 1:1-7).

Evangelio — María quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).

**Por favor únase a nuestra comunidad en línea****“FORMED”**

Como miembro, tendrá acceso a entretenidas películas, inspiradoras charlas en audio, estudios bíblicos informativos y mucho más.

Proporcionamos este recurso de forma gratuita para ayudar a nuestros miembros a aprender y crecer en su fe. Así que únase a nosotros. **Para inscribirse GRATIS, simplemente visítenos aquí: <https://stfranciscc.formed.org>** y use el código parroquial: Y499KR.

**Ven, Señor!**

Ven, Señor, a salvarnos, ven a dar libertad.

Abre, Señor, nuestros ojos, trae luz a la oscuridad.

Eres la luz del mundo que ilumina el caminar.

Muéstranos el camino por el desierto hacia la paz.

~Pedro Rubalcava

**Esta Semana en Nuestra Parroquia**

<b>Martes 24</b>		Oficina Cerrada
	7:30 p.m.	Vigilia de Navidad
<b>Miércoles 25</b>		Oficina Cerrada
<b>Viernes 27</b>	7:00 p.m.	Grupo de Jóvenes
<b>Sábado 28</b>	4:30 p.m.	Catequesis
	6:30 p.m.	Venta de Empanadas

## Bodas Colectivas

Si usted y su pareja han deseado unirse en el Santo Sacramento del Matrimonio y no ha tenido la oportunidad, este es un buen momento para retomar este deseo, nuestra parroquia, San Francisco de Asís, esta invitando a todas las parejas de nuestra área a realizar este sueño que también es un Sacramento. Tome esta decisión y afiance más su familia por medio de unas Bodas Colectivas. No esperen más a recibir esta gran Bendición, únase a nuestra parroquia para poder realizarlo. Si usted está interesado o desea obtener más información favor de contactar a Juanita encontrara el teléfono en la pagina 6 del boletín o puede preguntar por ella después de la misa.

### Caja de "Objetos Perdidos"

Tenemos una caja de objetos perdidos y encontrados! Si piensa que se le olvidó o perdió algo, por favor venga y eche un vistazo. Tenemos varias cosas aquí sin dueño. Puede venir y preguntar en la oficina de Lunes a Viernes entre las horas de 8:30 a.m. y 4:00 p.m.



### Formas para ordenar Ladrillos

Ahora ofrecemos formularios para ordenar sus ladrillos en nuestro sitio web <http://stfranciscc.com/> que se pueden encontrar en la página de inicio en la esquina inferior derecha O en el lobby.

Recordatorio, a **cada ladrillo** de \$ 50 se le permiten **tres líneas de caracteres** (20 por línea), incluidos espacios y guiones, etc.

### Guarden la Fecha!

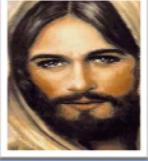
El Sabado, 8 de Febrero a las 8:45 a.m. Estarán presentes 50 miembros de la banda de East Hillsborough Community Band, comenzaran con el Himno Nacional y después nos deleitaran con dos sets de música de 30 minutos cada uno. Los invitamos a que traigan sus sillas y a toda su familia para disfrutar de este show al igual que el resto de el evento. Esperamos verlos ahí!

### Retiros de Experiencia de Emaús

Invitamos a las reuniones de formación para retiros de Emaús,  
cada Lunes de 7:00pm-9:00pm

*¿No sentíamos arder nuestro corazón  
cuando nos hablaba en el camino?*

### ¡Jesucristo ha Resucitado!



Para más información:  
Millie (813) 401-2776 o Nuria (813) 735-7627  
Emaus para hombres;  
Juan (813)337-8811 o Oscar (727)687-6237

### Ministerio para llevar la Comunión a los Enfermos

Este ministerio se dedica a visitar a los enfermos en su casa o en los asilos de ancianos para llevarles la palabra de Dios y la Sagrada Comunión. Si usted tiene un familiar enfermo en su casa o en el asilo de ancianos que quiera recibir la Sagrada Comunión, todas las semanas, favor de comunicarse con Juanita o a la oficina de la parroquia.



### Programa de Asistencia Parroquial Su Vida, Su Fe, Su Bienestar

Asesoría y apoyo confidencial, 24 horas al día, los siete días de la semana.

Llámenos cuando este luchando con:

- ◆ Ansiedad y depresión
- ◆ Estrés
- ◆ Problemas de pareja
- ◆ Problemas familiares
- ◆ Perdidas y duelo
- ◆ Comportamientos adictivos



La ayuda confidencial esta a solo una llamada de distancia:

**(800) 878-5470**

o mande un email a: [BayCareCAP@BayCare.org](mailto:BayCareCAP@BayCare.org)

### Show de Automóviles y Artesanías de San Francisco

Se necesita su ayuda para distribuir nuestros volantes

**"2020 Sweetheart Celebration  
of Life Car & Craft Show"** a



varias otras exhibiciones de automóviles en nuestra área. Este es el método principal para hacer correr la voz entre los entusiastas de los espectáculos de automóviles sobre nuestro programa.

