

FIRST SUNDAY *of Advent*



CHURCH OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
30 NOVEMBER 2025

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HOLY MASS

Mass of Anticipation, Saturday Evening at 5:00pm

Sunday Morning at 8:00am & 10:00am

Misa en Español a las 12 del mediodía

Monday to Friday at 7:30am

Saturday Morning at 8:00am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second Sunday of month at 2:00pm in English

Third Sunday of month at 2:00pm in Spanish

Please contact the parish office for more information, registration must be done **one month** in advance.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturdays at 8:30am and 4:00pm, or by appointment.

Confessions end once the last person in line is heard.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made **six months** in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the parish office when someone is very ill, especially near death, to receive the necessary sacraments.

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Fridays in July & August, 9am to 2pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 29

5:00 + Catherine Auciello Storer

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 + Evelyn Gandolfo

10:00 People of the Parish and + Natalia Alvarado

12:00 + Julio Felix Guzman

Monday, December 1

7:30 + Ethal Rattacasa

Tuesday, December 2

7:30 + Craig Esposito

Wednesday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

7:30 + Elizabeth Wolf

Thursday, December 4

St. John Damascene

7:30 + Fred Monaghan

First Friday, December 5

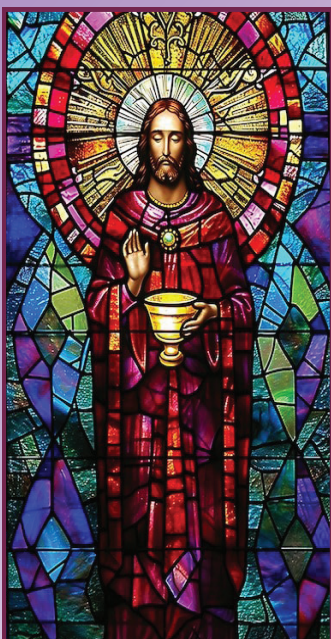
7:30 + Alex Dy

First Saturday, December 6

St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 + Intentions of the First Saturday Novena

SACRAMENTAL MEMORIALIZATIONS



The Host will be consecrated in Memory of:

+Steven Fernandez

The Wine will be consecrated in Memory of:

+ Steven Fernandes

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of:

+Lucia Ziccardi

The Altar Candles will burn in Memory of:

+Lucia Ziccardi

Mass Celebrant & Homilist Schedule*

Saturday, December 6

8:30am Confession: Fr. Lynx

4:00pm Confession: Fr. Lynx

5:00pm Fr. Lynx

Sunday, December 7

8:00am Fr. Bart

Deacon Preaching

10:00am Fr. Lynx

12 Noon (SPA) Fr. Tony

*Schedule subject to change without notice.



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Christmas Flowers, November 30

Religious Retirement Fund, December 7



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EVENTS

WHAT'S ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, December 1

Rosary Prayer Group 8-9:00am in Church
Baptism Prep class in Spanish 7:00pm
Eucharistic Advent Adoration 12-7:00pm

Tuesday, December 2

Rosary Prayer Group 8-9:00am in Church
Eucharistic Adoration 12-7:00pm

Wednesday, December 3

Rosary Prayer Group 8-9:00am in Church
Eucharistic Advent Adoration 12-7:00pm

Thursday, December 4

Rosary Prayer Group 8-9:00am in Church
Eucharistic Advent Adoration 12-7:00pm

First Friday, December 5

Rosary Prayer Group 8-9:00am in Church
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
8-9:00am and 12-7:00pm

First Saturday, December 6

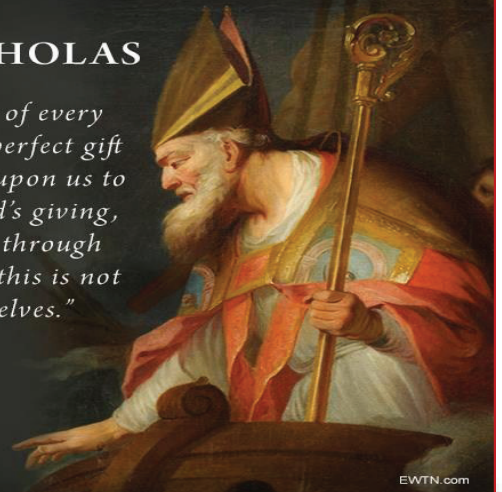
Rosary Prayer Group 8-9:00am in Church
Men's Group 6:30am (P.C.)
Confessions 8:30am and 4:00pm respectively
Bethlehem Handicrafts will be in the vestibule of
the Church all weekend
Primer Sábado 6:45am en la iglesia

Sunday, December 7

Second Collection for Retired Religious
Spanish Baptisms at 2:30pm

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by grace, through
faith, and this is not
of ourselves."*



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Coffee & Brunch

Sunday, November 30th

11:00am – 12:00pm

Hosted by the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion and Religious Ed Catechists



BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus ,
the Christian community is seeking your
love and support by purchasing their
handmade olive wood religious articles.
They make the perfect Christmas gift!

