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(Rosminians)**

Pastor

Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C.

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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

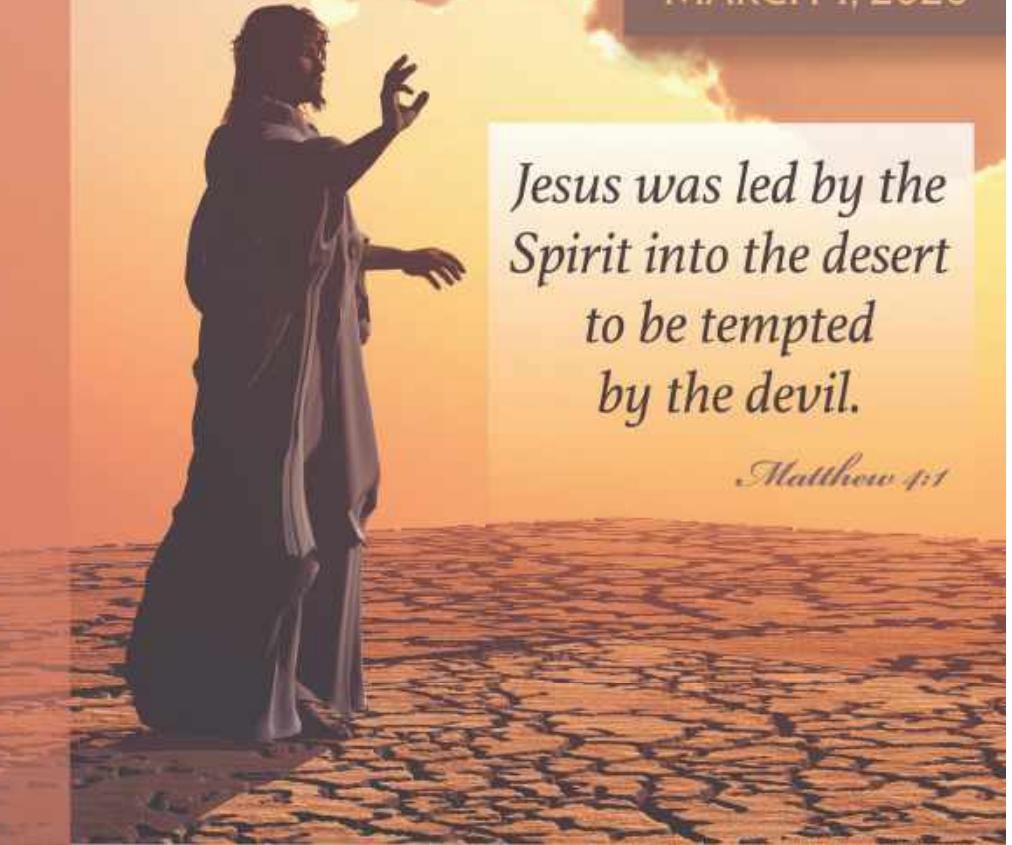
FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 1, 2020

*Jesus was led by the
Spirit into the desert
to be tempted
by the devil.*

Matthew 4:1



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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday**
4:30 p.m.
†Tammy Kemp
by The St. John Family
- 6:30 p.m.
Spanish mass-
Intentions for Jesus Garcia
- Sunday**
8:30 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Francis
- 10:30 a.m.
†Alicia Marronie
by Dottie Mabe
- 4:30 p.m.
†Ferdinand Cordon
by Annie & Children
- Monday**
8:00 a.m.
†Betty Muley
by The Muley & Norris Family
- Tuesday**
8:00 a.m.
†Gladys Smith
by Marilyn Oliu
- Wednesday**
8:00 a.m.
†Conrado Ocampo
by Chito & Maria Ocampo
- Thursday**
8:00 a.m.
†Fred Schmidt
by Frances
- 6:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass-
- Friday**
First Friday
8:00 a.m.
†Don Parker
by Mary Parker
- Saturday**
4:30 p.m.
†Marie Jones
by Remy, Bonnie & Victoria Ferrario
- 6:30 p.m.
Spanish mass-
†Fidel Gonzalez, Sr.
by Noelia Gonzalez
- Sunday**
8:30 a.m.
†Jane Mason
by Family
- 10:30 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Francis
- 4:30 p.m.
†Lous Violanti
by The Koeppel & the
Staniszewski Families



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.

