



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

April 10, 2016 • Third Sunday of Easter



Let us pray to God together for each other for, by sharing each others' burden of charity in this way, we shall easily fulfill the law of Christ. - St. Clare of Assisi

From the Pastor's Desk

On Easter Monday the official announcement was published regarding the moves, placements and ministries of all the friars in the Saint Barbara Province. The information is now public, and can be shared.

Fr. Sebastian requested and has been assigned to the friary at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Los Angeles. This will allow him to care for his mother who will be having serious surgery sometime in the next several months. He will remain at St. Francis Sacramento as Associate Pastor and continue to care for the pastoral needs of this parish until the new pastor, who the Bishop will appoint, is selected and begins his ministry at St. Francis. I am confident that he will continue the ministry that he has been entrusted with for the last three plus years.

I will be departing as pastor of St. Francis Parish pastor officially when the new pastor is appointed, although I will physically leave St. Francis on June 4, 2016. I will use the month of June as "vacation and retreat" time, which will be accomplished as I walk the Camino Portuguese from Lisbon, Spain to Santiago Compostela, Spain. When I walked the Camino Frances, I commented to many that this was the best retreat I had ever made in my life. I anticipate this upcoming Camino journey will be the same. Around July 1, I will begin my missionary work on the Camino Frances. It appears at this time that I will be living with the Franciscan Friars of the Province of Santiago Compostela in O'Cebrero, a tiny mountain top village about 100 miles east of Santiago in which all pilgrims pass. I will be there to celebrate Mass for the pilgrims, greet them, spend time with them, listen to their stories and be available for spiritual direction and the Sacramento of Penance. I will return to California in October and have been assigned to San Damiano Retreat House in Danville, CA as the guardian of the friars living there. In addition, I will embark upon retreat work and itinerant preaching as well as pursue legal work that I have been trained to assist people who are in need of representation to secure their rights and obligations in the Church.



Last Sunday afternoon there was an information meeting that 90 parishioners and others attended to receive information on forming a Secular Franciscan Fraternity at St. Francis Parish. Kathleen Molaro, the minister of the Secular Franciscan's in the west, was present as well as the western formation director and several members of the Secular Franciscans from the Sacramento area. There was much interest in learning what it means to be a Secular Franciscan. In essence, Secular Franciscans are lay people who choose to live the Franciscan life and spirit in the world with their families and in the places they spend their lives. It is a life long commitment that is made after about three years formation, during which one discerns if this is a commitment and value that is important enough to make public promises to live and be a witness to the gospel.

Last weekend after all the masses, Judy Miranda and Margaret Healy announced that a transition team has been formed to assist in the transition of the parish from its current Franciscan parish pastor to another pastor who will be appointed by Bishop Soto. A questionnaire was distributed to articulate parishioner's opinions as to what drew them to St. Francis Parish, what is it that they appreciate about the parish, and what are the challenges the parish faces in the future. This information will be shared with Bishop Soto and the pastor he appoints. It is important to get this survey in as soon as possible. If you did not get a survey last week after Mass, it can be found on the parish website at www.stfrancis-parish.com.

This is a tough time for everyone. Transition is always difficult especially when it is transition into the unknown. Last Sunday, I stated in my homily noting that fear only locks us up behind walls and locked doors. The three cardinal Christian virtues as FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE. One's virtue is only as good as it is when it is tested. Remember Love, and I might say, Faith and Hope always trump Fear!

Until next week....Happy Easter....May the Lord Give You Peace...kjl

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:15pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

(in St. Clare Chapel)
12:10pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00-5:00pm
or by appointment

CHURCH HOURS

M-Th 9:00am-3:00pm
Fri 9:00am-1:30pm

Deaf individuals are invited to fully participate in the life of the Catholic Church at our ASL Interpreted Mass each Sunday at noon.

We Need You For A Discussion of the Proposed Baptismal Font Design

The work to design the permanent Baptismal Font for our church that began in the summer of 2015 has been proceeding in the new year. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in a meeting to review the proposed design; hear about the thinking behind the designs; and, provide feedback to the design committee at the April Parish Council meeting. All are welcomed to participate in the meeting at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, 04/12/2016 in the church.

Cinco de Mayo Welcome Brunch!

to Welcome those New to Our Parish

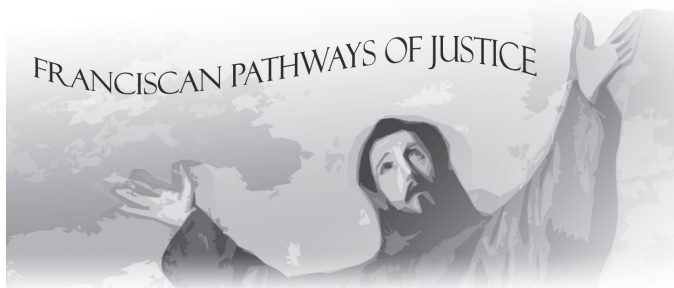
Sunday, May 01
10:50 am-12:15 pm
Brunsmann Hall



Have you ever wondered why we have a photo of Pope St. John XXIII in our church? Or why we call ourselves a Franciscan parish? Or what makes our parish unique? Or how you can get more involved in this faith community?

