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June 19, 2016 • The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Never and I so ashamed then when I find someone more miserably poor than I, for I've chosen Holy Poverty for my lady, my delight, my spiritual and material treasure. - St. Francis of Assisi (Mirror of Perfection, 17)

An Update From The Parish Transition Team

It's been nearly three months since it was announced that the Franciscan Friars would no longer be providing pastoral care to our parish. It was then that the Transition Team was organized to help try to smooth the way between losing our Friar pastors and welcoming a new pastor from the Diocese.

Do you remember the survey questions you were asked to fill out as information for the Bishop's administrative team and to give to our new pastor? This was the first activity done by the Transition Team during what now seems like long ago. We're glad to report that the surveys are serving their purpose. As was reported weeks ago, a binder filled with the earliest surveys was given to the Bishop's administrative team just as they were beginning to discern which priest to send to St. Francis Parish. Another binder has been prepared with all of the surveys to give to Fr. Desmond during his first week with us, as a means to help him to get to know the heart of our parishioners before he even meets us.

The questions asked what draws us to this parish, what are the blessings and strengths experienced here and what challenges might we be facing as a parish? It is interesting to recall that these questions were answered very early in the transition process, prior to Bishop Soto's meetings that were filled with reassurances, and while fears were strong in many people.

After all of the submitted surveys were collected, the responses to the questions have been tallied. It's not surprising that many of the responses to the three questions overlapped. The characteristics that draw people to St. Francis are many times the same characteristics that people expressed as concerns and fears of losing. The most frequent response talked about the inclusivity and acceptance and welcome people find in our parish and they don't want to lose. Outreach to the poor was the next most

frequent draw and concern. Ranking third were three responses: sense of community in our parish and school, vibrant liturgy, and retaining our Franciscan charism. Fourth rankings included living the parish mission statement, hearing good homilies and having vibrant music as part of the liturgies. A list of survey responses and their rankings will be listed in the bulletin next week.

One of the most frequent concerns expressed on the surveys was "being open and positive to receiving a new (non-Franciscan) pastor." Now that we've heard more about Fr. Desmond O'Reilly from Fr. Ken and the staff, we know it will be a pleasure to welcome Fr. Desmond to St. Francis and we hope he's looking forward to being our pastor.

The installation ceremony for Fr. Desmond will be during the 5:15 Mass, July 2nd. It is a holiday week-end, but we encourage our parishioners and friends to fill the church to overflowing to welcome Fr. Desmond!

- The Transition Team

"People need to know that the Church is the community and can only sustain the Franciscan spirit if they stay and support each other... We, the parishioners, are the Franciscan spirit... This change has the potential of making our Parish stronger than ever as a community united in our love of God as we see him in everyone... [with] St. Francis as our model."

"The liturgical celebrations [have] inclusive language; real bread used for Eucharist; full, active, conscious participation; good homilies; the entire assembly singing; warm welcome by the greeters... The Sacred Triduum is the best I have ever experienced."

"After many years of marginalization and abuse by the church, I have returned to the church, through St. Francis Parish, with great joy."

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

WEEKDAY MASSES
(in St. Clare Chapel)
12:10pm



RECONCILIATION
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.



Our St. Francis Elementary Class of 2016

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HIGH SCHOOL

Bella Monteverde

Christian Brothers High School
 Former St. Francis Elementary student.

Brooke Uhlenhop

St Francis High School
 Former St. Francis Elementary student.

COLLEGE

Natalie Ochoa

Gonzaga University, with BA in English and Criminal Justice, minor in Theater Arts.
 Graduating Magna Cum Laude.
 Former St. Francis Elementary student, and will be attending UC Davis School of Law in the Fall of 2016.

Let Us Know!

Are you or someone near and dear graduating this year from 8th grade, high school or college? Contact JD to share this wonderful news in our parish bulletin, so that your parish family can celebrate this achievement with you (jdwarrick@stfrancisparish.com).



ALL ARE WELCOME

The LORD'S Prayer

How To Live the Lord's Prayer with Bro. Mark and Bro. Zeno. Three sessions: June 16, 23, 30, all from 6:45-8pm in Brunsman Hall

Did you know that St. Francis of Assisi wrote a commentary on the Lord's Prayer? It is the only instance in which we find an example of how Francis responded to his early brothers' request to teach them how to pray.