A través de su participación, haremos que nuestro show de autos y artesanías del **8 de Febrero de 2020** sea aún más divertido que el año pasado. Envíe un mensaje de texto / llame al Capitán Carl al 813-546-9440 para seleccionar la ubicación, la fecha y la hora de la exhibición de autos que sea conveniente para usted ¡¡Gracias!!

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

Pat Allen, Katheryn Auton, Helen Bacovsin, Jerry Bauer, Bonnie Beaudry, Patsy Bourassa, Monica Brandies, Frances Calvani, Jim Calvani, Jay Cantwell, Marie Casale, Buddy Chapman, Katrina Crooks, Vaughn Crooks, Todd Davis, James Dailey, Jim Decker, Lilah Gill, Scott Gill, Rachel Harlor, Rhett Keane, Ethel Kotrady, Mary Little, Chuck Lloyd, Dale Mattice, Norman McKenzie, Jim Miller, Billie Morrow, David Mueller, Darryl Mummert, Andy Murphy, Ed & Gerry Murray, Diania Niles, Dympna O'Reilly, Antonio Pascual Theresa Polak, Ruth Pope, Judy Ragan, Jordan Schadrie, Bruce Scheuerman, Ed Shea, Sue Soleau, Bernadette Suppa, Joe Suppa, Jr., Phyllis Suppa, Mary Edwina Binwa Sylvester, Richard Tompkins, Heather Trotto, John Vicario, David, Janice, David Weddermann, Janice Weddermann, Robby Weddermann, Kurt Wicker, Donna Wiley, Mary Winiarski, John Yeninas, Ron Ziegler, La familia Doug Shoup.

**Por favor recuerde llamar a la oficina si necesita añadir el nombre de un familiar a la lista de oraciones. Los nombres se mantendrán en esta lista por cuatro semanas, a menos que usted nos indique que es una enfermedad a largo tiempo. Gracias por su soporte y colaboración.**

**Oramos por las personas que están luchando con alguna enfermedad. Señor, pasa tu mano sanadora sobre ellas, y libralas del sufrimiento, 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:**

Casey James Casale

Alejandro Cuesta

Tony Cuesta

Matt Daniels

Spencer Dewey

Jesse Doyle

Remy Herrero

Dan Holder

Christopher Jeffers

Patrick Junker

Wesley Kosierowski

Nicholas Kosierowski

Leobardo Martinez

Michael Mulhern

Collin Newman

Keenan Newman

Donovan O'Connor

Magaly Oliu

Paul Michael Presley

Derrick M. Shea

& Logan

(Recuerde que para añadir el nombre de una persona a esta lista deberá llamar a la oficina.)

## Calendario de Ministerios—Diciembre 19 y 21

**Jueves, 19 de Diciembre, Misa 6:30 p.m.**

**Líder de Rosario:** Isabel Núñez

**Lectura:** Haydee Hernandez

**Sábado, 14 de Diciembre, Misa 6:30 p.m.**

**Líder de Rosario:** Gustavo Cervantes

**Monitor:** Sandra Vásquez

**Primera Lectura:** Roxana Cárdenas

**Segunda Lectura:** Anayda Perez

**Servidores del Altar:** Favor de registrarse en la sacristía

**Ministros Extraordinarios de La Sagrada Comunión:** Millie Ocasio, Millie Agostini, Carlos Cervantes, Gloria Trejo, Eliodoro Cervantes, Isidro Álvarez.

## Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

A quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel,

que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.

~Mateo 1:23



## Donaciones y Ofrendas

**Domingo, 8<sup>th</sup> de Diciembre, 2019**

Colecta total de las Misas.....	\$7,871.05
Colecta de niños.....	\$76.00
Ofrendas en línea .....	\$1,140.00
<b>Ofrenda total en esta semana.....</b>	<b>\$9,087.05</b>

~ Generosamente Desde su Corazón ~

### ASISTENCIA A LA MISA

4:30 p.m. 160	6:30 p.m. 277
8:30 a.m. 166	10:30 a.m. 231
	4:30 p.m. 167

Asistencia Total : 1001

~ Para la Semana del 8 de Diciembre 2019 ~

CAJA DE DONACIONES

PARA LOS NECESITADOS

\$237.42

CAJA DE DONACIONES PARA EL  
MINISTERIO DE COMIDAS

\$400.29

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