



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

February 1, 2009

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good Morning, Good People!

Who is a prophet? We all are prophets; that is, by Baptism we all share in the priesthood, prophecy and royalty of Jesus.

What does a prophet do? A prophet hears the word of God and tells us what God is saying or has said. Since Jesus is The Word of God, Jesus is The Prophet par excellence and we need to listen to Jesus.

Yet, since each of us does share in that prophetic aspect of Jesus by Baptism, then each of us can speak for God anywhere and at any time. This is the manner in which the word of God is spread throughout the world and in all situations.

In recent times, the prophetic aspect of our Baptism has been focused on social justice and life issues. People have characterized Martin Luther King, Jr. as a prophet for the manner in which he put before our nation the issue of civil rights. Cardinal Bernadine of Chicago might also be called a prophet for his Seamless Garment approach to right-to-life issues. In her lifetime, Dorothy Day could also have been called a prophet for her ministry to the poor.

Prophets remind us what God has said and place that alongside what we are actually doing. The disparity between the two usually makes us feel uncomfortable because it throws our behavior into question: Are we are doing what God wants or not? I believe all of us have experienced this discomfort at one time or another.



Prophets make our consciences public. Usually, when we doubt the rightness of a situation or behavior, our consciences are privately at work, prompting us to consider the morality of what is happening. Prophets take this one step further, making the moral question public.

Prophets can raise our awareness to such a degree that it affects our consciences and, eventually, our behavior. A great example of this would be Rachel Carson and her book *Silent Spring*. Her passion and love for nature, combined with her expertise, in effect, launched the modern ecological movement.

Prophets are mostly concerned about the present, rarely the future. Though he foretold the coming of the Messiah, Isaiah primarily addressed the people of Israel about their current behavior and circumstances.

Prophets are not always critical. Samuel, the first prophet, really was more of a leader than a critic of his contemporaries. Samuel selected David, Saul's successor, as king of Israel.

Most of the prophets in the Old Testament were reluctant to take on the office of prophet for fear they were either unqualified or unworthy.

What does all of this say about our prophetic role in the world? When one seems to be called to speak prophetically, one might want to pray about it first, consult others about what they feel called to say, and to consider saying it in a manner in which it will be heard.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Anthony

WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

(in St. Clare Chapel)
12:10 pm

RECONCILIATION

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

WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS



Kristin and Thomas Quayle

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUN	FEB 1	8:30-11:30am Library Hours	Library
		1:00pm Secular Franciscans	Parish Center
MON	FEB 2	8:10am School Prayer Service	Church
		6:00pm Contemplative Prayer	PC Chapel
		6:30pm RCIA Inquiry	Parish Center
		7:00pm Grief, Gratitude & Grace	St. Clare Chapel
		7:00 Lectors	Church
TUE	FEB 3	1:00pm Contemplative Prayer	St. Clare Chapel
		6:00pm CIC I	Brunsmann Hall
		6:30pm Take Another Look	Parish Center
		7:00pm Conscious Living for Men	Assisi Room
WED	FEB 4	5:00pm Welcoming Committee	Parish Center
		6:00pm Taizé Prayer	Church
		7:00pm Adult Faith Formation Com.	Library
THU	FEB 5	12:30-2:30pm Library Hours	Library
		6:30pm RCIA	Brunsmann Hall
FRI	FEB 6		
SAT	FEB 7	7:00am Church Cleaning Ministry	Church
		8:00am Bread Baking Ministry	PC Kitchen
		9:00am Tai Chi	St. Clare Chapel
SUN	FEB 8	11:10am 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting	Parish Center
		1:00pm St. Francis Parish 101	Brunsmann Hall
		3:00pm Interfaith Committee Meeting	Parish Center

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
TUESDAY:	Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
WEDNESDAY:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
THURSDAY:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
FRIDAY:	Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
SATURDAY:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
SUNDAY:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

THIS WEEKEND

PARISH COUNCIL MEET & GREET

AFTER ALL MASSES



Interested in more information about our parish? Something on your mind? Parish Council members are ready to assist you!



PARISH LIBRARY

OPEN

8:30-11:30AM

Ring the doorbell on the K St. side of the Parish Center!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: ASSISTING PEOPLE IN NEED

25% goes back to our parish



The Annual Catholic Appeal provides funds for people in need in our local community through agencies such as Catholic Social Service, Francis House and Wellspring Women's Center. Please give generously: 25% of the funds from our parish are returned to us for our own ministries to people in need.

