

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

San Francisco de Asís Iglesia Católica

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Office Hours: Mon. Tues. Thurs: 10am - 3pm

Wednesday: 1pm - 5pm; Friday: 9am -12pm

Mass Schedule / Horario de las Misas

Saturday/sábado Vigil: 4:30pm (English); 7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday/domingo 10:00am (English); 12:00pm (Spanish)

Weekday Mass / Misa Diaria

12 noon - Tuesday through Friday (English)
7:30pm - Wednesday (Spanish)

Sacraments / Sacramentos

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Sacramento de la Reconciliación
Friday/Viernes 12:45pm (except first Friday of month-11am/
excepto el primer viernes del mes a las-11am)

Saturday/sábado 3-4pm or by appointment / o con cita.

Baptisms/Marriages // Bautismos/Matrimonios

Contact the church office at least six months in advance.

Devotions / Devociones

Holy Hour / Hora Santa

Thursday / jueves: 7:00pm; Friday / viernes: 11:00am

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration / Adoración Perpetua
Adoration - Amparo Quinchía - 828-292-3903 (text only)

Blessings of Thanks! / Muchas Gracias! Your Gifts to God and Parish

Offertory Collection received thru 3-03-24

Colecta de Ofertorio \$5,406.55

Weekly Budgeted Expenses

Gastos Semanales Presupuestados \$6,414.00

*YTD Received/Hasta la fecha recibido: \$231,570.38

*YTD Needed/Hasta la fecha necesitado: \$230,904.00

(Fiscal Year/Año Fiscal: 7/1/23 to 06/30/24)

New Building Fund Received / Fondo Para el Nuevo

Edificio: \$8,215.33



Fresh flowers are
provided each week by:
GREER-MCELVEEN
Funeral Home (Delicate Touch Florist)

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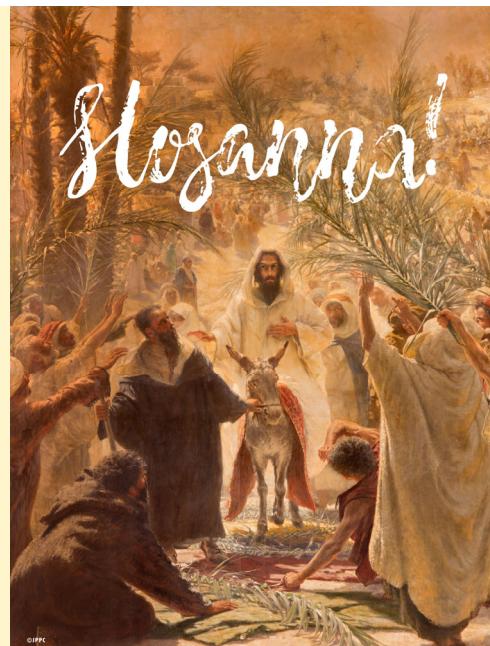
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St. Francis of Assisi Mission Statement

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we strive to assist the needs of the poor, help one another become spiritually stronger and serve in faithful stewardship. Together as one with the Body of Christ, we will rise to meet all challenges, increase the church for Christ, and proclaim the news of the gospel using words when necessary.

Misión Parroquial de San Francisco de Asís

Mediante la guía del Espíritu Santo y las enseñanzas de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo, nos esforzamos por ayudar a los pobres en sus necesidades, a ayudarnos unos a otros a ser más fuertes espiritualmente y a servir fielmente en la corresponsabilidad. Juntos como uno en el Cuerpo de Cristo enfrentaremos todos los desafíos, acrecentaremos la iglesia para Cristo y proclamaremos la buena nueva del evangelio, usando palabras cuando sea necesario.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH / MARZO 24, 2024

This Week at St. Francis of Assisi Mass, Intentions and Activities

Monday/lunes - 3/25

- 7pm - 9pm - Reflexión de Cuaresma, Español

Tuesday/martes - 3/26

- 12pm - Communion Service (No Misa)

Intention: Cesar Cruz (Birthday)

- 12:45pm - Rosary

- 6-7:30pm - Lenten program: The Catholic Path to Holiness, Parish Hall

Wednesday/miércoles - 3/27

- 12pm - Mass/Misa

Intention: For the deceased members of the Mickler Family

- 12:45pm - Rosary

- 7:30pm -Misa (Español)

Intention: Por los huérfanos.

Thursday/jueves - 3/28 Holy Thursday

- 12:45pm - Rosary

- 6pm - Mass - English

Intention: For those in Hospice

- 8pm - Misa, Español

Intention: +José Rangel González

Friday/viernes 3/29 Good Friday

- 11am - Holy Hour, English

- 12:45pm - Rosary

- 1pm - Reconciliation

- 3:30pm - Stations of the Cross, English -
(we will meet Outside)

- 5pm - Good Friday Service,

Adoration of the Cross, Bilingual // Viernes Santo - Adoración de la Cruz, Bilingüe

- 6pm - Emaus meeting, Room "A" - Men

- 6pm - Vía Crucis, Español - Nos reuniremos afuera

Saturday/sábado - 3/30 Holy Saturday

- 3pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation / Reconciliación

- 8pm - Mass/Misa, Easter Vigil, Bilingual//Vigilia Pascual, Bilingüe.

Intention: +Jackie Martin

Sunday/domingo - 3/31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 10am - Mass - English

Intention: +Helen Copening, +Steven Fekete Sr.

- 12pm - Misa - Español

Intención: +Angelica López

Today's Gospel and Reflection

Mark 14:1 -15:47 The story of Jesus' betrayal, condemnation, suffering, and death are recalled. There is no greater love than this.