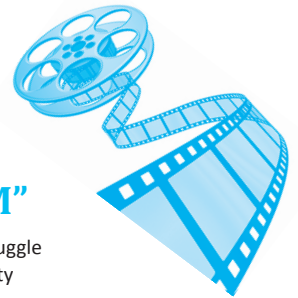
We will take time to discuss this 13th-Century commentary and explore how we can make Francis's thoughts come alive in our parish and in today's society.

Come join our three part series on the Lord's Prayer. Three consecutive Thursday evenings—you can attend one, two, or the complete series. 75 minute sessions.

When in Michoacán, Mexico in February, Pope Francis preached, 'It is to this prayer, to this expression, that Jesus calls us. Father, dad, daddy ... lead us not into the temptation of resignation, lead us not into the temptation of losing our memory, lead us not into the temptation of forgetting our elders who taught us by their lives to say, "Our Father."'

(Bro. Zeno Im, O.F.M., is a young friar studying in the Bay Area.)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND THE LGBT MINISTRY PRESENT



"CALL ME MALCOLM"

A Documentary About One Man's Struggle With Faith, Love and Gender Identity

This down-to-earth, non-threatening and wholesome film introduces us to Malcolm, a trans-gendered man in his first year of United Church of Christ seminary. Uncertain about his future, he embarks on a road trip across the U.S. While visiting people holding various perspectives on gender identity, spirituality and love, he gains deeper insights into his life. With openness and compassion he gradually gains optimism about what his future may hold.

Join us Wednesday, June 22, in Brunsman Hall

6:00pm: Meet & Greet

6:30pm: Film, with discussion to follow

Ok to bring your dinner. Popcorn and cold drinks will be provided. Be ready for stimulating post-film discussion.

For further information please contact Sandra Nelson at profiles.sacto@sbcglobal.net or Richard Hernandez at RichardH@stfrancisparish.com

Parish Update from Fr. Ken



Bishop Soto has informed me that Fr. Desmond O'Reilly has been appointed new Pastor as of July 1. Fr. Des is currently the pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes in Del Paso area, and was pastor at St. Charles Borromeo in Sacramento. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Dublin 26 years ago. He has been

in the Diocese of Sacramento about 10 years. Prior to coming to Sacramento he served as a high school teacher, hospital chaplain and parish priest. He is very concerned that the Franciscan charism remain alive at St. Francis. After spending time with him, I feel comfortable that he will be able to continue to lead the parish in the footsteps of Jesus and Francis and Clare.

Save the date! The Installation of Fr. Desmond as Pastor will take place on Saturday July 2 during the 5:15 Mass. Bishop Soto will preside, and a reception will follow. All are welcome!

An Invitation to Participate and welcome Fr. Desmond!

All parishioners are invited to a reception in Brunsmann Hall celebrating the Installation of Fr. Desmond as Pastor on July 2 following the 5:15 Mass.

We are also looking for a few good people to help with set up, service, and clean up. In addition, for those that wish, small appetizers and desserts will be much appreciated. Contact Richard at richardh@stfrancisparish.com or 443-8084 ext 114. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our Franciscan hospitality.



ST. FRANCIS PARISH FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT RALEY FIELD ON JULY 8

Everyone is invited!
FREE TICKETS for current catechists!
 (limit five \$10-\$16 tickets per catechist)
 Enjoy a baseball game, a free concert, and more!



Gates open at 4:30 !!
Concert starts at 4:45.
Chaplain and players speak at 5:15.
Game begins at 7:05!!

FOR DETAILS OR TO ORDER TICKETS: Pick up an order form the literature racks, or check out the order form on the parish website or Facebook page! Orders must be received by June 27. www.stfrancisparish.com.

Questions? Email jdwarwick@stfrancisparish.com

Thank you, Fr. Sebastian!!



Father Sebastian will be leaving our parish at the end of June for his new assignment in Southern California. We wish him many blessings and much good as he continues the exploration of his priesthood in the spirit of Francis and Clare.

