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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 3, 2020



**The shepherd calls his own sheep
by name and leads them.**

John 10:3

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday** May 2
 4:30 p.m. **Happy Birthday Father Edison!**
 by the McElhatten Family
- 6:30 p.m. Spanish mass-
 †Fidel Gonzalez, Sr.
 by Noelia Gonzalez
- Sunday** May 3
 9:00 a.m. †Jane Mason
 by Family
 Parishioners of St. Francis
 † George Belinski Sr.
 by Sharon & Family
- Monday** May 4
 8:00 a.m. †Bernabas Antony
- Tuesday** May 5
 8:00 a.m. †Daniel Dingman
 by Carl Francis Kosierowski
- Wednesday** May 6
 8:00 a.m. †Rachel Harlor
 by Monica & David Brandies
- Thursday** May 7
 8:00 a.m. †Angel Alvarez
 by Gladys Alvarez
 †Lauteria Soriano
 by Rosa Soriano
- Friday** May 8
 8:00 a.m. †Tim Pasden
- Saturday** May 9
 4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Francis
 6:30 p.m. Spanish mass-
- Sunday** May 10
 9:00 a.m. **Happy Mother's Day**
 †Estella Florence Santa
 by Billie
 †Ann Maliaros
 By Dottie Mabe
 † Pierre, Josette & Michael Casagrande
 by Anne & Jose



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, Bonnie Beaudry, Sharon Belinski, John Bernal, Patsy Bourassa, Monica Brandies, Mariana Birchell, Dick Boelter, Frances Calvani, Jim Calvani, Margaret Canely, Marie Casale, Buddy Chapman, Katrina Crooks, Vaughn Crooks, Carmen Connors, Todd Davis, Jim Decker, Kayla Dennis, Josie Frisco, Lilah Gill, Howard Hunter, Rhett Keane, Linda Kick, Joan Kirkpatrick, Ethel Kotady, Blanche Kosierowski, Mary Little, Chuck Lloyd, Joseph Martin, Dillon McDonald, Norman McKenzie, Jim Miller, Billie Morrow, David Mueller, Darryl Mummert, Gerry Murray, Iris Mussenden, John Nicklus, Diania Niles, Wyatt Nowicki, Diane Openlander, Dympna O'Reilly, Antonio Pascual, Mike & Eva Presley, Judy Ragan, Jordan Schadrie, Adalina Scimeca, Ed Shea, Andy Silva, Sue Soleau, Bernadette Suppa, Joe Suppa, Jr., Phyllis Suppa, Benny & Edwina Sylvester, Christy Torres, Heather Trotto, Amorette & Hadley Tweed, John Vicario, David Weddermann, Janice Weddermann, Robby Weddermann, Loraine Wenner, Lorraine Welch, Kurt Wicker, Donna Wiley, Mary Winiarski, Addy Wright, John Yeninas, Richard Young, the Doug Shoup Family, Linda Dixon & Family, Dr. Tony, the Homebound and their Caregivers.

In repose of the souls of Aroqyam Anthony, Marie Colvin, Mercelita Stroz, Rev. Paul Mizener, Rachel Harlor, Nicholas Fabic, John Waylan & Jose Daniel.

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.)



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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, which is derived from our gospel account of the self-sacrificing aspect of Jesus' life, related to us in His own words: "The Good Shepherd is the one who lays down His own life for His sheep". Jesus emphasizes that, in giving His life for His sheep, He is doing so of His own will. It is not just by force of circumstances. His death is to be living proof that "the greatest love a person can have is to give his life for his friends". This is the proof that Jesus truly is the Good Shepherd, a title that represents ownership because a shepherd truly owns his sheep.

Jesus also compares Himself to the Gate. This second title represents His leadership. Jesus is the Gate, the way...the only way. He is the one Mediator between God and mankind. All must go through Him, through His Church, in order to arrive in Heaven.

Not only is it Good Shepherd Sunday, it is also a day prayer for Vocations to priesthood, Religious Life and Consecrated Life. On this day, we are especially asked to pray that the Church may be provided with workers to do its mission of spreading the Gospel.