Last year we received \$7,000 from this appeal to be used for our breakfast program. This year our 25% will go to our Assistance to the Needy fund that provides help with utility bills, rent, motel lodging, bus tickets, prescriptions on a one time basis to those most in need. We are experiencing an increase in requests for this assistance.

Envelopes are in the pews and can be put in the collection basket or mailed to the appeal: Diocese of Sacramento, 2110 Broadway, SAC, CA 95818. More info: brochures in the racks in back of church.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Is there a situation in my work or family where I'm called to be prophetic this week?

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND

SFP 101

GET TO KNOW US!

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 8
AFTER NOON MASS
IN BRUNSMAN HALL



NEW TO OUR PARISH? Just registered? Been here awhile and looking to get more involved? You're *all* invited to St. Francis Parish 101!

Come and get to know parish staff and volunteers, learn about parish programs and ministries, and enjoy refreshments provided by our wonderful volunteers.

Sponsored by Fr. Anthony and the Welcoming Committee of the Parish Council.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY
FEB 7 & 8
AT ALL MASSES



We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during Mass. All members of the parish who are seriously ill, elderly, or suffering from a chronic illness, physical or mental, will be invited forward to be anointed and prayed for in the midst of our parish family.

ECUMENICAL & INTERRELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 8
3:00-6:00PM
PARISH CENTER



Want to learn more about the beliefs, customs, and practices of different religions? To reach out to our parish community and to form relationships with other faith communities? Please join us! More info: John (482-6976).

TAKE ANOTHER LOOK...

TUESDAYS
JAN 6-FEB 3, 2009
6:30-8:00PM • PARISH CENTER



There are many reasons why you may have left the Church. No matter what they are, we are here to listen and support you., to help you make peace with whatever may have caused you to leave. If you want to explore today's church, we can give you a start. That's just one option. We seek to offer whatever you need to continue your spiritual journey, wherever it takes you. More info: Sr. Peggy (peggyc@stfrancisparish.com or 443-8084 x103).



GRIEF, GRATITUDE & GRACE

MONDAYS IN FEBRUARY
7:00-9:00PM • ST. CLARE'S CHAPEL

Starting this Monday, our 4-week series provides an opportunity for those who have experienced the death of a loved one to join with others in a loving, healing environment to share their stories and experience. Each evening also includes information on coping with grief, the tasks and characteristics of grief, reading lists, ritual and prayer. To reserve a space for the series or to seek individual assistance for the grieving process: Kay (443-8084 x111).

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

HOSPITALITY

Join us for coffee and donuts after 9:30AM Mass in Brunsmann Hall (behind the church).

HEALING PRAYER

Healing prayer ministers are available to pray for and with you at the doors of our church after all Masses. They may be identified by their round yellow badges.

HEARING DEVICES

Personal hearing devices are available to assist those attending liturgies at St. Francis. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher for assistance.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the breezeway between the church and friary.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BACK IN SESSION TODAY

Ministries for Children are in session today at their usual time and location.

PARENT MEETING REMINDER

There will be a First Eucharist Parent Meeting in the Parish Center Chapel on **Sunday, Feb 8, at 11:10am** for all parents of children preparing for First Communion in May 2009.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Children are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during 9:30am Mass. Parents are welcome to accompany their children to the Parish Center Chapel during the Liturgy of the Word and return with them for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. *No registration fee.*

NURSERY

Children ages 1- 4 years are welcome to attend the "Little Lambs" nursery program, which is staffed by volunteer teens and parents during the 9:30am Mass in the Assisi Room in Brunsmann Hall.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WELCOME

We welcome and are committed to providing religious education and Sacramental Preparation for children with disabilities.

Children's Faith Formation contact: [Georgie Saydak](mailto:GeorgieSaydak@stfrancisparish.com)
(443-8084 x112 or GeorgieS@stfrancisparish.com)

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Oralia Flores • Asuncion Chavez
Blake, Matt & Candee Dickey

FOR THOSE CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Mary Hughes • Shirley Nelson
Kathy Oakley • Fran Mallery

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

for the FAITH COMMUNITY of

St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center Community at
Chico State, whose feast day is Jan. 28

Prayer Request contact: [Kay Skonieczny](mailto:KaySkonieczny@stfrancisparish.com)
(443-8084 x111 / KayS@stfrancisparish.com).