These items will be displayed in the
church vestibule after all the Masses on
the weekend of December 6th and 7th

FRONT PEW OF OUR CHURCH

While not officially
reserved, let's leave
the front pew on
either side of the aisle
open for those who
have a difficulty
walking. Holy
Communion will be
brought directly to
them.



Thank you for your cooperation!



JOIN US ON SUNDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 14, AT 5:00PM
FOR SOLEMN VESPERS IN THE CHURCH,
FOLLOWED BY THE LIGHTING OF THE MEMORI-
AL CHRISTMAS TREES ON THE LAWN OF OUR
PARISH CHURCH.



EXTRAORDINARY CONFESSION TIMES!

Wrap the best gift for the Christ Child this Christmas by laying down your burdens in Confession and receiving His Mercy!

**Monday, December 15th
6:00pm — 8:00pm**

**Tuesday, December 16th
6:00pm — 8:00pm**

**Wednesday, December 17th
6:00pm — 8:00pm**



What better way to prepare for the Lord's coming at Christmas than to sit at His feet and learn directly from Him?

The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during the Advent season:

Monday thru Friday | 12 Noon to 7:00pm

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE



***Reserve your Christmas tree soon!!
trees are limited to 150!***

Each tree costs \$150.00

Forms are at the doors of the Church.

***DEADLINE IS MONDAY!
DECEMBER 1! Very few left***

***Complete the form at the church exits and
bring it to the parish center or sacristy.***



The St. Francis Respect Life Ministry promotes the Catholic Church's teaching on the respect, care, and protection of human life from conception to natural death. The Ministry also aids in affirming the dignity of life and providing support to people in need.

ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent is the start of the liturgical year, focused on **hope** and preparing for Christ's coming. **Advent and our respect for life call for vigilance and the protection of life, whether by preparing the heart for Christ's arrival or by actively cherishing vulnerable life.** The first candle on the Advent wreath is often called the "**Candle of Hope.**" We

focus on hope, vigilance, and the protection of others. Advent calls us to be to be people of hope and as we live out we seek to actively defend the vulnerable.

The Advent reflection to prepare for Christ's return is a call to action in the **Respect Life** movement, which urges us to actively protect human dignity.

Please consider in participating in our **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM.** You can "spiritually adopt" a child who will be born in June 2026. Prayer pledges and other information are located at the doors of the church. It is suggested that you **name** the child for whom you will be praying, which will remind you that, although you may never meet the child in this life, you truly are praying for a specific child who needs your prayers.



If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the Respect Life Ministry, contact:
Deacon Victor Conversano, Jr.
201.641.6464 ext. 206

Christmas Flower Memorials



The flowers and decorations in our church at Christmas can be designated as Memorials.

If you wish to remember someone, please use the

envelope in your envelope collection pack or there those found at the doors of the Church.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Solemn Christmas Vigil | Family Mass
5:00pm

Solemn Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
12 Midnight | Bilingual Mass
Christmas Carols begin at 11:30pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Solemn Christmas Mass during the Day
8:00am & 10:00am
10am Mass will feature an orchestral ensemble and choir

12 Noon in Spanish
This Mass will feature an orchestral ensemble and choir

Rorate Caeli Mass

Saturday, December 20, 2025
at 6:15am

Please arrive
promptly
as the church
will be dark!



All must bring their
own candle
in a protective
container!

Caeli is Latin for "Drop down, ye heavens" and are the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon from Isaiah

45:8: "*Rorate, caeli, desuper; et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.*"

"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior."

The Rorate Caeli Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Our Lady's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ. The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord. Join us for this memorable and unforgettable Mass on the road to Christmas Day!

Breakfast to follow in the lower church.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

It's always a good idea to register in your parish.

Registration is required to enroll your child in the Faith Formation program, to become a godparent for Baptism or Confirmation, and to obtain any official parish letters.

Place this completed form in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Center, and we'll be in touch!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Welcome to Saint Francis of Assisi!

LA VOZ HISPANA

Primer domingo de Adviento 30 de Noviembre del 2025

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

Segundo domingo de mes a las 3:00pm en inglés
Tercer domingo de mes a las 3:00pm en español
Contacte la oficina parroquial para inscribirse
con **un mes** de anticipación.

SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFESIÓN

Sábados a las **8:30am & 4:00pm**, o por cita.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Arreglos se hacen con **seis meses** de anticipación.

SACRAMENTO DE LA UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial cuando alguien
esté muy enfermo, especialmente cerca de morir,
para recibir los sacramentos necesarios.

Confesiones de Adviento

Esta navidad prepara tu corazón
para recibir al niño Jesús

¡HORARIOS EXTRAORDINARIOS DE CONFESIÓN!

¡Envuelva el mejor regalo para el Niño
Jesús esta Navidad, dejando sus cargas
en la Confesión y recibiendo Su
Misericordia!