Each one of us should be asking ourselves this week: Is what I am spending my energy on every day my real vocation? Is that what God wants me to be doing with my life? How is what I am doing giving witness to my Christian faith? What contribution am I offering to make this world a better place to live in? To what extent do I spread the truth, love, justice, freedom, and tolerance of God?

And if I am in a position which would be difficult to change, how is God calling me to greater service to my church and my community? Am I giving something through my life or am I just using society and even Church to get what I want?

God is calling every single one of us to work for the Gospel. For a small number it may be as a priest or religious and that calling can come at any time in one's life. But there are hundreds of other ways of serving the Church and helping to build the Christian community. We need to reflect on where God is calling me to make my own unique contribution, based on the particular talents He has given me.

If every single one of us were to answer that question sincerely and to act upon it, I am confident that our Church would have all the workers it needs.

I wish you and your family a blessed week ahead.

~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 — Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized,

every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

Second Reading — 1 Peter 2:20b–25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel — John 10:1–10

Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

Protection from the Pandemic — Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for Us

The Marian Congress is held in cooperation with the International Consecrated Marian Society.

Bishop Gregory Parkes invites all to gather together via Livestream on **Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00**

a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for prayer and devotion in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As one Church, we will place our prayers before our Blessed Mother and ask her to intercede for us to Jesus Christ, our protector.

During this time of the coronavirus pandemic, we need Mary's intercession more than ever. (This virtual event replaces the original Marian Congress scheduled for May 2nd.)

This special event will take place at Our Lady's Chapel at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. You are Invited to Participate in the Following Ways :

- 9:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation Part 1 (English/ Spanish), Courageously Living the Gospel Like Mary by Father Carlos Rojas. (Click <https://livestream.com/dosp/mariancongress1> to watch the Livestream)
- 10:00 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in Multiple Languages (Click <https://livestream.com/dosp/mariancongress2> to watch the Livestream)
- 10:30 a.m. Celebration of Mass with Bishop Gregory Parkes (English only), which includes Consecration Renewal to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Crowning of Mary (Click <https://livestream.com/dosp/mariancongress3> to watch the Livestream)
- 11:30 a.m. Keynote Presentation Part 2 (English/ Spanish), Courageously Living the Gospel Like Mary by Father Carlos Rojas. (Click <https://livestream.com/dosp/mariancongress4> to watch the Livestream)



No Masses Scheduled

Until Further Notice

Facebook Live Mass stream

Follow the Parish Facebook page “St. Francis of Assisi Saturday: 4:30 p.m. in English and 6:30 p.m. in Spanish

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. in English

Catholic Church” or <https://www.facebook.com/stfranciscc/>. Masses are streamed:

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m. in English

Eucharistic Adoration will continue during regular Parish hours but you must enter the Sanctuary NOT the Chapel. We want to keep everything in open areas.

Parish Office Hours

The office will remain open during the regular hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will continue to serve lunch for those in need.

Dinner for the Needy

Dinner for the Needy will continue, unless told otherwise, every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Dinner Hall. The dinner will be served and distributed in to-go boxes.

Confessions

Call the Parish office at (813) 681-9115 to schedule a Confession with Fr. Edison or Fr. Bibin.

Plastic Bags

We are running low on plastic bags that are used to hand out lunches for the needy. If you have extras at home and would like to donate them, please bring them to the Parish office. Thank you!



Eucharistic Adoration in Sanctuary

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 p.m. - 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 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis

May 3 — May 9, 2020

Wednesday May 6 Dinner for the Needy

4:30 p.m.

Ways to Worship God and Practice our Faith while Masses are suspended

- ◆ Spend time with the Scriptures both as individuals and as a family. Catholics can find the Sunday and Daily Mass Readings online at USCCB.org in both written and audio form.
- ◆ Use your normal worship time to practice a more contemplative way of praying through Lectio Divina which is simply meditating on or contemplating the texts of Holy Scripture, allowing them to lead you to a deeper prayerful communion. Visit www.dosp.org for suggestions.
- ◆ Parish groups can make use of social media to gather virtually for prayer, the rosary or the Liturgy of the Hours.
- ◆ Individuals and groups can worship God by performing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and other acts of charity.
- ◆ Rather than hoarding essential items, families and neighborhoods can organize ways of looking out for others and sharing what is needed.