ST. FRANCIS ELEMENTARY



WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

Please join us for our weekly prayer service this **Monday** at 8:10am in the church, which will be led by our 3rd graders..

REGISTRATION FOR 2009-2010

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School registration for **NEW** students for transitional kindergarten-8th grade for the 2009-2010 school year will take place **through February 13**. More info: stfranciselem.org or call the school office (442-5494).

FRIARY REWIRING UPDATE



A St. Francis parishioner who is also an electrical engineer has volunteered his time and expertise, inspected the friary and determined that we do have 400 amps coming in, though from several sources. Before proceeding with repairs, we will have a complete

engineering assessment made and an electrical "blueprint" of the friary drawn- which has never been done. This will give a complete picture of where we stand, as well as of what specifically needs repair, modification or improvement of capacity.

The cost of this project will still be substantial, so thank you to all who have contributed so far. Your donations now total **over \$20,000!** If you would like to make a contribution, please use one of the yellow envelopes available in your pew labeled "Friary Rewiring." We thank you for your generosity and concern!

ST. FRANCIS WELCOMES YOU!

WHO ARE YOU?

Have you reached your elder years?
Are you a child trying to sit still?
Are you a teenager or a young adult?
Are you struggling to raise a family?
Are you married or in a committed relationship?
Are you single, divorced, or widowed?



Well, if you are, then you belong to us because you belong to Christ. Christ is the host here today. Christ sets the table, and Christ welcomes all!

ANNOUNCING

MASS TIME CHANGE SATURDAY, FEB 21 ONLY

MASS AT 4:00PM
(RECONCILIATION AT 3:00PM)



Mass and Reconciliation times are changed only for Saturday, Feb 21, so that all can attend the Dinner Dance at 5:00pm!



HELP TO WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

WOULD YOU BE WILLING to contact newly registered members of our parish and share your enthusiasm for St. Francis? Or prepare a dish to share and help us welcome newcomers at St. Francis Parish 101, our new parishioner orientations? We can use your help with this rewarding ministry of welcome. More info or to volunteer: Barbara Bucher, Membership Coordinator (916-443-8084 x101) or membership@stfrancisparish.com).



WANTED FOR LIVE AUCTION!

WANTED FOR LIVE AUCTION at Heart Beat centennial dinner dance gala: Do you have a vacation mountain or ocean home that you could donate for a weekend to our live auction?

Please call Kay (kays@stfrancisparish.com or 443-8084 x111) if you do.

BREAKFAST MINISTRY INVITES YOU

Start your day offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm smile and a light breakfast to our homeless guests. Help is needed for 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays. We need you! Call Kay (443-8084 x111) or kays@stfrancisparish.com.)



HARVEST URBAN CITRUS

Would you like to harvest urban citrus for distribution to the needy? Join a group of volunteers organizing to harvest urban citrus that goes to waste and donate it to the Sacramento Food Bank. Interested? Contact Mary McGrath (storytellermcgrath@yahoo.com or 447-3557).



ALL FAITHS SERVICE TO PRAY FOR PEACE

Sunday, Feb 8, 3:00-4:00pm, Divine Savior Catholic

CATHOLIC AIDS MINISTRY BENEFIT

Sunday, Feb 8, 3:00pm at St. Anthony Parish hall. Irish, Scottish and Romanian Dancers, live music and vocal performances. Raffle. Suggested donation at the door: \$10. Children free. More info: Fr. John Healy (456-7561) Helen Healey (444-8051).

RECENTLY SEPARATED, DIVORCED OR WIDOWED?

Men and women of all faiths who are now alone due to death, divorce or separation are invited to attend the Beginning Experience Weekend. The focus is on offering you the support and encouragement you need to make a new beginning, putting the painful past behind you and looking with renewed hope toward a fulfilling future. Friday-Sunday, Feb 20-22, at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat near Applegate. More info: (835-2282 or www.sacramentobe.org).

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

Tuesday, Feb 24, 7:00pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Presenter, Elsa Tamez from Costa Rica.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. PAUL



I CORINTHIANS 7: 32-35

On first hearing, it's easy to be annoyed or even offended by Paul's statements in this section of his letter to the Christians in Corinth: according to Paul

the childless, spouseless life is free of anxiety, and married life is consumed by the worries of the world! We all know that celibacy and virginity don't guarantee singleminded service nor whole-hearted devotion to God. And we also know many holy men and women who have served Christ within the context of home and marketplace.

