



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church San Francisco de Asís Iglesia Católica

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Office Hours: Monday - Tuesday: 10am - 3pm
Wednesday: **Closed**; Thursday: 10am-3pm
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

9:30am - Tuesday
12 noon - Wednesday through Friday (English)
7:45pm - Wednesday (Spanish)

Sacraments / Sacramentos Sacrament of Reconciliation / Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Thursday / jueves: 7 - 8pm;

Friday/Viernes 11:00 - 11:40am, 12:45pm

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

Baptisms/Marriages // Bautismos/Matrimonios

Contact the church office at least six months in advance.

Blessings of Thanks! / Muchas Gracias!

Offertory Collection Received / Colecta de Ofertorio
8/17/25.....\$6,953.42

Weekly Offertory Budgeted Needed Ofertorio Presupuestado Necesitado Semanalmente

YTD Received / Recibido\$46,894.68
(Fiscal Year/Año Fiscal: 7/1/25 to 06/30/26)

DSA

Assessment/Meta: \$37,496.00

Received/Recibido:\$35,833.03

Remaining Pledges: \$8,968.31

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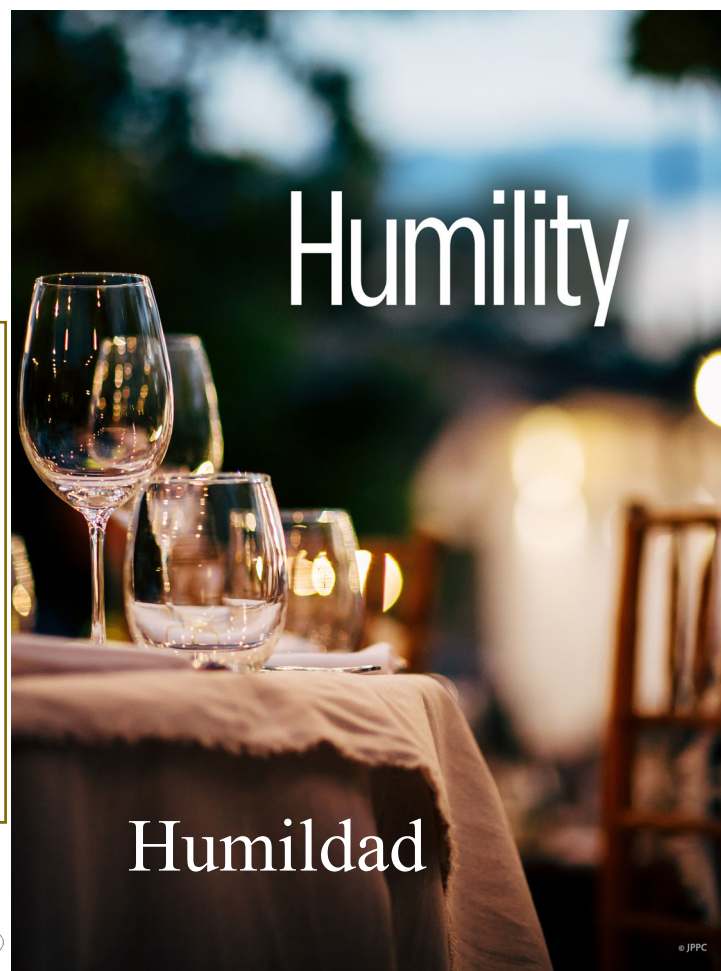
Adoration / Adoración

Thursday / jueves: 8am - 8pm
Friday / viernes: 11am - 11:45am

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration / Adoración Perpetua

P. Alfonso Gámez - 704-269-8537 & axgamez@rcdoc.org

Prayer Requests - Regina Spika, 828-874-1077 or
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This Week at St. Francis of Assisi Mass, Intentions and Activities

Monday/lunes - 09/01 *Labor Day / Office Closed*

- No Mass/No habrá Misa

Tuesday/martes - 09/02

- 9:30am - Mass/Misa, English
Intention: +Steven Fekete Sr.