Lost & Found

There are a couple of items that have been left here at the Parish. If any of these belong to you, please call the Parish office at (813) 681-9115 and we will write your name and hold for pickup. We have a couple of phones, glasses, watches, jackets and hoodies, toys, and a kid's backpack.



World Wide Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES: Have a good marriage? Want to learn a new and exciting way to communicate with your spouse that will not only enkindle the romance of your love, but give you ways to deal head on with the problems that confront us all in daily married life? Join us for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter and discover a real path to joy and romance in your marriage. For information call the Application Couple at (813) 270-7832 or go on-line at <http://www.wwme-tampabay.org>. Assuming the restrictions against gatherings are lifted, we tentatively plan to hold the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in this area on July 31 to Aug. 2nd at the Franciscan Center in Tampa. Space IS limited, so please apply early!

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

Helping the Faithful to support their Parishes

With the suspension of public Masses and social distancing in place to support community efforts to slow the spread of illness, a reality our parishes face is that basic operational expenses are addressed through active participation in offertory giving. The intent is for our parishes to continue ministering and serving our communities through this time, and therefore support is not just appreciated, it is vital to the health and stability of each parish, even when the doors are not open on the weekend for Mass.

While some are facing financial hardship themselves, others may be searching for a way to continue supporting their parish. For those not currently utilizing online giving, the Office of Stewardship and Development has created a resource to connect parishioners with their parish's giving site. Visit <https://www.dosp.org/stewardship/supporting-your-parish/> and select "St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Seffner"

Date Change!

Walk/Run For Life 2020 - Tampa Bay

Saturday - MAY 30th, 2020 at 7740 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway. Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and Walk/Run Begins: 9:00 a.m. Benefitting Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center: Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco & Pinellas. Knights Women's Center, Project Rachel & Perinatal Comfort Care.

You can also register today by calling Ben T. Beach at (813) 631-4393, by email at foundationsoflife@ccdosp.org or register online at: FoundationsofLife.org

Courageously Live the Gospel by helping provide medical care for those in need

The Catholic Charities Free Medical Clinic's primary fundraiser - "Birdies for Charities"- run with the Valspar (Golf) Championship must change since the tournament's cancellation. BUT, our **brothers and sisters in Christ** who have **NO health insurance** and receive medical care through Catholic Charities Free Medical Clinics **STILL NEED YOUR HELP!**

Make your gift part of your Lenten Almsgiving!

You can donate by:

1. Text **BIRDIES** to **91999** (or go to the online form: igfn.us/form/ofqcEA)

Ignore the Per Birdie Pledge or the Number of Birdies AND simply make a one-time or sustaining donation.

2. Call Lou at 727-893-1314 ext 104

3. Email Lou at lricardo@ccdosp.org

Parish Ministries

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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Stewardship Reflections

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' (Acts 2:38) The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
~ 1 Peter 2:24a



Grace Poured Forth— An innovation series for Easter season

The Echo Apprentices of the Diocese of St. Petersburg have established a totally new way of reflecting through this COVID-19 Easter Season and wish to invite all people of the diocese into communal fellowship and formation. It is called "**"GRACE POURED FORTH"**".

This 7-week adult formation series is meant to meet the challenging times and engage the variety of needs of parishioners, ministry leaders, and friends. This series combines bible study with prayerful reflection, and empowers parish adult groups to gather virtually for discussion. Each Sunday, we will post a new reflection with a guide for personal and communal discussion based on the Sunday's reading from Acts. Although we Echo Apprentices serve at four distinct demographics in four different parish communities, we hope this series unites all the parishes of the Diocese of St Petersburg into common hope that carries us to Pentecost.

To sign up for this series via email, please subscribe to our website <https://gracepouredforth.wordpress.com/>

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Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Offertory Collection.....	\$4,861.23
On Line Giving/Offertory	\$5,921.73
Total Offertory for this week.....	\$10,782.96

~ For the Week of April 19, 2020 ~

POOR BOX DONATIONS

\$3.00

DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$7.00

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!!