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, Helen Bacovsin, Jerry Bauer, Joan Barrentine, Lois Bean, Bonnie Beaudry, Kayleigh Belinski, Sharon Belinski, Patsy Bourassa, Monica Brandies, Mariana Birchell, Frances Calvani, Jim Calvani, Margaret Canely, Marie Casale, Buddy Chapman, Katrina Crooks, Vaughn Crooks, Carmen Connors, Todd Davis, Jim Decker, Lilah Gill, Adrienne Helton, Howard Hunter, Rhett Keane, Linda Kick, Ethel Kotrady, Blanche Kosierowski, Rush Limbough, Mary Little, Chuck Lloyd, Joseph Martin, Dillon McDonald, Norman McKenzie, Jim Miller, Billie Morrow, David Mueller, Andy Murphy, Kelly Murphy, Gerry Murray, Iris Mussenden, John Nicklus, Diania Niles, Rudy Reers, Diane Openlander, Dympna O'Reily, Antonio Pascual, Mike & Eva Presley, Judy Ragan, Jordan Schadrie, Vincent Sciandra, Ed Shea, Sue Soleau, Bernadette Suppa, Joe Suppa, Jr., Phyllis Suppa, Mary Edwina Binwa Sylvester, Christy Torres, Heather Trotto, Amorette & Hadley Tweed, John Vicario, David Weddermann, Janice Weddermann, Robby Weddermann, Loraine Wenner, Kurt Wicker, Donna Wiley, Mary Winiarski, Addy Wright, John Yeninas, the Doug Shoup Family, the Homebound and their Caregivers.

In repose of the souls of Aroqyam Anthony, Marie Colvin, Mercelita Stroz, Rev. Paul Mizener, Lois Bowersox, Monsignor Gerard "Father Gerry" Finegan & Rachel Harlor.

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 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

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

From the Pastor...

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, on Ash Wednesday, we started our 40-day Lenten journey.

The birth of our annual, penitential observance was revealed in today's gospel, in which Matthew tells us about the first 'lent', when Jesus made His 40-day, desert 'retreat'.

The story reveals that before Jesus began His three years of ministry, He went off into the wilderness... alone to fast and to pray. Matthew says that near the end, He was "famished". Indeed! Now fasting does not necessarily mean that He ate or drank nothing, but since He was alone in the wilderness, He couldn't have had much. He was led to do this by the Spirit, so He did it. It also seems that these forty days must have been an important time in which Jesus was coming to terms with who He was. Prayer and fasting was for Jesus the means to get closer to His Godhead, to communicate with the Father, to understand the dichotomy of being both God and man, and more to the point, to know what He was supposed to do.

The devil plays on the core human fears and needs of us all. But Jesus, though tempted, never gave in, never responded in the way most of us would have. He had gone out to the wilderness to find God, to communicate with God, to realize His Godhead, and He came to know that this is all that matters - that His very life was directed to and by God. And so, He was able to say to the tempter that the only food He needs is the Word of God, the only help He needs is the love of God and the only kingdom He needs is the Eternal Kingdom of the Father. He tells Satan to get away from Him. Even in His weakness and hunger and fatigue, He knew then what He had to do and what is important in human, as well as divine, life. "Away with you, Satan!"