Wednesday/miércoles - 09/03

- 12pm - Mass/Misa, English
Intention: For the intentions of Parishioners
- 7:30pm - Misa - Español
Intención: For the intentions of Karina Cruz

Thursday/jueves - 09/04

- 8am-8pm - Adoration
- 9:45am - Lay Apostle, Fellowship Hall
- 12pm - Communion Service, English
Intention: +Richard Henry Presnell
- 7pm - Hora Santa y Confesiones

Friday/viernes - 09/05

- 12pm - Communion Service, English
Intention: For the intentions of Parishioners
- 6pm - Emaus meeting, Room A

Saturday/sábado - 09/06

- 8:30am-8pm - Eucharistic Congress - Charlotte Convention Center

Sunday/domingo - 09/07 *Second Collection*

- 6am-7am - Emaus Holy Hour
- 10am - Mass - English
Intention: +Maria Starnes - death anniversary;
+Agnus Harbert
- 12pm - Misa - Español
Intención: Por las intenciones de los feligreses
- 4:30pm - Mass - English
Intention: For the intentions of Parishioners

Rediscover hope. Renew your spirit. Walk with Christ. Don't miss the 2025 Eucharistic Congress Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5 & 6, at the Charlotte Convention Center as we come together as *Pilgrims of Hope* with fellow Catholics from across the Diocese of Charlotte! Be inspired by dynamic Catholic speakers and uplifting music, experience one of the largest Eucharistic processions in the U.S., and find renewed hope in Christ through the Eucharist. Drop in for an hour or come both days – it's totally free and flexible! Details at www.YouBelong2025.com.

Reserve a Seat on the Bus: Our parish reserved two buses to transport parishioners from the church to the convention center and back on Saturday, September 6. The buses leave at 7am. You must sign up in the church lobby no later than Wednesday, September 3. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Today's Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14 The exalted shall be humbled and the humble exalted. When you have a dinner, invite poor people or persons with disabilities. Have a reception for persons who cannot repay you, "For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Often we may ask ourselves if God is the one who approaches us, or if we are the ones who approach God in prayer. In fact, God was the first to approach us in the sacrament of Baptism, so that, with our lives committed to his covenant in the Church, we may always have access to his word and life in the sacraments. Today's readings remind us to give glory to God with lives that are simple, authentic, and honest. When we understand Jesus Christ as the "mediator of the new covenant" (Letter to the Hebrews), and approach him without fear, we become living signs of the kingdom. From such a relationship, we gather together at our Sunday banquet never seeking the best places at the table, but we always welcome those who seek out a merciful God and who search for meaning in their lives through our service.

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Evangelio de Hoy

Lucas 14:1, 7-14 Los exaltados serán humillados y los humildes serán exaltados. Cuando tengas una cena, invita a personas pobres o con discapacidades. Haz una recepción para personas que no pueden recompensarte, "Porque serás recompensado en la resurrección de los justos."

A menudo nos preguntamos si es Dios quien se acerca a nosotros, o si somos nosotros quienes nos acercamos a Dios en oración. De hecho, Dios fue el primero en acercarse a nosotros en el sacramento del Bautismo, para que, con nuestras vidas comprometidas con su alianza en la Iglesia, siempre tengamos acceso a su palabra y vida en los sacramentos. Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que debemos darle gloria a Dios con vidas que son simples, auténticas y honestas. Cuando entendemos que Jesucristo es el 'mediador de la nueva alianza' (Carta a los Hebreos), y nos acercamos a Él sin miedo, nos convertimos en signos vivientes del reino. Desde tal relación, nos reunimos en nuestro banquete dominical nunca buscando los mejores lugares en la mesa, sino que siempre acogemos a aquellos que buscan a un Dios misericordioso y que buscan significado en sus vidas a través de nuestro servicio.

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Faith Formation Opening Night is Wednesday, September 24.

Volunteers are needed, There are many ways to help. Please contact the office at faithformation@stfrancislenoir.com or 828-754-5281.

La noche de apertura de la Formación de Fe será el miércoles, 24 de septiembre.

Se necesitan voluntarios. Hay muchas maneras de ayudar. Por favor contacte a la oficina - 828-754-5281 o por correo electrónico a faithformation@stfrancislenoir.com.