Fr. Ken and the St. Francis Welcome Team invite you to enjoy a brunch with us, other volunteers, and parish staff—and to learn a little more about St. Francis Parish. You do not need to bring anything, and we hope that you will walk away with an increased understanding of what makes St. Francis so special. Childcare is provided for children 3 years and older.

“Old-timers” are invited to help with welcoming. Call Sjeaney at the Parish Center if you would like to help and/or can bring a dish to share (443-8084). Don't be shy!



Visit with members of our **Franciscan Pathways of Justice** after each mass and learn on we can show love for our brothers and sisters around the Earth by voluntarily reducing our carbon footprint. They will have general information and provide each of you with a St. Francis Pledge Card on what you what you can do to Protect Creation. Visits will take place April 23 & 24.

For more information please contact Richard Hernandez at RichardH@Stfrancisparish.com

Grief Support Group

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? A weekly program of six Saturdays starting April 16 through May 21 is offered to assist you in your grief at St. Francis Parish community. It will be held in St. Clare's Chapel from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. The program is facilitated by Ann Dufour and Suzanne Sanchez. Please call Ann at 916-339-6284 for further information and for registration.



Adult Faith Formation Present An interactive Workshop: Values, A Spiritual Compass For Our Journey Through Life.



The really fundamental questions of our lives are not questions of fact or finance, but questions of value. What is worth striving for? What makes life worth living? Join us for Coffee and a Light Breakfast, Saturday, April 23, 9:00 AM to 11:15 AM in Brunsmann Hall

This Post-Easter season is an ideal time to explore our core beliefs, the values that flow from them, and the impact they have on others. Together we will examine:

- The Rokeach Values Survey, the most researched values instrument published
 - How values impact our lives mentally, emotionally and behaviorally
 - How our values serve us in making moral choices
- Presented by Sandra Nelson and Tom Pinkel

Holy Doors Pilgrimage April 23

Registration available online at bit.ly/1MX45eD

Pope Francis has invited and encouraged us to make a pilgrimage in this our Year of Mercy. The teens will be hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors located throughout our diocese. You can join their caravan, either by riding in one of their 15-passenger vans, or by driving your own vehicle. They have mapped the journey over two Saturdays.



On April 9 we visited all of the "local" Holy Doors and, on April 23, we will visit all the distant doors. All participants will receive a special bumper stick and commemorative pin. The teens will make all arrangements and will be preparing prayers for the pilgrims to reflect on throughout the journey.

Hello from the Transition Team,

The Transition Team for St. Francis Parish was introduced last weekend at the end of each Mass. Margaret Healey, Parish Council Chairperson and Judy Miranda, Finance Council chairperson, have agreed to lead this Transition Team to facilitate our parish moving from the pastoral care provided by the Franciscan Friars to being provided by the Diocese of Sacramento. This team is made up of parishioners representing different ministries, parish staff and the parish school. The team's purpose to provide opportunity for all parishioners to be informed and involved in the transition process.

The main role of the Transition Team, is to:

- 1) Help the current pastor and the friars to bring closure to their ministry with our parish;
- 2) Help the parish staff, leaders and parishioners through the transition period; and to
- 3) Welcome the new pastor.

By design, the responsibilities of the Team are short-term, lasting through the arrival of our new pastor. The Transition Team will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Create, collect and correlate a parish survey of blessings, strengths and challenges to give to the Diocese of Sacramento and the new pastor.
- 2) Be available to field questions or address concerns from the parish and school.
- 3) Provide periodic updates to the parish and school throughout the transition period.
- 4) Create and provide a parish report (profile) for the Diocese of Sacramento and for the incoming pastor.
- 5) Coordinate farewell events for Fr. Ken and Fr. Sebastian, and to celebrate over 120 years of Pastoral Care of the Parish by the Franciscan Friars.
- 6) Plan how our new pastor will be welcomed and offer ideas for the official installation of the new pastor.


The Transition Team has the task to see that these responsibilities are fulfilled. This small group of people will need assistance from the Parish at large to ensure a smooth transition. There will be opportunities for members of the parish and the school to participate in these responsibilities. You are welcome to let any member of the Team know if there is a specific project for which you would like to volunteer. Your help is encouraged and will be gratefully accepted.

Thank you!