So it is, that each year 'we set out into the wilderness' and observe our forty days to pray and fast and be like Jesus, to get closer to our God and know what God is asking of us. What we do to divest ourselves of our totally human inclinations can be called "fasting". The days of giving up candy for Lent, I hope are gone. It has to be more serious than that. We need to try to find something in our lives that is pulling us away from God, and try to do correct that. Maybe it is spending too much time in self-indulgence or not enough time doing for others or whatever else it is that is stopping us from getting in touch with our spiritual selves and making a connection with our God - that would be the true concept of fasting in the wilderness today.

So, I ask you to look at these things as the days go by, not to lose sight of them, to try every single day to get a little closer to God through prayer, meditation, good works, charitable deeds, and less catering to our mostly selfish needs. If you do this, you may be tempted, as Jesus was, to take the easier route, but maybe, like Jesus, you will be able to say: Get away, Satan. God and God's Kingdom is more important to me!

I wish you all a blessed and fruitful 40 days of Lent.

~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 — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the request to participate in the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your gift is received with great humility, thanks and gratitude by the thousands of people supported through your donation. As we journey together, let's give thanks for the Good Works being done in Jesus' name throughout our diocese. APA is an opportunity to learn more about the 50+ ministries, programs and services available throughout our diocese. If you have any questions about APA, the services it funds, or how it benefits our parish, please call our parish office or visit our diocesan website at <https://www.dosp.org/> and discover something new about our local Church outreach. If you have not yet responded, please know we want and need your participation! Every gift, every prayer, and every sacrifice brings hope to someone seeking the love and mercy of Christ.

Ministries Schedule - March 7 & March 8**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Deirdre Bristol**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Maria Lopes**E.M.H.C.:** Angelo, J. & J., Benn, Bristol, Caskey, Claypoole**Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Henri Plourde**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Sharon Belinski**E.M.H.C.:** Belinski, Boucher, Do, N.T., Tran, H., Gergen, Jersey.**Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** John Mabe**Altar Servers:** M. Perez, I. Perez, J. Moylan**Lector:** Ben Voor/ Bob Winiarski**E.M.H.C.:** Carr, Erlendsson, Jordan, Moylan, Oliu, Pasden**Sunday - 4:30 p.m.. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Theresa Redgrave**Altar Servers:** K. Arevalo-Cortes, A. Diaz-Cortes, S. Cortes**Lector:** Stacey Mulrenin**E.M.H.C.:** Balzano-Gray, Harper, Redgrave, Smith.**Homebound E.M.H.C.****First Friday of the month
Priests visit the 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.

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 - Friday8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis**March 1—March 7, 2019**

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| Sunday March 1 | Faith Formation classes Coffee & Donuts | 5:30 p.m. After all masses |
| Monday March 2 | Cub Scouts meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday March 3 | Legion of Mary meeting Women of Faith Circle meeting Boy Scouts meeting | 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday March 4 | Dinner for the Needy Choir Practice RCIA | 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday March 5 | Bible Study K of C Council meeting | 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday March 6 | Fish Fry Stations of the Cross Youth Group meeting | 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday March 7 | Lenten Retreat Ascribed meeting Little Bethlehem Christian Sales | 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. After all masses |

Women of Faith Meeting

Friendly reminder that the Women of Faith Circle will be having their monthly meeting this Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Dinner Hall. Hope to see you there!

Little Bethlehem Christian Sale

Little Bethlehem Christian is a group that represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem , the Holy Land, and make their living as wood carvers.

After mass, the group represented by the Alsahouri family will display a collection of hand carving olivewood religious items, as they are for sale. The profit goes to support Christianity in the Land of Christ. Please take a minute after mass and take a look at the beautiful collection of items.

~Ghassan & Siham Alsahouri

**Temptation**

Every conquered temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before.

~William Butler Yeats

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.



Lenten Prayer Opportunity: Receive “Be Courageous Daily Reflections”

Sign up for the Be Courageous Daily Reflection! These reflections examine the Scripture of the day, including a question to think about in relation to your own life and a prayer intention for the day. The reflections feature a variety of writers from around the Diocese of St. Petersburg – religious sisters, priests, deacons, the faithful, a monk from Saint Leo Abbey and Bishop Gregory Parkes. Sign up at: www.dosp.org/reflection or text REFLECTION to 84576.

