



# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

January 25, 2009

The Conversion of St. Paul



## Welcome Home, Alumni!

We welcome and honor the alumni of St. Francis of Assisi

Elementary School as our January Building Centennial Event – appropriately, at the start of Catholic Schools Week 2009.

All of our current alumni have worshipped in this church building. From 1910 to 1962 and the beginning of Vatican II, they knew a different church than we do now. Those students witnessed the Eucharist celebrated at the old altar in the old sanctuary, a communion rail that separated them from the sanctuary, a pulpit that was elevated and attached to the right pillar close to the sanctuary facing the old altar, and a vigil light suspended from the ceiling in front of the old altar.

They formed a deep reverence for this church and its liturgy. As a result, many of them were married here, their children and even grandchildren were baptized here, and many have come to be buried from here. Their love of this church has been deep and enduring and was a great part of their Catholic formation.

Those of us who have lived most of our lives after Vatican II are also coming to have a deep reverence and love for this worship space. We have formed a bond not only with this structure and all that occurs within its precincts, but also and especially with each other as we pray and worship together.

Our Catholic Education has formed us differently in how we experience liturgy and worship. Though our formation in liturgy and worship were different, we all worship the Risen Jesus. That devotion is authentic now as it was then, and though some of the furniture has been moved around, the overall space still is as inspiring now as it was then.

May the Most High continue to grace us with the Spirit of Christ and help us build up the Body of Christ, and may the Most High continue to bless our alumni.

Welcome home, alumni,

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



Juan and Patricia Contreras  
Giselle Portillo and Hassan Conteh

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>SUN</b>	<b>JANUARY 25</b>		
8:00-11:00am	Pancake Breakfast	Cafeteria	
11:00am-Noon	Open House	School	
1:30-4:00pm	Docent Tours	Church	
2:00pm	Thomas Merton Circle	Parish Center	
<b>MON</b>	<b>JANUARY 26</b>		
8:10am	School Prayer Service	Church	
6:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	PC Chapel	
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Parish Center	
<b>TUE</b>	<b>JANUARY 27</b>		
1:00pm	Contemplative Prayer	St. Clare Chapel	
6:30pm	Take Another Look	Parish Center	
7:00pm	Conscious Living for Men	Assisi Room	
<b>WED</b>	<b>JANUARY 28</b>		
6:00pm	Taizé Prayer	Church	
6:00pm	2008 Centennial Committee	Library	
<b>THU</b>	<b>JANUARY 29</b>		
12:30-2:30pm	Library Hours	Library	
6:30pm	RCIA Team Meeting	Assisi Room	
<b>FRI</b>	<b>JANUARY 30</b>		
<b>SAT</b>	<b>FEB 1</b>		
7:00am	Church Cleaning Ministry	Church	
8:00am	Bread Baking Ministry	PC Kitchen	
9:00am	Tai Chi	St. Clare Chapel	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>FEB 2</b>		
8:30-11:30am	Library Hours	Library	
1:00pm	Secular Franciscans	Parish Center	

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
TUESDAY:	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
WEDNESDAY:	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
THURSDAY:	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
FRIDAY:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
SATURDAY:	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
SUNDAY:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

## THIS WEEKEND

### OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



THIS SUNDAY, JAN 25

Join us for pancakes in the school cafeteria from 8-11:00am and tour our school 11am-Noon.



### CHURCH TOURS

THIS SUNDAY, JAN 25  
AFTER NOON MASS - 4:00PM

Trained parishioner docents explain the stories and saints depicted in the church windows, murals, and statues, and are available to answer your questions.

## ST. FRANCIS WELCOMES YOU!

### WHO ARE YOU?



Do you spend your week at a boring job?

Do you feel you don't belong?

Are you worried about children or elderly parents?

Are you lonely?

Have you lost someone you love?

Are you struggling in a difficult relationship?

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!

## NEW TO OUR PARISH?

### HOSPITALITY

Join us for coffee and donuts after 9:30AM Mass in Brunsman 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.

## THIS WEEK

### 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).



### CONSCIOUS LIVING FOR MEN

TUESDAY, JAN 13  
7-9:00PM • ASSISI ROOM

Men of all ages: Share in a supportive fellowship that seeks a deeper understanding and appreciation of our life's journey. More info: (419-1096).

## JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. PAUL



### I CORINTHIANS 7: 29-31

It might seem that St. Paul in today's second reading is saying that our worldly concerns, relationships, possessions and attachments are a waste of time. But we must remember that Paul believed that Jesus would return any minute, thus the priority for Christians should be their relationship with Christ, because when Christ returned, he would usher in a new world.

Paul advocated a spirit of detachment from worldly concerns. Detachment does not deny emotional attachments, but places limits on those attachments, and gives those attachments a priority: God and the Good News are first. Everything else is second. God calls us to place the cares, concerns, and routine of daily living into a context. And to remember who is first in life.

What are your daily concerns for the moment? How can you detach yourself from them? How can you place them in the hands of God?

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How has conversion helped you make friends of those who have hurt or been at odds with you?