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Join Us for this Important Parish Meeting

 You are invited to a meeting with the provincial, Fr. David Gaa OFM, and a representative from the Diocese of Sacramento on Monday evening, April 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. You will have an opportunity to hear from both Fr. David and the Diocese of Sacramento regarding the future ministry at St. Francis Parish and School. All are welcome.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

REGULAR GIVING (Offertory)

(Includes direct deposit and credit card donations)

March 27	\$19,619
Year-to-date (7/1/15 - 3/30/16)	\$550,794
Last year	530,170
\$ Change	\$20,624
% Change	3.9%

DESIGNATED DONATIONS

(Includes direct deposit and online donations)

Building Fund

Donations (7/1/15 - 3/30/16)	\$45,682
Last year	45,208
\$ Change	\$473
% Change	1.1%

Step Ministry

Donations to date (7/1/2015 - 3/30/16)	\$38,117
Last year	40,797
\$ Change	-\$2,679
% Change	-6.6%

Good Friday

Collection for the Holy Land	\$3,055
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Thank you for your generosity!



PRAYER REQUESTS

For Those Who Are Ill or in Pain

Mary Brown, Shelly Bettencourt Tillman,
Pat Osuna, Marietta Reitor

For Those Who Have Been Called to Eternal Life

Shirley Hernandez

Mass Intentions for this Week

Apr. 10	Sun.	7:30am	<i>Pro Benefa</i>
Apr. 10	Sun.	9:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>

To request a Mass Intention, or request to have your loved one added to our bulletin prayer list, please contact Sleanay Willis Bolden, Parish Secretary (443-8084 or info@stfrancisparish.com).

For **Healing Prayer Ministry requests**, please contact Richard Hernandez (443-8084 x114 or RichardH@stfrancisparish.com).

iPOD DONATIONS IN APRIL



iPod Donation Drive For Alzheimer's Patients

The **Adult Faith Formation Committee** will provide a donation basket in the rear of church on all weekends during April. These devices will be reprogrammed with music meaningful to dementia patients confined to nursing homes. Last summer's film festival screened the award winning documentary "Alive Inside" which featured the startling effect of music on Alzheimer's patients who had almost completely withdrawn from life. Grounded in neurological research, the film demonstrated the therapeutic effects of music on the brain. To learn more about this movement, visit musicandmemory.org. or check out the film now in our parish library.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS



Javier Marin and Celena Rodriguez
and their children Lourdes,
Santiago, Javier and Amali

Maxine Niel and her daughter Jade



Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Prayer for The Church in Transition

O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift.

We ask you to guide us in our time of transition.

We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth.

We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to continue offering ourselves in joyful service to one another.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your Spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit.

Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel.

Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenges of being the Church of our time.

Amen.



APRIL YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION



Throughout the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the U.S. Bishops are providing a monthly reflection on a Scripture passage that Pope Francis refers to in his statement “The Face of Mercy.” Following are questions for our reflection for April.

Heb 2:17-18; 4:16; MV, no. 18

“[T]herefore, he [Jesus] had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.” (Heb 2:17-18)

“So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.” (Heb 4:16)

Reflection Questions

1. During Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is often emphasized, and many people participate in its wonderful mercies. However, it is not just a Lenten practice! How does your participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation prepare you to receive God’s mercy and then share it with others?
2. In what ways can you be a “missionary of mercy” to others in your home, work, and community? What are particular qualities of Christ, in his life, Death, and Resurrection, that you can model for others so that they can draw closer to the love of God?

FRANCISCANS FOR JUSTICE

In the early Church, the time between Easter Day and Pentecost was known as the “Great Fifty Days”—a continuous, fifty-day Sabbath. This is especially relevant as we are sailing through what Pope Francis calls the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Christian author Ched Myers writes: ‘At its root, Sabbath observance is about gift and limits: the grace of receiving that which the Creator gives, and the responsibility not to take too much, nor to mistake the gift for a possession.’

Today’s Gospel includes these verses: Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you just caught.” So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.”

Can you see how the actions of Jesus mirror the challenge for each of us to living out Sabbath economics in our daily lives? FranciscansForJustice.org | [FACEBOOK: Franciscans for Justice](https://www.facebook.com/FranciscansForJustice)

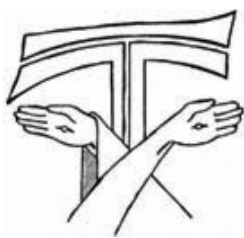
National Prayer for Vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order

O, good and gracious God, God of mercy, compassion, generosity and love, as we live our lives today in the model of St. Francis, choosing daily to live the Gospel-life, help us to help others—hear your call.

Help us to help others to recognize their vocation as a Secular Franciscan, that you have already implanted in their heart.