Thank you!

On behalf of all members of our 2020 St. Francis Celebration of Life Sweetheart Car & Craft Show Steering Committee, thank you for your prayers, participation and support!! Only through our joint efforts were we able to raise the dollar amount that we did.

More importantly, our Show was undoubtedly Holy Spirit filled!! The Light at St. Francis shone brightly as we witnessed our love for each other and Jesus throughout the day.

We've already received exciting ideas for our February 6, 2021, Car & Craft Show!! Hope you save this date for another Spirit filled event. Thanks again!

~Captain Carl

Prison Ministry

There are currently openings in the Hillsborough County Corrections department for Catholic Prison Ministry Volunteers. If you are interested in this very special ministry of evangelization, please contact Pilar Heid at (813)661-6632 for more information. Thank you!

Unbound Freedom in Christ -Presented by

Matt Lozano

Do you desire to experience greater freedom from the influence of evil in your life and a greater fullness of life, won for us by Christ's death and resurrection? Matt Lozano will lay out a strategy for you to overcome Satan's influence in your life and explain how to live in the freedom of God's plan for your life. Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Divine Providence House of Prayer, 711 S. Bayview Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33759 \$50.00 and a light lunch will be provided. Registration:<https://divineprovidence.org/events/category/house-of-prayer> Via Email at info@divineprovidence.org or by phone at (727)797-7412.

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



Confidential help is just a phone call away: **(800) 878-5470** or email at: BayCareCAP@BayCare.org

Car Show Security T-Shirts

If you happen to be in possession of a Car & Craft Show yellow or gray Security t-shirt and/or a Parking Crew safety vest, please return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Shirts need to be washed prior to returning, please and thank you.

~ Captain Carl

Spring Tea and Fashion Show

Benefiting Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center Dade City.

Saturday, May 9, 2020, 11AM – 2PM

Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Parish Center
32825 Rhode Island Ave
San Antonio, FL 33576



Tickets: \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door

Table Reservations \$200 (*Table of 8 Guests*)

RSVP deadline May 1, 2020. Seating is Limited – Make your reservation now!

Tickets available at Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center, 37733 Meridian, Dade City 33525 or purchase online at FoundationsofLife.org, click Events For more information call: 352-521-1218

Get to know Others

Single Boomers (age 50+) is a group that meets on the first Sunday of the month after the 5:30 Mass at Christ the King, 821 South Dale Mabry Highway. After assembling in the garden of the statue of Saint Theresa outside the chapel, the group heads out to a local restaurant for dinner and fellowship. Please join us on **March 1** at 6:30 p.m. Call Anne at 813-230-3661 or email Darlene at dcyetta@aol.com for more information. Hope you can join us!

Stations of the Cross

Come join us this Friday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. in English and 7:00 p.m. in Spanish. Also, don't forget that Fish Fry will be from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Dinner Hall. You can pre-order your food and come back to pick it up after the Stations of the Cross.