On the weekend of June 25-26 we will be holding special gatherings in his honor after the 5:15, 7:30 and noon Masses outside the front of the church, and an expanded Coffee and Donuts in Brunsmann hall following the 9:30 mass. Parishioners are welcome to drop a card into the collection plate to express your appreciation and well wishes to Fr. Sebastian during any Mass.

The Collection for Peter's Pence (for the Holy Father) will take place next weekend: June 25/26

Young Adults Ministry Pot Luck Dinner and Ice Cream Social



When: Saturday, July 9, in Brunsmann Hall immediately following the 5:15 Mass
What: A potluck dinner and ice cream social
Who: All young adults, family, and friends invited. This is a kid-friendly event.

Please bring some munchies or your favorite ice cream topping to share. Ice cream will be provided. If your potluck item needs to be refrigerated, drop it off at Brunsmann before mass. **We will have some games and activities and, of course, ICE CREAM.**

Please register so we know how many people to buy ice cream for. Contact Patrice at youngadults@stfrancisparish.com to register and if you have any questions.

IN MEMORY OF

Fr. Howard Richard Hall, OFM (1927-2016)



The parish has learned that Fr. Howard Richard Hall, OFM, passed away peacefully on May 27th. A funeral Mass and burial occurred at Mission Santa Barbara on June 10. Fr. Hall grew up in Sacramento and, because his priestly vocation came from his association with St. Francis Parish, he celebrated his first Mass

here in 1953. He served as a Franciscan priest for 63 years. Known for his wealth of stories, he also had a unique ability to listen to others and his kind presence will be missed by a multitude of family and friends. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

REGULAR GIVING *(Offertory)*

(Includes direct deposit and credit card donations)

June 05	\$14,876
Year-to-date (7/1/15 - 6/08/16)	\$692,195
Last year	673,628
\$ Change	\$18,567
% Change	2.8%

DESIGNATED DONATIONS

(Includes direct deposit and online donations)

Building Fund

Donations (7/1/15 - 6/08/16)	\$55,860
Last year	57,136
\$ Change	-\$1,276
% Change	-2.2%

Step Ministry

Donations to date (7/1/2015 - 6/08/16)	\$53,087
Last year	49,460
\$ Change	\$3,627
% Change	7.3%

Annual Catholic Appeal

Donations (2017)	\$70,593
Last Year	\$62,126
Participation (2017)	245 parish families
Projected distribution to Parish	\$17,648

Thank you for your generosity!



PRAYER REQUESTS

For Those Who Are Ill or in Pain

Taina Valone, Michelle Palko, Bruce Collins, Mary Kuvakos,
Dara Fout, Rose Richards

For Those Who Have Been Called to Eternal Life

Fr. Howard Richard Hall, OFM

Mass Intentions for this Week

June 19 Sun.	7:30am	FMU*
June 19 Sun.	9:30am	Pro Populo
June 21 Tues.		Daniel Patrick Dillon†

*FMU: Franciscan Missionary Union Pro Populo: for our parishioners

To request a [Mass Intention](#) or [request to have your loved one added to our bulletin prayer list](#), please contact SJeanay Willis Bolden, Parish Secretary (443-8084 or info@stfrancisparish.com). Send [Healing Prayer Ministry prayer requests](#) to healingprayer@stfrancisparish.com, or contact Richard Hernandez (443-8084 x114 or RichardH@stfrancisparish.com).

FRANCISCANS FOR JUSTICE



Catholic Theologian Gerald Darring comments on today's Scripture: A Two-Sided Coin

There are two images of God in today's liturgy: that of the shepherd of the people, and that of the suffering messiah. The first image presents us with a God who is "guide and protector of your people." The other image is of a God who "must first endure many sufferings, be rejected by the elders, and be put to death." The first image is of a God who will "keep us one in your peace, secure in your love." The other image of God challenges us to "deny one's very self, take up one's cross each day, and follow in his steps."

Religion is a two-sided coin. On the one hand, it comforts us with the security of God's love and protection. On the other hand, it makes demands of us that are frightening in their consequences. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, represents a combination of the two aspects of religion. "I give my life for my sheep," he says, for he is the shepherd and the sacrificial victim. Those of us who follow Jesus must rely on God's protection and must "endure many sufferings." We must care for God's people and we must give our lives for them.

