

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30pm English, 7:30pm Spanish

Sunday: 9:00am English

Reconciliation

Tuesday: 5:40pm - 6:10pm

Friday: 9:40am - 10:20am

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm & 6:15pm - 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am - 8:30am

Sunday, February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent



In a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." Mark 9:7



For anointing of the sick, receiving the Eucharist while homebound/in the hospital, hearing of your confession, or special prayers and/or visit from Father, please contact the church office. For pastoral emergencies after business hours, please use the Emergency Line, 336-246-9151, ext 7.

St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery: Plots are available for purchase during office hours. Payment in full is required at purchase. Prices are: \$750/per full size plot; \$250/per urn size plot.



Flocknote is another way of getting information out to the parish. Weekly emails, schedule changes or cancelations are sent out to those on the contact list. To be added please contact the office by email.



Would you rather give online? Visit the St. Francis of Assisi website at <http://stfrancisofassisi-jefferson.org/> and click on the **Online Giving** tile located in the middle of the home page. For a one-time donation you do not need to use the Sign Up or Log In buttons located in the upper right hand corner of the screen. For recurring donations folks are asked to create an account and sign up.

WELCOME Father Cory Catron, Pastor

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Brings the Eucharist to the Homebound

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336-428-6909

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Jose Juan Robles

336-977-4612

Bulletin Deadline:

Items for the bulletin must be submitted to the Church Office before 12:00pm on Wednesday.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 25

8:00am - Confessions
8:35am - Lauds
9:00am - Mass, English
No Faith Formation Classes

Monday, February 26

7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ

Tuesday, February 27

12:00pm - Mass, English
5:30pm - Adoration
6:15pm - Vespers, Spanish
6:45pm - Mass, Spanish

Wednesday, February 28

12:00pm - Mass, English

Thursday, February 29

9:00am - Cleaning of Church
8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice

Friday, March 1

9:00am - Mass, English, followed by Adoration
9:40am - Confessions
10:20am - Terce with Benediction
10:30am - Stations of the Cross
7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ Meeting
7:15pm - Stations of the Cross, Spanish

Saturday, March 2

8:30am - Rosary
9:00am - First Saturday Mass
3:30pm - Confessions
4:30pm - Mass, English
6:15pm-7:00pm - Confessions
7:00pm - Vespers
7:30pm - Mass, Spanish
8:30pm - Nocturnal Adoration

Sunday, March 3

7:45am - Benediction
8:00am - Confessions
8:35am - Lauds
9:00am - Mass, English
10am - St. Joseph University Students Brunch
5:00pm - Faith Formation Classes



Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent
10:30am, English
7:15pm, Spanish



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the Spanish Mass (about 8:30pm) on Saturday, March 2nd and will continue until Benediction at 7:45am on Sunday, March 3rd. All are invited to come for an hour, or two, and share in this beautiful devotion to Our Lord. A sign up sheet is located below the display case in the vestibule. It is asked that at least 2 people are signed up for each hour.

Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, February 26, No Mass

Scripture: Dan 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27, 12:00pm

Scripture: Isa 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Matt 23:1-12

Spanish Mass, February 27, 6:45pm

Wednesday, February 28, 12:00pm

Scripture: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Matt 20:17-28

Thursday, February 29, No Mass

Scripture: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 1, 9:00am

Mass Intention: Marlene Balog+

Scripture: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Matt 21:33-43, 45-46

First Saturday Mass, March 2, 9:00am

Saturday, March 2, 4:30pm

Mass Intention: Bernadette Zimmerman+

Scripture: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Spanish Mass, March 2, 7:30pm

Sunday, March 3, 9:00am

Mass Intention: Parish Community

Scripture: Exod 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 2, 2024, 4:30pm

Greeter: Pat C.

*Lector: *Irene S. **John E.*

Ushers: Michael & Tifani G.

Sunday, March 3, 2024, 9:00am

Greeter: Pam J.

*Lector: *Denise B. **Brenda D.*

Ushers: Otto F. & Richard B.

Altar Linens:

March 1: Lila W.



Parishioners, Family Members and Friends in need of Special Prayer: Lynn Marie Gregor, Patrick Fulkerson, Refugio Calvillo, Patrick & Peggy Bieber, Martha Esser, Carol Phillips, Renae Fountain, Jacob McFadden, Michael Showfety, Art Long, Herman Metzler, Terry Hix. May God bless you!