From the Pastor's Desk

Upcoming Courtyard & Memorial Fountain for Fr. Matthew Leonard

We are blessed to announce that our parish will soon begin construction of a new **courtyard on our church property**, which will include a beautiful **memorial fountain in honor of our beloved former pastor, Fr. Matthew Leonard**, who passed away suddenly in 2020. Fr. Leonard faithfully shepherded our parish for several years, and this memorial will serve as a lasting tribute to his ministry, love, and dedication to our community.

A **memorial plaque** will be placed on the fountain to honor his memory, reminding us of the joy and faith he shared with us.

In the **narthex**, you will find a display on the bulletin board with renderings of the courtyard and fountain, along with information on how you can contribute towards the expenses of this project. Your support will help us create a prayerful and welcoming space for generations to come.

Eucharistic Congress – Important Updates

Next weekend is the **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress!** Our parish has reserved a **bus that will leave at approximately 7:00am** on Saturday to take parishioners there and back.

Because of the Eucharistic Congress, there will be **no Vigil Masses or confessions on Saturday, September 6th**. To accommodate, there will be an **additional evening Mass at 4:30pm on Sunday, September 7th**.

Fr. Alfonso

Del Escritorio del Pastor

Próximo Patio y Fuente Conmemorativa para el P. Matthew Leonard

Nos complace anunciar que nuestra parroquia pronto comenzará la construcción de un nuevo **patio en nuestra propiedad**, que incluirá una hermosa **f fuente conmemorativa en honor a nuestro querido ex párroco, el P. Matthew Leonard**, quien falleció repentinamente en el año 2020. El P. Leonard sirvió fielmente a nuestra comunidad parroquial durante varios años, y este memorial será un tributo duradero a su ministerio, amor y entrega a nuestra comunidad.

Una **placa conmemorativa** será colocada en la fuente para honrar su memoria, recordándonos la alegría y la fe que compartió con nosotros.

Encuentre **al entrar a la iglesia** un tablero con imágenes del patio y la fuente, junto con información sobre cómo puede contribuir a los gastos de este proyecto. Su apoyo nos ayudará a crear un espacio de oración y bienvenida para las futuras generaciones.

Congreso Eucarístico – Avisos Importantes

¡El próximo fin de semana es el **Congreso Eucarístico Diocesano!** Nuestra parroquia ha reservado un **autobús que saldrá aproximadamente a las 7:00am** el sábado para llevar a los feligreses al congreso y traerlos de regreso.

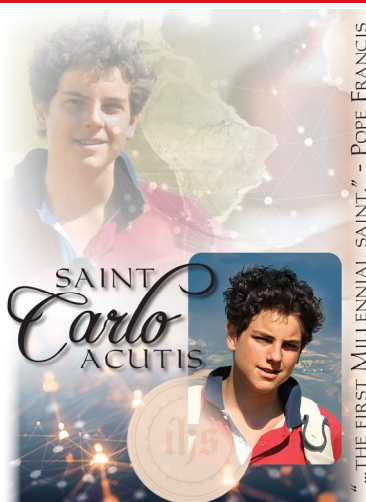
Debido al Congreso Eucarístico, el **sábado 6 de septiembre no habrá Misas de Vigilia ni confesiones**. Para compensar, se celebrará una **Misa adicional el domingo 7 de septiembre a las 4:30pm**.

Padre Alfonso

Pope sets September 7 for joint canonization of Blesseds Acutis and Frassati El Papa establece el 7 de septiembre para la canonización conjunta de los Beatos Acutis y Frassati.

Blessed Acutis was known for his devotion to the Eucharist and for creating an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles. He was noted for his joyful faith and compassion for others before dying of leukemia in 2006 at age 15.

El Beato Acutis era conocido por su devoción a la Eucaristía y por crear una exposición en línea de milagros eucarísticos. Se destacó por su fe alegre y su compasión hacia los demás antes de morir de leucemia en 2006 a la edad de 15 años.



Blessed Frassati was admired for his deep spirituality, love for the poor and enthusiasm for life. He had complete faith in God, and dedicated himself to helping the poor and supporting Church social teaching. He died at age 24 from polio.

El bienaventurado Frassati fue admirado por su profunda espiritualidad, amor por los pobres y entusiasmo por la vida. Tenía una fe completa en Dios y se dedicó a ayudar a los pobres y apoyar la enseñanza social de la Iglesia. Falleció a los 24 años a causa de polio.