For Anyone Considering Suicide

November 29, 2006

Jesus

I have many things to say to those who are considering this act of self-harm. I love you. I see your pain. I understand that you long for relief from your anguish. Please, bring your anguish to Me. I can help you. You are so valuable to the Kingdom and I need you to help bring Me to others.

“How?” you say, in your great interior grief. “How could I possibly be helpful to Jesus and to others?” I will tell you. Your pain is the pain of many in the world today. Many souls feel your grief, your hopelessness. Many carry heavy crosses of illness and addiction, loneliness and hopelessness, rejection and anxiety. Many of My children look into their future and see only more grief and pain and this takes their courage from them. Dearest friend, you must not do this. Do not look into tomorrow and expect today’s pain to be repeated. You are not certain of such an occurrence. You cannot be certain because I, God, could change your life during this day, today. You must remain in this day, in the present, because I have given you adequate grace to deal with your cross. It is only when you look into the future and think that your Jesus will send you no relief that you find life unmanageable. Understand this. Your life is only unmanageable if you put Me out of it. If you let Me into your heart, into your life, I will make it not only manageable, but joyful. You are skeptical. You cannot believe in a future with joy because the present holds such pain. I understand this, just as I understand everything about you. You may not know Me well so I will tell you something about Myself that may help you to decide that trusting Me is a good decision.

I have never been known to break a promise. Never. Today, I have a promise for you.

If you ask Me to help you, I will help you. Ask Me, My beloved one. You are important to this Kingdom and I have a plan for you. I need you. I need you to serve in a way that you do not and cannot understand today, in your great hopelessness. I will reveal the plan but you will have to be courageous and allow Me to move you from this place of despair to a place of hope in your heart. I will do so. I will move you along, away from your sadness. You must trust Me just a little bit and give me just a little bit of time. Even now, as you read these words, hope is stirring within you. This hope is from Me and it is the smallest indication of what I will bring to you. I am giving you courage. I am giving you hope. Rest with Me. Say this, “I will rest myself against Jesus and wait for Him to send relief.”

I will send relief. Do not be afraid. I am with you now and I will never leave you.

For more please visit directionforourtimes.com

Para Cualquiera Considerando el Suicidio

29 de noviembre del 2006

Jesús

Tengo muchas cosas que decir a quienes están considerando este acto de autolesión. Te Amo. Veo tu dolor. Entiendo que anhelas alivio de tu angustia. Por favor, tráeme tu angustia. Puedo ayudarte. Eres tan valioso para el Reino y necesito que me ayudes a llevarte a los demás.

“¿Cómo?” dices, en tu gran dolor interior. “¿Cómo podría ser útil para Jesús y para los demás?”

Te lo diré. Tu dolor es el dolor de muchos en el mundo de hoy. Muchas almas sienten tu dolor, tu desesperanza. Muchos llevan cruces pesadas de enfermedades y adicciones, soledad y desesperanza, rechazo y ansiedad. Muchos de mis hijos miran hacia su futuro y solo ven más pena y dolor, y esto les quita el coraje. Querido amigo, no debes hacer esto. No veas hacia el mañana y esperes que el dolor de hoy se repita. No estés seguro de tal ocurrencia. No puedes estar seguro porque yo, Dios, podría cambiar tu vida durante este día, hoy. Debes permanecer en este día, en el presente, porque te he dado la gracia adecuada para lidiar con tu cruz. Solo cuando miras hacia el futuro y piensas que tu Jesús no te enviará ningún alivio, encontrarás la vida inmanejable. Entienda esto. Tu vida es inmanejable si me sacas de ella. Si me dejas entrar en tu corazón, en tu vida, la haré no solo manejable, sino alegre.

Eres escéptico. No puedes creer en un futuro con alegría porque el presente tiene mucho dolor. Entiendo esto, así como entiendo todo sobre ti. Puede que no me conozcas bien, así que te diré algo sobre mí que puede ayudarte a decidir que confiar en mí es una buena decisión.

Nunca se me ha sabido romper una promesa. Nunca. Hoy tengo una promesa para ti.