Parish Ministries

| | | |
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| Altar Servers | Judy Erlendsson..... | 244-2853 |
| Church Musician | Ramon Martos | 334-3454 |
| Clothing Pantry | Contact the Parish Office..... | 681-9115 |
| Faith Formation | Judy Erlendsson..... | 244-2853 |
| Food Pantry | Parish Office..... | 681-9115 |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pam Caskey | 651-1165 |
| Helping Hands | Dottie Mabe | 681-2421 |
| Hispanic Religious Education | Carolina Gonzales..... | 451-0637 |
| | Flor Vazques..... | 763-7219 |
| Hispanic Baptism Classes | Maria Elena Parilla | 716-7325 |
| Hispanic Homebound/Visitation a Hogares de Ancianos | | |
| Hispanic Ministry Coordinator | Juanita Vega | 731-0893 |
| Homebound/Nursing Home Visitation | Janet Ganske | 943-9928 |
| Knights of Columbus | Dave Jersey | 986-7686 |
| Lectors | Bob Winiarski..... | 333-1976 |
| Legion of Mary | Sharon Belinski..... | 951-0146 |
| Respect Life | Carl Francis Kosierowski..... | 546-9440 |
| Rosary Leader | Deirdre Bristol | 689-3121 |
| RCIA / Hispanic RCIA | Fr. Edison Bernavas..... | 681-9115 |
| | Maria y Jose Lopez..... | 453-7215 |
| Sacristans | Maria Ocampo | 653-3011 |
| Scouts | Kathy & Ted Domey | 685-8242 |
| Tender Care | Parish Office..... | 681-9115 |
| Ushers | Ron Mullen | 661-5983 |
| Women of Faith | Dottie Mabe | 681-2421 |
| Youth Ministry | Debbie Voor | 245-3294 |

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Thank You!

Stewardship Reflections

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." (Matthew 4:10)

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

First Sunday of Lent

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."
— Matthew 4:10



Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, February 16, 2020

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| Offertory Collection | \$7,279.60 |
| Children's & Youth Collection..... | \$95.00 |
| On Line Giving/Offertory | \$1,398.00 |
| Total Offertory for this week..... | \$8,772.60 |

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 4:30 p.m. 185 | 6:30 p.m. 348 |
| 8:30 a.m. 161 | 10:30 a.m. 246 |
| | 4:30 p.m. 184 |
| | Total Attendance: 1,124 |

~ For the Week of February 16, 2020 ~

POOR BOX DONATIONS

\$236.63

DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$195.63

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!!*

Prayer

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.
~William McGill

Fish Fry Friday

By the Women of Faith Circle

**Come Join us
Friday, March 6th
From: 4:30 p.m. to 7:00
p.m.**



Menu:

- ◆ Fried Fish or Grilled Cheese
- ◆ Macaroni & Cheese or Tator tots
- ◆ Green Beans
- ◆ Cole Slaw or Applesauce
- ◆ Corn Bread
- ◆ Drinks & Dessert

Prices:
\$ 8 Adult
\$4 Children (12 under)





2020 Parish Lenten Mission

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap was born in Philadelphia and is a member of the Mid-American Province of the Capuchin Order. He was ordained priest in 1971 and his ministerial background is diverse. He was Campus Minister at Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kansas) from 1972-78 and held faculty positions at both Mariam High School and Marymount College (Salina, KS). He was Chairman of the Religious Education Board for the Salina Diocese.

In 1978 he was appointed Co-Pastor of Good Shephard Parish, Shawnee, Kansas and was a faculty member of Notre Dame de Sion Academy, Kansas City, Missouri. In 1980 he assumed a Pastorate at Holy Cross Church, Thornton, Colorado.

While there, Fr. Gallagher conducted a highly successful Parish Development Program, an effective effort to surface new leadership and invite greater parish participation, done in conjunction with the National Metropolitan Organization of Peoples.

Fr. Gallagher is Director of the Preaching Ministry Office of the Mid-America Province of the Capuchin Order. He conducts retreats, parish development programs, parish missions, and religious education workshops. His association with the Emmaus Spirituality Program of Priest has gained him an international reputation in conducting retreats for priests. His work has taken him to Central America (El Salvador). He was instrumental in founding Emmaus in Great Britain. He has presented ecumenical lectures at the Jean XXIII Centre, Geneva, Switzerland. For the past several years he has worked closely with the US Armed Forces at various military bases around the world. He recently returned from engagements in Asia and Australia.

Fr. Gallagher holds advanced degrees in Religious Education, Ascetical Theology, and 19th Century British Literature. His literature degree has earned him a reputation as a scholar in the works of John Henry Cardinal Newman. He is also a graduate of the Great Books Program at St. John's College (Annapolis/Santa Fe). Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Mid-America Provincial website: www.midamcaps.org.