Lunes 15 de diciembre
6:00pm a 8:00pm

Martes 16 de diciembre
6:00pm a 8:00pm

Miércoles 17 de diciembre
6:00pm a 8:00pm

MISIÓN PARROQUIAL

*La comunidad parroquial de San Francisco de
Asís, se compromete al trabajo unificador del
Espíritu Santo, en la medida en que se
manifiesta en la Tradición viva de la Iglesia.
Nos comprometemos a dar testimonio de ese
trabajo en nuestras vidas diarias, sirviendo a
Dios y al prójimo, siendo misioneros de nuestra
Fe, llegando a quienes estén necesitados, y siendo
las manos acogedoras de Cristo para todos.*



INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE MARÍA

Alegrate,
llena de gracia,
el Señor esta contigo.

8 diciembre

PRÓXIMAS SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

Flores de Navidad, 30 de noviembre

7 de diciembre

Fondo de Retiro Religioso

BANCO DELANTERO DE NUESTRA IGLESIA

Aunque no está oficialmente reservado,
dejemos abierto el banco
delantero a ambos lados
del pasillo para
aquellos que tienen
dificultad para caminar.
La Santa Comunión llegará
directamente a ellos sin
tener que moverse.



¡Gracias por su cooperación!

Árbol de Navidad Conmemorativo

*Reserva su árbol de Navidad pronto, solo 150 disponibles
¡hay un número limitado de árboles! Cada árbol cuesta \$150*

¡LA FECHA LÍMITE ES EL 1 DE DICIEMBRE!



Flores conmemorativas de Navidad



*Las flores y las
decoraciones de nuestra
iglesia en
Navidad pueden
designarse como
conmemorativas.*

*Si desea recordar a alguien, utilice el sobre que se
encuentra en su paquete de sobres o
los que se encuentran*



ARTESANÍAS DE BELÉN

Desde el lugar de nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesús, la comunidad cristiana busca su amor y apoyo mediante la compra de sus artículos religiosos hechos a mano en madera de olivo.

¡Son el regalo perfecto de Navidad!

Estos artículos se exhibirán en el vestíbulo de la iglesia después de todas las misas del fin de semana del 6 y 7 de diciembre.

Misa de Rorate Caeli

Sábado, 20 diciembre del 2025 a las 6:15AM

¡Por favor llegue
puntualmente
ya que la iglesia
estará oscura!



¡Todos deben traer
su propia vela
en un
recipiente protector!

Rorate Caeli en latín significa “Destilad, cielos” y son las palabras iniciales de la Antífona de Entrada de Isaías 45:8: *“Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem”.*

“Destilad, cielos, como rocío de lo alto, derramad, nubes, la victoria. Abrase la tierra y produzca salvación, y germine juntamente la justicia.” La Misa de Rorate Caeli está iluminada solo con velas. Debido a que es una Misa votiva en honor a la Santísima Virgen, se usan vestimentas blancas en lugar del violeta de Adviento. En el entorno tenuemente iluminado, los sacerdotes y los fieles se preparan para recibir a la Luz del mundo, que pronto nacerá, y ofrecen alabanzas a Dios por el don de María. A medida que avanza la Misa y se acerca el amanecer, la iglesia se vuelve progresivamente más brillante, iluminada por el sol, a medida que nuestra Fe es iluminada por Cristo. Las lecturas y oraciones de la Misa anuncian la profecía de la Virgen que daría a luz un Hijo llamado Emmanuel, y llaman a todos a abrir las puertas de sus corazones y de sus sociedades para dejar entrar a Cristo Rey, pidiendo la gracia de recibir la vida eterna por los méritos de la Encarnación y Resurrección salvadora de Nuestro Señor. ¡Únase a nosotros para esta Misa memorable e inolvidable en el camino hacia el día de Navidad! *Desayuno después de la misa en el sótano de la iglesia.*



Iluminación de los Árboles de Navidad Conmemorativos

ÚNASE A NOSOTROS EL DOMINGO, 14 DE DICIEMBRE, A LAS 5:00 P. M.
PARA LAS VÍSPERAS SOLEMNES EN LA IGLESIA,
SEGUIDAS POR EL ENCENDIDO DE LOS ÁRBOLES DE NAVIDAD CONMEMORATIVOS
EN EL CÉSPED DE NUESTRA IGLESIA PARROQUIAL.

MISAS DE NAVIDAD

MIÉRCOLES 24 DE DICIEMBRE

Vigilia Solemne de Navidad
Misa Familiar

5:00pm en ingles

Misa Solemne de la
Natividad del Señor

12 Medianoche | Bilingüe

Los villancicos comienzan a las 11:30pm

*Esta Misa contará con un conjunto
orquestal y un coro*

JUEVES 25 DE DICIEMBRE

Misa Solemne de Navidad
durante el Día

8:00am y 10:00am en ingles

*La misa de las 10 AM contará con un
conjunto orquestal y un coro*

12 del mediodía en español

*Esta misa contará con un conjunto
orquestal y un coro*

¡BIENVENIDOS NUEVOS FELIGRESES!

Siempre es una buena idea matricularse en su parroquia.

Matricularse es necesario para inscribir a su hijo/a en el programa de la catequesis, para ser p/madrino de bautismo o confirmación, y para obtener cartas oficiales de la parroquia.

Coloque este formulario, con su información, en la canasta de la colecta o devuélvalo a la oficina parroquial, y le enviaremos por correo un formulario de inscripción más detallado.

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