Si me pides que te ayude, te ayudaré. Pregúntame, mi amado. Eres importante para este Reino y tengo un plan para ti. Te necesito. Necesito que sirvas de una manera que no entiendes y no puedes entender hoy, en tu gran desesperanza. Revelaré el plan, pero tendrás que ser valiente y permitirme que te lleve de este lugar de desesperación a un lugar de esperanza en tu corazón. Lo haré. Te llevaré lejos de tu tristeza. Debes confiar en mí solo un poco y darme un poco de tiempo.

Incluso ahora, mientras lees estas palabras, la esperanza se agita dentro de ti. Esta esperanza es de Mí y es la más mínima indicación de lo que les traeré. Te estoy dando coraje. Te estoy dando esperanza. Descansa conmigo.

Di esto: “Me descansaré contra Jesús y esperaré a que envíe alivio”.

Enviaré alivio. No tengas miedo. Estoy contigo ahora y nunca te dejaré.

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Prayer Against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illnesses. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring

healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant them peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy.

Amen.



Oración—Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Señor Jesucristo, Nuestro Divino Doctor, Te pedimos que nos guardes y protejas del Coronavirus y cualquier otra enfermedad. Te pedimos por todos los que han muerto, te misericordia de ellos; por los que están enfermos, tráeles la cura; te pedimos también por los doctores y enfermeras, dales la Fortaleza y bendícelos. Por los que trabajan para evitar que se propague, dales éxito; para los que están atemorizados, dales la paz.

Que tu preciosísima Sangre se nuestra defensa y salvación. Que por tu gracia esta terrible enfermedad se vuelva en momentos de consolación y Esperanza.

Que nuestro temor sea mas contagiarnos del pecado que a cualquier enfermedad.

Nos abandonamos a tu infinita misericordia.

Amén Jesús.

Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo!

Hoy se conoce como el Domingo del Buen Pastor, que se deriva de nuestro relato evangélico del aspecto de sacrificio de la vida de Jesús, relacionado con nosotros en sus propias palabras: “El Buen Pastor es quien da la vida por sus ovejas”. Jesús enfatiza que, al dar su vida por sus ovejas, lo hace por su propia voluntad. No por la fuerza de las circunstancias. Su muerte es una prueba viviente de que “el mayor amor que una persona puede tener es dar su vida por sus amigos”.

Esta es la prueba de que Jesús realmente es el Buen Pastor, un título que representa la propiedad porque un pastor realmente es dueño de sus ovejas.

Jesús también se compara con la puerta. Este segundo título representa su liderazgo. Jesús es la puerta, el camino ... el único camino. El es el único mediador entre Dios y la humanidad. Todos deben pasar por Él y por Su Iglesia, para llegar al Cielo.

No solo es el domingo del Buen Pastor, también es un día de oración por las vocaciones sacerdotales, la vida religiosa y la vida consagrada. En este día, se nos pide especialmente que recemos para que la Iglesia pueda contar con trabajadores para cumplir su misión de difundir el Evangelio.

Cada uno de nosotros debería preguntarse esta semana: ¿en qué estoy gastando mi energía todos los días y cuál es mi verdadera vocación? ¿Es eso lo que Dios quiere que haga con mi vida? ¿Cómo estoy dando testimonio de mi fe cristiana? ¿Cómo estoy contribuyendo para hacer de este mundo un lugar mejor? ¿Hasta qué punto difundo la verdad, el amor, la justicia, la libertad y la tolerancia de Dios?

Y si estoy en una posición difícil de cambiar, ¿cómo me está llamando Dios a un mayor servicio a mi iglesia y mi comunidad? ¿Estoy dando algo a través de mi vida o solo estoy usando la sociedad e incluso la Iglesia para obtener lo que quiero?

Dios nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a trabajar por el Evangelio. Para un número pequeñísimo puede ser como sacerdote o religiosa y ese llamado puede venir en cualquier momento de la vida. Pero hay cientos de formas de servir a la Iglesia y ayudar a construir la comunidad

Cristiana. Necesitamos reflexionar sobre dónde Dios me está llamando para hacer mi contribución, basada en los talentos particulares que Él me ha dado.

Si cada uno de nosotros respondiéramos sinceramente a esa pregunta y actuáramos sobre ella, estoy seguro de que nuestra Iglesia tendría todos los trabajadores que necesita.