Upon reflection we realize that the core experience of all life is expressed in relationships. This defines the inner life of the Trinity itself. It is relationships that grow and mature us in our life journey; nothing escapes this inescapable reality.

It is within relationships that we experience the greatest joys of life and also the most bitter of disappointments. In the four presentations of this Parish Mission fundamental aspects of spiritual development are reflected through the lens of relationships: Faith, Prayer, Conversions, and Community. All four are intricately linked one to the other. The end result of this Parish Mission is a ‘spirituality’ that will enable us to recognize God in each other.

~Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap

Monday: March 23, 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

“Sustaining Good Relationships: Faith as Foundation”
Hebrews 11: 1-16

Tuesday: March 24, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

“Communication in Relationships: Prayer as Model”
Psalm 23

Wednesday: March 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

“Breaking Relationships: Sin as Interpersonal”
Romans 7: 14-27

Thursday: March 26, 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

“Building Better Relationships: Graces for Growth”
I Cor. 12: 12-26



Order of Service

Opening Hymn

Entrance Procession (Lector/Fr. Simeon)

I. Gathering Prayer (Fr. Simeon)

II. Scriptural Reading

III. Responsorial Psalm

IV. Mission/Retreat Talk

V. Quiet Reflection

VI. Concluding Prayer

VII. Blessing

VIII. Closing Hymn

IX. Exit Procession

Total Time: 1.5 hours

Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo!

Esta semana es el Miércoles de Ceniza, comenzamos nuestro viaje de 40 días.

El nacimiento de esta observación penitencial anual se reveló en el evangelio de hoy, en el que Mateo nos cuenta sobre la “primer cuaresma”, cuando Jesús hizo su “retiro” en el desierto de 40 días.

La historia revela que antes de que Jesús comenzara sus tres años de ministerio, se fue al desierto ... solo, para ayunar y orar. Mateo dice que cerca del final, estaba “muriéndose de hambre”. ¡En efecto! Ahora ayunar no significa necesariamente que no comió ni bebió nada, pero como estaba solo en el desierto, no pudo haber tenido mucho. Fue guiado a hacer esto por el Espíritu, así que lo hizo. También parece que estos cuarenta días deben haber sido un momento importante en el que Jesús estaba llegando a un acuerdo de quien el de verdad era. La oración y el ayuno fueron para Jesús el medio para acercarse a su Padre y comunicarse con El, comprender ser Dios y hombre, y más aún, saber lo que se suponía que debía hacer.

El diablo juega con los miedos y necesidades humanas centrales de todos nosotros. Pero Jesús, aunque tentado, nunca cedió, nunca respondió de la manera en que la mayoría de nosotros lo habríamos hecho. Había salido al desierto para encontrar a Dios, para comunicarse con El, para darse cuenta de su divinidad, y llegó a saber que eso era lo que de verdad importaba: que su propia vida fue dirigida hacia y por Dios. Y así, pudo decirle al tentador que la única comida que necesita es la Palabra de Dios, la única ayuda que necesita es el amor de Dios y el único reino que de verdad necesita es el Reino Eterno del Padre.

Él le dice a Satanás que se aleje de Él. Incluso en su debilidad, hambre y fatiga, sabía lo que tenía que hacer y lo que es importante en la vida humana, así como la vida divina. “¡Fuera de mi vida, Satanás!”

Así es que cada año ‘salimos al desierto’ y observamos nuestros cuarenta días para orar, ayunar y tratar de ser como Jesús, para acercarnos a nuestro Dios y saber lo que Dios nos está pidiendo. Lo que hacemos para deshacernos de nuestras inclinaciones totalmente humanas puede llamarse “ayuno”. Los días de renunciar a los dulces en la Cuaresma, espero que se hayan terminado. Tenemos que ser más serios que eso. Necesitamos tratar de encontrar en nuestra vida lo que nos aleja de Dios, y tratar de corregirlo. Tal vez es pasar demasiado tiempo en la autocomplacencia o no hacer suficiente tiempo para los demás o cualquier otra cosa que nos impida ponernos en contacto con nuestro ser espiritual y hacer una conexión con nuestro Dios, ese sería el verdadero concepto de ayuno en el desierto.