March 2nd is First Saturday.

Rosary will begin at 8:30am followed by Mass at 9:00am. All are invited to share in this beautiful devotion.

Financial Figures

Offertory February 18:	\$ 5,550.00
Offertory received this month:	\$ 12,131.50
Offertory needed in February:	\$ 18,300.00
Rectory Fund February 18:	\$ 5,735.00
Rectory Fund received this month:	\$ 7,914.00
Mortgage goal needed each month:	\$ 4,442.07
Rectory debt (as of February 5, 2024):	\$ 396,416.85

Upcoming Second Collections

Rectory Fund: March 3 & 10

Parishioners are strongly encouraged to mail in their offertory or use the online giving option located on the church website as bills still need to be paid.

Checks can be mailed to the following address:
P.O. Box 634, Jefferson, NC 28640

Your support is greatly appreciated.



Faith Formation

There are no First Communion and Confirmation classes on February 25. The next classes will be held March 3 at 5:00pm. If you have questions, please email Joanne Kuszaj at jkuszaj@gmail.com or call 336-982-3054.



Students from St. Joseph's University will be in Ashe County during their spring break to serve in our community. St. Francis is providing breakfast for them on **Sunday, March 3rd**, after the 9:00am

Mass. If you are interested in contributing food items and serving food at the breakfast, please call Tracy-Lynn Schuster at (336) 877-6129.

On **Wednesday, March 6th**, the Knights of Columbus Council is providing dinner for the students. Parishioners are invited to attend these events to meet and visit with the students.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

We are getting ready to start another RCIA session. If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic faith or wants to pursue becoming Catholic, please contact the Church Office or Joanne Kuszaj at jkuszaj@gmail.com.



"One Body in Christ," is the theme of the 2024 Diocesan Support Appeal.

By now you should have received a letter or post-card from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support. *Our fair share this year is \$26,695.00.* If each family gives \$75, our Parish will meet its obligation. Thank you for your generosity. Pledge envelopes are available on the table in the vestibule.



The Rice Bowl is an opportunity for serving by giving alms during the season of Lent.

Rice Bowl alms collection boxes are available in the vestibule. Please return to the Church Office by March 27th, the Rice Bowls marked with your family name on it along with any monies you collect.

Catholic Health Care Ethics

Conference - Health care professionals are invited to the seventh annual Converging Roads health care ethics conference on March 16, 2024 from 8:00 am - 6:45 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Charlotte, NC. This one-day conference will explore the theme of Compassion for the Sick & Dying and offers continuing education for health care professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. Registration: \$75-\$159 based on CME/CNE inclusion. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Diocese of Charlotte, and Belmont Abbey College. For more info, please visit convergingroads.com or email heather@forlifeandfamily.org.



Easter decoration envelopes: During Lent envelopes are available for parishioners to donate money for flowers and plants to decorate the church. If you would like to make a donation in "honor of" or "memory of" your loved ones, please pick up an envelope on the table in the Church vestibule. Please place the envelopes in the Office box located on the wall just outside of the office wing downstairs by Sunday, March 24th as the names will be placed in the bulletin on Easter weekend.



Reminder of Norms for Fasting & Abstinence During Lent:

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed, or a combination of two small meals that together do not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, there is a dispensation. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the Parish Priest should be consulted.



Can we count on you?

We are looking for additional volunteers to help count the weekly collection, either on a regular or as-needed basis. You would be part of a 3-person team and would need to be available for about 2-hours in the morning on a weekday or Sunday. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office.



"Help me, Lord, to walk this Lent with you wherever you lead."



Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís

Segundo domingo de Cuaresma Febrero 25, 2024

Pastor: Padre Cory Catron, 336-246-9151

Ministerio Diocesano Hispano: Aleksandra Banasik, 336-428-6909

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Horario de la oficina: Por favor, llame al teléfono

Horarios de misa entre semana: Martes 12:00pm y 6:45pm, Miércoles 12:00pm, Viernes 9:00am

Confesiones: Martes 5:40pm - 6:10pm, Sábado 6:15pm - 7:00pm

Lecturas Bíblicas 26 de febrero al 4 de marzo de 2024

Lunes: Dn 9:4-10; Sal 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38

Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mateo 23:1-12

Miércoles: Jr 18:18-20; Sal 31:5-6, 14-16; Mateo 20:17-28

Jueves: Jr 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Luc 16:19-31

Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Sal 105:16-21; Mateo 21:33-43, 45-46

Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103:1-4, 9-12; Luc 15:1-3, 11-32

Domingo: Éx 20:1-17; Sal 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Juan 2:13-25

Formación en la fe. No hay clases de Primera Comunión y Confirmación el 25 de febrero. Las próximas clases se llevarán a cabo el 3 de marzo a las 5:00 p.m. Si tiene preguntas, envíe un correo electrónico a Joánne Kuszaj a jkuszaj@gmail.com o llame al 336-982-3054.



Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos. Nos estamos preparando para comenzar otra sesión de la RCIA. Si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado en aprender sobre la fe católica o quiere convertirse en católico, póngase en contacto con la Oficina de la Iglesia o con Joánne Kuszaj escribiendo a jkuszaj@gmail.com.



Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio 18 de febrero:	\$	5,550.00
El Fondo de Rectoría recibió:	\$	5,735.00
Meta hipotecaria necesaria cada mes:	\$	4,442.07
Deuda de la rectoría (al 5 de febrero de 2024):	\$	396,416.85



El 2 de marzo es el primer sábado. El rosario comenzará a las 8:30 a.m., seguido de la misa a las 9:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a compartir esta hermosa devoción.



La adoración del Santísimo Sacramento comenzará después de la misa en español (alrededor de las 8:30 p.m.) el sábado 2 de marzo y continuará hasta la bendición a las 7:45 a.m. del domingo 3 de marzo. Todos están invitados a venir durante una o dos horas y compartir esta hermosa devoción a Nuestro Señor. Debajo de la vitrina del vestíbulo hay una hoja de registro. Se pide que se inscriban al menos 2 personas por cada hora.



Estaciones de la Cruz
Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma
10:30am, Inglés
7:15pm, Española

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024 **“Un cuerpo en Cristo», es el tema del llamamiento de apoyo diocesano de 2024.** A estas alturas ya debería haber recibido una carta o postal del obispo Jugis pidiéndole su generoso apoyo. Nuestra parte justa de este año es de 26.695,00 dólares. Si cada familia dona 75 dólares, nuestra parroquia cumplirá con su obligación. Gracias por su generosidad. Los sobres de compromiso están disponibles en la mesa del vestíbulo.

CRS PLATO de ARROZ **El tazón de arroz es una oportunidad para servir dando limosnas durante la temporada de Cuaresma.** Las cajas de recogida de limosnas de Rice Bowl están disponibles en el vestíbulo. Por favor, devuelva a la oficina de la Iglesia antes del 27 de marzo los tazones de arroz marcados con su apellido junto con el dinero que recaude.

Sobres decorativos de Pascua: durante la Cuaresma hay sobres disponibles para que los feligreses donen dinero para flores y plantas para decorar la iglesia. Si desea hacer una donación en “honor” o “memoria” de sus seres queridos, recoja un sobre que está en la mesa del vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Antes del domingo 24 de marzo, coloque los sobres en la caja de la oficina ubicada en la pared, justo a las afueras del ala de oficinas de la planta baja, ya que los nombres se publicarán en el boletín el fin de semana de Pascua.



Recordatorio de las normas para el ayuno y la abstinencia durante la Cuaresma: el ayuno, la limosna y la oración son las tres disciplinas tradicionales de la Cuaresma. El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los viernes de Cuaresma también son días de abstinencia. Deben ayunar todos los mayores de 18 años que aún no hayan cumplido 59 años. En un día de ayuno, se permite una comida completa o una combinación de dos comidas pequeñas que juntas no equivalgan a una comida completa. No está permitido comer entre comidas, pero sí líquidos, como leche y zumos. La abstinencia es observada por todos los mayores de 14 años. En los días de abstinencia, no se permite la carne. Tenga en cuenta que cuando la salud o la capacidad para trabajar se vean gravemente afectadas, existe una dispensa. En caso de duda sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia, se debe consultar al párroco.