Le deseo a usted y a su familia una semana bendecida.

Párroco, 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 — Los que creyeron fueron bautizados (Hechos 2:14a, 36-41).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Han vuelto al pastor y guardián de sus almas (1 Pedro 2:20b-25).

Evangelio — Yo soy la puerta para las ovejas (Juan 10:1-10).

Primera Lectura

Hechos 2, 14a. 36-41

El día de Pentecostés, se presentó Pedro, junto con los Once, ante la multitud, y levantando la voz, dijo: “Sepa todo Israel con absoluta certeza, que Dios ha constituido Señor y Mesías al mismo Jesús, a quien ustedes han crucificado”.

Estas palabras les llegaron al corazón y preguntaron a Pedro y a los demás apóstoles: “¿Qué tenemos que hacer, hermanos?” Pedro les contestó: “Arrepíentanse y bautícese en el nombre de Jesucristo para el perdón de sus pecados y recibirán el Espíritu Santo. Porque las promesas de Dios valen para ustedes y para sus hijos y también para todos los paganos que el Señor, Dios nuestro, quiera llamar, aunque estén lejos”.

Con éstas y otras muchas razones, los instaba y exhortaba, diciéndoles: “Pónganse a salvo de este mundo corrompido”. Los que aceptaron sus palabras se bautizaron, y aquel día se les agregaron unas tres mil personas.

Segunda Lectura

1 Pedro 2, 20b-25

Hermanos: Soportar con paciencia los sufrimientos que les vienen a ustedes por hacer el bien, es cosa agradable a los ojos de Dios, pues a esto han sido llamados, ya que también Cristo sufrió por ustedes y les dejó así un ejemplo para que sigan sus huellas.

El no cometió pecado ni hubo engaño en su boca; insultado, no devolvió los insultos; maltratado, no profería amenazas, sino que encomendaba su causa al único que juzga con justicia; cargado con nuestros pecados, subió al madero de la cruz, para que, muertos al pecado, vivamos para la justicia.

Por sus llagas ustedes han sido curados, porque ustedes eran como ovejas descarradas, pero ahora han vuelto al pastor y guardián de sus vidas.

Evangelio**Juan 10, 1-10**

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los fariseos: “Yo les aseguro que el que no entra por la puerta del redil de las ovejas, sino que salta por otro lado, es un ladrón, un bandido; pero el que entra por la puerta, ése es el pastor de las ovejas. A ése le abre el que cuida la puerta, y las ovejas reconocen su voz; él llama a cada una por su nombre y las conduce afuera. Y cuando ha sacado a todas sus ovejas, camina delante de ellas, y ellas lo siguen, porque conocen su voz. Pero a un extraño no lo seguirán, sino que huirán de él, porque no conocen la voz de los extraños”.

Jesús les puso esta comparación, pero ellos no entendieron lo que les quería decir. Por eso añadió: “Les aseguro que yo soy la puerta de las ovejas. Todos los que han venido antes que yo, son ladrones y bandidos; pero mis ovejas no los han escuchado.

Yo soy la puerta; quien entre por mí se salvará, podrá entrar y salir y encontrará pastos. El ladrón sólo viene a robar, a matar y a destruir. Yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia”.

**No hay misas programadas
Hasta nuevo aviso**

La adoración a la eucarística continuará durante las horas regulares de la parroquia de 8:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

Protección contra la pandemia - María, Madre de Dios,**ruega por nosotros**

El Congreso Mariano se celebra en cooperación con la Sociedad Mariana Internacional Consagrada.

El obispo Gregory Parkes invita a todos a reunirse a través de Livestream el **Sábado 2 de Mayo de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.** por oración y devoción en honor de la Santísima Virgen María. Como una sola Iglesia, colocaremos nuestras oraciones ante nuestra Santísima Madre y le pediremos que interceda por nosotros a Jesucristo, nuestro protector. Durante este tiempo de la pandemia de coronavirus, necesitamos la intercesión de Mary más que nunca. (Este evento virtual reemplaza al Congreso Mariano original programado para el 2 de mayo).