Entonces, les pido que miren todo esto medida que pasan los días, para que no lo pierda de vista, trata de acercarte un poco más a Dios a través de la oración, la meditación, las buenas obras, trata de atender a las necesidades de los demás y tratar de atender menos a nuestras necesidades egoístas. Si hacemos esto, podremos sentirnos tentados, como Jesús, a tomar la ruta más fácil, pero tal vez, como Jesús, podríamos decir: Aléjate, Satanás. ¡Dios y su Reino son más importantes para mí!

Les deseo a todos una bendecida y fructífera Cuaresma.

~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 — Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y ambos se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos. (Génesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Salmo — Ten piedad, Señor, porque somos pecadores (Salmo 51 [50]).

Segunda lectura — Una sola trasgresión acarreó sentencia de muerte para todos, pero la rehabilitación merecida por uno solo, obtuvo perdón y vida para todos (Romanos 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Evangelio — Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él solo servirás (Mateo 4:1-11).

Por favor únase a nuestra comunidad en línea

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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://stfranciscce.formed.org> y use el código parroquial: Y499KR.

Oración

El valor de la oración perseverante no es que Dios nos vaya a escuchar, sino que nosotros escucharemos a Dios.

~William McGill

Esta Semana en Nuestra Parroquia

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| Lunes 2 | 6:30 p.m. | EMAUS |
| Martes 3 | 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | RICA Juan XXIII |
| Miércoles 4 | 7:30 p.m. | MDS |
| Viernes 6 | 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Venta de Pescado Estaciones de la Cruz Grupo de Jóvenes |
| Sábado 7 | 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Después de misa | Catequesis Práctica de Coro Venta de artesanías de madera por las Hermanas de Belén |

Nuestra Capilla de Adoración

Se les invita a disfrutar en presencia de nuestro Señor en cualquier momento durante el horario de Adoración de 8:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes. Sentarse en su presencia trae paz y ofrece un tiempo de reflexión y meditación orante en nuestras ocupadas vidas. Siempre considere bienvenido e invitado. La Capilla de la Adoración está ubicada frente al santuario principal.

Separe la Fecha

Caminata por la Vida 2020 - Tampa Bay

Sábado - 4 de Abril de 2020 en 7740 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway. Inscripciones: 8 - 9 a.m.

Y Camina / Comienza: 9 a.m. Lo recaudado beneficiara a el Centro de Embarazo Fundamentos de la Vida: Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco y Pinellas, el Centro de las Mujeres hecho por los Caballeros de Colon, Proyecto Rachel y Perinatal ComfortCare.

También puede registrarse llamando a Ben T. Beach al (813) -631-439, por correo electrónico al foundationsoflife@ccdosp.org o regístrese en línea en: FoundationsofLife.org

Conferencia Anual Hispana para Hombres

Es con gran alegría y entusiasmo que los invitamos a la **3a Conferencia Anual Hispana para Hombres** que se llevará a cabo el **Sábado 18 de abril de 2020 en Nativity Catholic Church en Brandon, FL**.

En nuestra 3a conferencia tendremos como conferenciantes al Padre Domingo Rodríguez Zambrana, reconocido sacerdote y predicador católico internacional, y a Javier Maldonado, reconocido predicador y cantautor católico. Además tendremos música en español, tiempo para hermandad, devoción, reconciliación y adoración.

Todo el evento será en español. El tema de la conferencia será: "Abramos nuestros corazones". Este tema está basado en la carta pastoral contra el racismo escrita por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Para registrarse favor de visitar <http://www.SuncoastCatholicMinistries.com>



Muchas Gracias!