## BUILDING CENTENNIAL UPDATES



### ONLINE CHURCH HISTORY – NEW CHAPTER – 3

Log on to [www.stfrancisparish.com/history](http://www.stfrancisparish.com/history) to read **Chapter 3** of our web history: "St. Francis of Assisi Parish: Our First Church (1895-1901).

This detailed study includes:

- The early years of the parish--information about the friars, sisters, parisioners and the church buildings in which they served and worshipped.
- The early parish in context--the beginnings of nearby churches, the expansion of the railroads, development of agriculture, as well as other economic and political issues that impacted St. Francis Parish at the turn of the 20th century.

Historical photos, maps and other graphics illustrate this fascinating history.



### A CENTURY OF GRACE

Do you have your copy of our parish's book, **A Century of Grace**? Have you donated one yet? What school, library, retreat center, baptism child or marrying couple would

be grateful for your gift? For your convenience, books are always available for purchase at the parish center. Order forms are in the church, at the Parish Center and online. In addition books will be sold following each Mass on the 4th week-end of each month. Books will be available throughout our parish Centennial year, so there is time to save up for your copy. What a beautiful reference and prayer resource!

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS CANCELLED TODAY

**This Sunday, Jan 25**, we celebrate Catholic School's Week with a pancake breakfast and open house at the school and festivities during the 9:30am Mass. The classrooms won't be available for our Children's Faith Formation programs, so all Faith Formation Classes and Children's Nursery are cancelled today. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

All classes resume next Sunday, Feb 1.

### 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 Brunsman 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  
(443-8084 x112 or [GeorgieS@stfrancisparish.com](mailto:GeorgieS@stfrancisparish.com))

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

### for THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Lynn Anderson • Maria del Refugio Garcia

### for THOSE CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Ray Underhill • Bill Stritzel

### for THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

### for the FAITH COMMUNITY of

St. Paul Parish, Sacramento, whose feast day is Jan 25

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

### 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](http://stfranciselem.org) or call the school office (442-5494).

## FRIARY NEWS FROM FR. ANTHONY



### FRIARY REWIRING UPDATE...

Thank you to all who have contributed so far to the friary rewiring project. Your donations now total **over \$20,000!** The more donations we receive, the smaller the loan we will need and the less interest we will have to pay. 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!

We have reviewed bids, and the parish will proceed with the rewiring project as soon as we obtain a loan from the diocese.

[Note: A yellow flyer with information about the friary rewiring project is available in the church literature racks.]

*The one who comes to me  
will never be hungry;  
anyone who believes in me  
will never be thirsty.* JOHN 6:35

**SFP 101**

**GET TO KNOW US!**

**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**

**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 suffer from a chronic illness, physical or mental, will be invited forward to be anointed and prayed for in the midst of our parish family.



**GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES**

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

Coping with the death of a loved one is one of the hardest journeys we have to make in life. Our St. Francis grief support program, Grief, Gratitude, and Grace, addresses this journey of loss and healing.

The 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.

The Grief, Gratitude & Grace series is on Mondays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 7-9:00pm in St. Clare's Chapel. To reserve a space for the series or to seek individual assistance for the grieving process: Kay (443-8084 x111).

**THE 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.

The appeal is the weekend of January 31- February 1. Envelopes will be 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.



**HELP 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](mailto: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 (443-8084 x111) or [kays@stfrancisparish.com](mailto:kays@stfrancisparish.com) if you do.



**3RD SUNDAY COFFEE & DONUTS  
HELP STILL NEEDED!**

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED for providing the coffee & donuts after 9:30am Mass on the **third Sunday of the month**. If you enjoy this treat every week or would like to meet people, how about taking a turn at offering a friendly greeting, a warm cup of coffee and a tasty donut? Interested? Call Kay (443-8084 x111) or [kays@stfrancisparish.com](mailto:kays@stfrancisparish.com).

## FINANCE AT-A-GLANCE

<b>COLLECTION</b>	Jan 17/18	<b>\$9,145</b>
<b>DIRECT DEPOSIT*</b>	January	<b>\$6,814</b>
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	July 01-June 30	<b>\$367,909</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	Jan 1-30	<b>\$3,875</b>
<b>FRIARY REWIRING</b>	To Date	<b>\$20,572</b>
<b>STEP MINISTRY</b>	Jan 1-30	<b>\$1,514</b>
<b>TAIZÉ PRAYER</b>	Jan 1-30	<b>\$113</b>
<b>FRANCIS HOUSE</b>	Jan 1-30	<b>\$1,366</b>

\*\$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](http://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](mailto:Membership@stfrancisparish.com)).

## PARISH INFORMATION

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**FAX:** 916.443.7356 • **WEBSITE:** [www.stfrancisparish.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.stfrancisparish.com/membership.htm)

<b>CHILDREN'S NAMES</b>	<b>M/F</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>GRADE</b>
_____			
_____			
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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](http://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.

More info: Kay (443-8084 x111 or [kays@stfrancisparish.com](mailto: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

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)