Este evento especial tendrá lugar en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora en la Catedral de San Judas Apóstol. Usted está invitado a participar de las siguientes maneras:

- 9:00 a.m. Presentación magistral Parte 1 (inglés / español), Valientemente viviendo el Evangelio como María por el padre Carlos Rojas. (Haga clic <https://livestream.com/dosp/mariancongress1> para ver la transmisión en vivo)
- 10:00 a.m. Oración del Rosario en varios idiomas (Haga clic <https://livestream.com/dosp/mariancongress2> para ver la transmisión en vivo)
- 10:30 a.m. Celebración de la misa con el obispo Gregory Parkes (solo en inglés), que incluye la renovación de la consagración al Inmaculado Corazón de María y la coronación de María (haga clic <https://livestream.com/dosp/mariancongress3> para ver la transmisión en vivo)
- 11:30 a.m. Presentación magistral Parte 2 (inglés/ español), Valientemente viviendo el Evangelio como María por el padre Carlos Rojas. (Haga clic <https://livestream.com/dosp/mariancongress4> para ver la transmisión en vivo)

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.

Horario de oficina parroquial

La oficina permanecerá abierta durante el horario normal de 8:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. y continuará sirviendo almuerzo para los necesitados.

Cena para los necesitados

La cena para los necesitados continuará, a menos que se indique lo contrario, todos los miércoles a las 4:30 p.m. en el comedor. La cena se servirá y se distribuirá en cajas para llevar.

Confesiones

Llame a la oficina de la parroquia al (813) 681-9115 para programar una confesión con el Padre Edison o el P. Bibin.

Necesitamos su ayuda

En la oficina se nos están terminando las bolsas plásticas que son usadas para repartir los almuerzos a los mas necesitados. Si usted tiene bolsas extra y quisiera donarlas, favor de traerlas a la oficina.

Muchas gracias!

**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, Kathryn 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 líbralas 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.)

Formas de adorar a Dios y practicar nuestra fe mientras se suspenden misas

- ◆ Pase tiempo con las Escrituras como individuos y como familia. Los católicos pueden encontrar las lecturas de misas dominicales y diarias en línea en USCCB.org, tanto en forma escrita como en audio.
- ◆ Use su tiempo normal de adoración para practicar una forma más contemplativa de orar a través de la Lectio Divina, que es simplemente meditar o contemplar los textos de la Sagrada Escritura, lo que les permite llevarlos a una comunión de oración más profunda. Los grupos parroquiales pueden hacer uso de las redes sociales para reunirse virtualmente para rezar, el rosario o la Liturgia de las Horas.
- ◆ Visite www.dosp.org para sugerencias.

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

Cargado con nuestros pecados, subió al madero de la cruz, para que, muertos al pecado, vivamos para la justicia.

~1 Pedro 2:24a



Ayudando a los fieles a apoyar sus parroquias

Con la suspensión de misas públicas y el distanciamiento social para apoyar los esfuerzos de la comunidad para frenar la propagación de la enfermedad, una realidad que enfrentan nuestras parroquias es que los gastos operativos básicos se abordan a través de la participación activa en la ofrenda del ofertorio. La intención es que nuestras parroquias continúen ministrando y sirviendo a nuestras comunidades durante este tiempo, y por lo tanto, el apoyo no solo es apreciado, es vital para la salud y la estabilidad de cada parroquia, incluso cuando las puertas no están abiertas el fin de semana para la misa. Mientras que algunos enfrentan dificultades financieras ellos mismos, otros pueden estar buscando una manera de continuar apoyando a su parroquia. Para aquellos que actualmente no utilizan donaciones en línea, la Oficina de Administración y Desarrollo ha creado un recurso para conectar a los feligreses con el sitio de donaciones de su parroquia. Haga clic en visitar "<https://www.dosp.org/stewardship/supporting-your-parish/>" and select "St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Seffner"

Oración

Dios amantísimo,
tú que nos alimentas y nos cuidas,
y guías nuestros pasos por el camino correcto.
Escucha estas súplicas nuestras, y las
que hacemos en favor de todos los necesitados.
Por Cristo, nuestro Señor resucitado.