En nombre de todos los miembros de nuestro Comité Directivo del Show de Carros y Artesanías de la Celebración de la Vida de San Francisco 2020, ¡gracias por sus oraciones, participación y apoyo! Solo a través de nuestros esfuerzos conjuntos pudimos aumentar el monto en dólares que hicimos. ¡Más importante aún, nuestro Show fue indudablemente lleno del Espíritu Santo! La Luz en San Francisco brilló intensamente cuando fuimos testigos de nuestro amor mutuo y de Jesús durante todo el día.

¡Ya hemos recibido ideas emocionantes para nuestro 6 de febrero de 2021, Car & Craft Show! Espero que guardes esta fecha para otro evento lleno de espíritu.

Gracias de nuevo!

~Capitán Carl

Reflexiones de administración Pastoral

"Pero yo te digo, ama a tus enemigos y reza por los que te persiguen ..." (Mateo 5:44)

Ama a tus enemigos, más fácil decirlo que hacerlo, sin duda. Pero, recuerde, el fundamento de la mayordomía es la oración. Cuando estamos en estrecha comunicación con Dios, abre nuestro corazón y desvía nuestra atención de "mí" y la acerca a Dios y a los demás. Nos permite tener un poco más de empatía por "nuestro enemigo". Cuando oramos por los demás, incluso "nuestros enemigos", tal vez también ablanda sus corazones.

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 está a solo una llamada de distancia:

(800) 878-5470

o mande un email a: BayCareCAP@BayCare.org

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.



Adoración Eucarística:

Lunes - Viernes 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Legión de María:

Martes después de la Misa de 8:00 a.m. (Inglés)

Novena a Nuestra Señora, Reina de la Paz:

Martes después de la Misa de 8:00 a.m. (Inglés)

Sacramento de Reconciliación:

Jueves 6.00 p.m.— 6:30 p.m.
Sábado 5.30 p.m.

O a cualquier hora haciendo cita con el sacerdote.

Unción de los Enfermos:

Confiere al cristiano una gracia especial para enfrentar las dificultades propias de una enfermedad grave o vejez. Este Sacramento está disponible en cualquier momento.

Bautismo:

Por favor comuníquese con María Elena Parrilla.

Matrimonio

Llame a la oficina de la parroquia por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada.

Horas de Oficina:

Lunes - Viernes 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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'Reily, 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—Febrero 26 y 29

Miércoles, 26 de Febrero, Misa 6:30 p.m.

Líder de Rosario: Isabel Núñez

Lectura: Haydee Hernández

Sábado, 29 de Febrero , Misa 6:30 p.m.

Líder de Rosario: José López

Monitor: Gino Zarabia

Primera Lectura: Marta Carrillo

Segunda Lectura: Ranferi Pineda

Servidores del Altar: Favor de registrarse en la sacristía

Ministros Extraordinarios de La Sagrada Comunión: Millie Agostini, Juan Espinal, Silvia Quirós, Carlos Velázquez, Silvia Velázquez, María Samano.

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

“Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios,
y a él sólo servirás”.

~ Mateo 4:10



Donaciones y Ofrendas

Domingo, 16 de Febrero, 2020

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| Colecta total de las Misas..... | \$7,279.60 |
| Colecta de niños..... | \$95.00 |
| Ofrendas en línea | \$1,398.00 |
| Ofrenda total en esta semana..... | \$8,772.60 |

~ *Generosamente Desde su Corazón ~*

ASISTENCIA A LA MISA

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| 4:30 p.m. 185 | 6:30 p.m. 348 |
| 8:30 a.m. 161 | 10:30 a.m. 246 |
| 4:30 p.m. 184 | |

Asistencia Total : 1,124

~ Para la Semana del 16 de Febrero del 2020 ~

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\$236.63

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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 que tienen menos que nosotros.
¡Gracias y que Dios los bendiga!