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"Do not tire of asking in prayer for the Lord's help, especially in difficulty."

- Pope Francis @Pontifex, June 6, 2016
Photo from Pope Francis Instagram

Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis Parish is a Catholic Christian Community building the reign of God in the spirit and path of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We value vibrant liturgy and personal prayer as a way to worship God and celebrate life.

Challenged by the Holy Spirit, we reach beyond ourselves to care for our neighbors, the poor, the marginalized, and those alienated by our Catholic Church.

We respond to the command of Jesus to love by welcoming all, evangelizing, supporting spiritual growth, and being Eucharist to each other.

We aspire to be witnesses and prophets advocating for justice in the world and in the Church.

We are an inclusive community respecting the dignity of all persons and supporting the journey of each person.

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.



ST. FRANCIS ELEMENTARY

Openings for the 2016-2017 School Year! Transitional Kindergarten Kindergarten Grds. 3, 4, 6, & 7

Tuition \$5450 per Student, Multiple Sibling Discounts, Before & After School Care Available. For detailed information and application please visit our school website. Website: stfranciselem.org Office Email: mainoffice@stfranciselem.org

**TK applicants must be 4 years old by Sept.1, 2016 ** K applicants must be 5 years old by Sept.1, 2016*

INTRODUCING OUR NEW STEINWAY MODEL D GRAND PIANO (PT. 4)

Our music ministry has been blessed with a wonderful donation. An anonymous individual has donated a 1985 9-foot Steinway & Sons, New York Model D-274, "Rachmaninoff," concert grand piano to St. Francis!

Our Steinway piano has done a fair amount of traveling upon leaving the New York Steinway factory. The Phoenix Symphony purchased this piano in 1985 where it was used for performances until 1990. Then, it was sent to a local piano store in Phoenix, AZ and was bought by our anonymous donor in 1991. The piano ended up in Lake Tahoe, then to Fort Collins, CO, and finally settled in Sacramento. Our Steinway piano has been performed locally at the Sacramento Turn Verein, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Sacramento City College, Auburn Symphony, and CSU Sacramento, just to name a few.



Pianos are susceptible to damage during a move or during its stay at a concert venue. Luckily in our Steinway's 31 years of existence, this piano remains in pristine condition. The amount of care given by musicians, professional piano movers, and Steinway technicians is nothing short of impeccable. It is highly recommended that a Steinway & Sons piano gets serviced by a certified Steinway technician. Really? Yes, it's essentially an unwritten law known within the piano business, and we have a few Steinway technicians in the Greater Sacramento area to take care of our piano! I plan to write two more installments about our piano in the parish bulletin, and by then you will all be Steinway & Sons connoisseurs!

Peace and all good,
Tim Mascarinas, Director of Music

Parish Steinway D-274 Grand Piano in the church.

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

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 Brunsman 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.



The parishioners at St. Francis thank the Friars for 120+ years of service to our community!



Some of the Friars who have ministered at St. Francis ...

Top row: Kenneth J. Laverone, OFM; Sebastian Sandoval, OFM; Mark Schroeder, OFM; Ray Bucher, OFM; John Summers, OFM.

2nd row: Anthony M. Garibaldi, OFM; James Swan, OFM; Franklin Fong, OFM; Charles Talley, OFM; Larry Dunphy, OFM†.

3rd row: Nicholas Ronalter, OFM; Jeff Shackleton, OFM; Nghia Phan, OFM; Michel Gagnon, OFM†; Micah Muhlen, OFM.

4th row: Nevin Janecki, OFM†; Michael Harvey, OFM; Richard Juzix, OFM; Barry Brunsman, OFM; Ponchie Vasquez, OFM.

Bottom row: Angelo Cardinalli, OFM; Tom West, OFM; Philip Garcia, OFM; Mel Bucher, OFM; Augustine McClory, OFM.



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 Website: www.stfranciselem.org • Office Hours: MON-THUR, 8AM-4PM and FRI, 8AM-2PM (during the School Year)

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