Beginning today, the liturgical texts highlight Christ's surrender. His entrance into Jerusalem reminds us of the victory of a life given over to reflecting the mercy of God. Christ emptied himself of his divinity to make himself like us in all things but sin and, in that way, free us from its chains. The dramatic quality of this Sunday is seen in the processions of the faithful who, with their palms, announce that a life in Jesus is more important than the material life we sometimes succumb to.

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Evangelio y Reflexión de Hoy

Marcos 14:1 -15:47 Se recuerda la historia de la traición, la condenación, el sufrimiento y la muerte de Jesús. No hay amor más grande que este.

A partir de hoy, los textos litúrgicos ponen de relieve la entrega de Cristo. Su entrada en Jerusalén nos recuerda la victoria de una vida entregada a reflejar la misericordia de Dios. Cristo se despojó de su divinidad para hacerse semejante a nosotros en todo menos en el pecado y, de esa manera, liberarnos de sus cadenas. El dramatismo de este domingo se ve en las procesiones de los fieles que, con las palmas de las manos, anuncian que la vida en Jesús es más importante que la vida material a la que a veces sucumbimos.

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The last night of our free Lenten program *The Catholic Path of Holiness* will be held on Tuesday, March 26th. Even if you have not attended any other sessions, please join us to learn about **Our Spiritual War, Overcoming Sin and Temptation**.

Faith Formation

Confirmation Year 1 and 2

Class Holy Hours are scheduled for Sunday, March 24 and April 21, time: 3-4pm. Candidates must attend at least one of the scheduled Holy Hours. Families are welcome to attend as well.

Formación de Fe

Clases de la Confirmación Años 1 y 2

Las Horas Santas para estas clases están programadas para el domingo 24 de marzo y 21 de abril de 3-4pm. Los candidatos deben asistir al menos a una de las Horas Santas programadas. Las familias también pueden asistir.



News from Mateo Perez

My name is Mateo Perez. I am a Seminarian and, beginning this week, I will be writing a short section here about various topics.

I was born and raised in Lenoir, NC. I received my baptism, 1st Confession, and 1st Communion here at St Francis. This parish is home for me!

As a kid, I was as an altar boy and I participated in many projects and retreats. This is where my desire to serve God was born.

At the age of 12, I decided to enter a minor seminary. I studied there for 6 years and I finished my high school there. Then I visited the seminary for the Diocese of Charlotte and I felt that this was where God was calling me to.

Currently, I am in my 4th year at St Joseph College Seminary. I will graduate in May and then I will continue my formation for the next 4 years in Cincinnati, Ohio. God willing, I will be ordained a priest in 2028.

The Vigilant Retreat

Attention All Young, Adult Catholics:

The Vigilant Retreat is a locally created, weekend-long, overnight conference for young adult Catholics (ages 21-35, both married & single) in the Charlotte area, with the ultimate mission of inspiring fellow young adults to pursue holiness.

This year's retreat is from April 5-7, 2024, at the Catholic Conference Center, with the theme of Finding Rest for Our Souls. Learn more and register at thevigilantretreat.com.

Noticias de Mateo Pérez

Mi nombre es Mateo Pérez. Soy seminarista y, a partir de esta semana, escribiré aquí una breve sección sobre varios temas.

Nací y crecí en Lenoir, Carolina del Norte. Recibí mi bautismo, mi 1^a confesión y mi 1^a comunión aquí en San Francisco. ¡Esta parroquia es mi hogar!

De niño fui monaguillo y participé en muchos proyectos y retiros. Aquí es donde nació mi deseo de servir a Dios.

A la edad de 12 años, decidí entrar en un seminario menor. Estudié allí durante 6 años y allí terminé el bachillerato.

Luego visité el seminario de la Diócesis de Charlotte y sentí que era a donde Dios me estaba llamando.

Actualmente, estoy en mi 4^º año en el Seminario del Colegio San José. Me graduaré en mayo y luego continuaré mi formación durante los próximos 4 años en Cincinnati, Ohio. Si Dios quiere, seré ordenado sacerdote en 2028.

Saint Cabrini

The movie Cabrini, an upcoming release from Angel Studios, is based on the inspiring true story of a woman's fight for humane treatment, better living conditions, and increased compassion for immigrant orphans at the turn of the 20th century. For locations and times go to <https://www.angel.com/tickets/Cabrini>.

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

On Holy Saturday, March 30th at 1:00 p.m., Deacon James Witulski will be blessing Easter Food Baskets at St. Thomas Aquinas Church located at 1400 Suther Rd., Charlotte, NC 28213. The Blessing, in both the English and Polish languages, will take place in the Church, and will last about 30 minutes. Every person of any nationality is invited.

Holy Week The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper March 28

Mass, 6:00pm (English)
Misa, 8:00pm (Español)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) March 29

3:30pm, Stations of the Cross, Outside (English)
5:00pm - Adoration of the Cross (Bilingual)
6:30 -Vía Crucis (Español)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Saturday, March 30

8:00pm (bilingual)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord March 31

10:00am (English)
12:00pm (Spanish)

Semana Santa El Santo Triduo Pascual

Jueves Santo 28 de marzo

Misa, 6:00pm (Inglés)
Misa, 8pm (Español)

Viernes de la Pasión del Señor (Viernes Santo) 29 de marzo

3:30pm, Vía Crucis, Al aire libre (Inglés)
5:00pm - Adoración de la Cruz (Bilingüe)
6:30 -Vía Crucis (Español)

La Vigilia Pascual en la Noche Santa Sábado 30 de marzo

8:00pm (bilingüe)

Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor

31 de marzo

10:00am (Inglés)
12:00pm (Español)