We need to realize that this section of the letter to the Corinthians immediately follows upon Paul's instructing Paul's readers that time was short and urging them to concentrate on what has the highest priority—their relationship with God in Jesus Christ. What Paul is most concerned about is time; he believes Jesus is returning shortly and followers of Christ need to use the time until he comes in the service of Christ.

Think of holy people you have known. How was their faithfulness to God manifested in their lives, whether vowed, single or married? Give thanks for the gift of their witness.

FINANCE AT-A-GLANCE

COLLECTION	Jan 24/25	\$7,959
DIRECT DEPOSIT*	January	\$6,814
YEAR-TO-DATE	July 01-June 30	\$375,868
BUILDING FUND	Jan 1-30	\$4,375
FRIARY REWIRING	To Date	\$20,572
STEP MINISTRY	Jan 1-30	\$1,964
TAIZÉ PRAYER	Jan 1-30	\$200
FRANCIS HOUSE	Jan 1-30	\$1,366
ST. FRANCIS ELEMENTARY		\$168

*\$382 Building Fund; \$340 Step Ministry; \$20 Taizé

CONVENIENT WAYS TO GIVE TO ST. FRANCIS

Direct deposit: Enrollment forms are available online at www.stfrancisparish.com, in the church literature racks, & at the parish center). **Donations may also be made to the Building Fund, Step Ministry or other parish programs using direct deposit.**

Personalized offering envelopes: To request envelopes, contact Barbara Bucher, Membership Coordinator (443-8084 x101 or Membership@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

ST. FRANCIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 2500 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 • **PHONE:** 916.442.5494
WEBSITE: www.stfranciselem.org • **OFFICE HOURS:** MON-THUR, 8AM-4PM • **PRINCIPAL:** Mrs. Laurie Power

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PARISH REGISTRATION & CONTACT INFO UPDATE FORM

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

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

HOME PHONE: () _____ **WORK PHONE 1:** () _____ **WORK PHONE 2:** () _____

CELL PHONE: () _____ **E-MAIL (h):** _____ **E-MAIL (w):** _____

Please place this form in the **collection basket** or

• **MAIL** it: 1066 26th St., Sacramento CA 95816

• **FAX** it: 916-443-7356

• **REGISTER ONLINE:**

www.stfrancisparish.com/membership.htm

CHILDREN'S NAMES	M/F	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE
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Please use this form to **let us know if your information has changed.** Thanks!

DON'T MISS IT!

HEART BEAT!

A Centennial Celebration of Life & Love

FEBRUARY 21 • 5-11:00PM

AT THE DANTE CLUB



- We'll dine and dance and celebrate our community and one another.
- Dancing fun for everyone: mixers, circle dance, conga lines.
- No partner needed, but all partners and friends are welcome.

This star-studded evening will feature:
YOU and...

- St. Francis staff dance team led by Fr. Anthony
- Broadway Medley by Br. James Swan
- Singing Surprise by dynamic duo Deborah Jones and Br. James
- Hot guitar by Joe Prassa and friends
- A professional DJ
- Silent and live auction: *Dinner with the friars anyone?*

- ➔ Reservations can be made online at www.stfrancisparish.com
- ➔ Tables for 10 can be reserved; otherwise open seating.
- ➔ Don't delay, reserve now – reservations are brisk!

\$50 per person

Limited seating

Profits benefit the Step Ministry.

The Step Ministry is our outreach program to the homeless, providing safe overnight accommodations and breakfast seven days a week, 365 days a year.

More info: Kay
(443-8084 x111 or kays@stfrancisparish.com).

“Heart Beat” Reservation Form

Mail with Check, Money Order, or Credit Card Info to: **“Heart Beat,” St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 1066 26th St., Sacramento, CA 95816**
(or place in collection basket)

Name: _____

(Please Print)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Quantity: _____ x **\$50.00/person** = \$ _____

Method of Payment (check one):

Check or Money Order enclosed (Make payable to [St. Francis of Assisi Parish](#))

Credit Card (circle one): VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit Card No: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____
(3 or 4 digit number on back of card)

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print)

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
(if different from above)