Help us, so that together, we all may work to bring the Gospel to life.

Amen.



ONGOING: ALL ARE WELCOME

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

During the Liturgy of the Word at our 9:30 am Mass, children K-4th grade are escorted from the church to the Parish Center Chapel by an adult catechist for CLOW. No registration required. Parents may accompany their children.

Church Tours: 4th Sundays after Noon Mass.

Communion Visitation

To request a visit for you or a loved one, please email: SFCommunionVisitation@gmail.com. Please include your phone number in your email.

Contemplative Prayer

Mondays 6:00 pm in the Parish Center Chapel.

Tuesdays after 12:10 pm Mass in St. Clare Chapel.

Gospel Series

Sundays 11:00 -11:45 am in the Parish Center. Reflection and meditation on the gospel. More info: Mary (536-9753).

Healing Prayer

Healing Prayer ministers are available to pray for you or your loved ones. Email your prayer petitions to healingprayer@stfrancisparish.com, or call the parish office (443-8084).

High School Youth Ministry

1st and 3rd Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Parish Center. Light dinner provided. Bring a friend! StFrancisTeens@gmail.com.

Hospitality

Sundays after 9:30 am Mass. Join us for coffee and donuts in Brunsmann Hall.

Library Hours: **Thursdays**, Noon - 2:00 pm and

1st and 3rd Sundays, 8:30 - 11:30 am in the Parish Center.

Little Lambs Nursery Program

Child care for children ages 1-3 during 9:30 am Mass. To register, go to our Children's Faith Formation link on our parish website: www.stfrancisparish.com/children_formation.htm or email LittleLambs@stfrancisparish.com.

Praying the Franciscan Crown

Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 am in the Parish Center Chapel. The Franciscan Crown rosary dates from the 1400s and focuses on the Seven Joys of Mary. More info: BethW@stfrancisparish.com.

Taizé Prayer: **Wednesdays**, 6:00-7:00 pm, in the church.

T'ai Chi Chih

Saturdays: 9:05 am in St. Clare Chapel or, weather permitting, in the park across from the church.

Wednesdays: 6:00 pm in the church (during Taizé Prayer).

School Prayer Service: **Mondays** at 8:10 am in the church (when school is in session). All are welcome.

Thomas Merton Circle: More info: John (482-6976).

Young Adults (20's-30's)

Come try out our young adults groups called Christian Life Communities (CLC). There is no commitment—just attend once and go from there. Our CLCs are a place for growth, companionship, and transformation. More info: Patrice at YoungAdults@stfrancisparish.com.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee and Donut helpers needed!

Ever wonder how the coffee and donuts ministry happens each Sunday following 9:30am Mass? Would you like to be a part of a wonderful ministry of presence, providing fellowship to our parish community? Well here is your opportunity! We have an immediate vacancy to fill on the 3rd Sunday of each month. If interested and want further details, please contact Hospitality Ministry Coordinator SJeanay Bolden in the Parish Center Office, 443-8084 or info@stfrancisparish.com



Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Men's Retreat (Apr 15 - 17)



Join us for a weekend of reflection, prayer, and conversation. Our Retreat Year will celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis on March 12, 2015. Mercy, of course is the Biblical portrayal and experience of God. The God of the Hebrew Scriptures is rich in Mercy and filled with compassion. Since we are created in the image and likeness of God, we are fashioned to be people of mercy and compassion. Come and celebrate the merciful splendor of our God. Requested Fee: \$195 single / \$175 double (info at <http://bit.ly/25k81Bs>)



Young Adults Movie Night

Convinced is a new movie that is hailed as encouraging to all Catholics. This movie is a documentary that follows the story of recent converts to Catholicism and why they are moved to join the church. Join us for a one-time showing at 7:30 p.m. at The Tower Theater followed by dessert at The Tower Cafe on Thursday, April 28th. Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased in advance. Please r.s.v.p. to Patrice by April 15th or soon after, if possible, at youngadults@stfrancisparish.com.

PARISH INFORMATION

St. Francis Parish Center Offices: 1066 26th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 • Phone: 916.443.8084
 Fax: 916.443.7356 • Website: www.stfrancisparish.com • Office Hours: MON-FRI, 9AM-5PM

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 Mark Schroeder, OFM • John Summers, OFM

REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH • UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name 1: _____ Name 2: _____
 (Last Name, First Name) (Last Name, First Name)

Address: _____
 (Street Address) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Mass you attend: _____ Children's Names _____ M/F _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____
 5:15PM 7:30AM 9:30AM Noon

Please place this form in the collection basket or
 • Mail it: 1066 26th St., Sacramento CA 95816
 • Fax it: 916-443-7356 or
 • Register online: www.stfrancisparish.com/membership.htm