

# 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, March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” Psalms 51:10*

**WELCOME**  
**Father Cory Catron, Pastor**

### Administrative Assistant:

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*Brings the Eucharist to the Homebound*  
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#### Commission Chairperson:

*Liturgy/Worship* — Vickie Herman 336-877-5656

*Parish Life* — Elizabeth Jones 407-341-7909

*Community Life* — Janine Boudreau 980-228-0406

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*Ecumenism* — Carolyn Andreucci 336-877-9038

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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.



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.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, March 17

8:00am - Confessions  
 8:35am - Lauds  
 9:00am - Mass, English  
 5:00pm - Faith Formation Classes

### Monday, March 18

7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ

### Tuesday, March 19

12:00pm - Mass, English  
 12:30pm - St. Joseph's Table Lunch  
 5:30pm - Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting  
 5:30pm - Adoration  
 6:15pm - Vespers, Spanish  
 6:45pm - Mass, Spanish

### Wednesday, March 20

12:00pm - Mass, English

### Thursday, March 21

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

### Friday, March 22

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

### Saturday, March 23

3:30pm - Confessions  
 4:30pm - Mass, English  
 6:15pm-7:00pm - Confessions  
 7:00pm - Vespers  
 7:30pm - Mass, Spanish  
 8:30pm - Spanish Leadership Meeting

### Sunday, March 24 - Psalm Sunday

8:00am - Confessions  
 8:35am - Lauds  
 9:00am - Mass, English

### HOLY WEEK



**The Church Office** will be closed beginning 12:30pm on March 28th through April 1st for the Easter holiday. Emails will be checked periodically.

**No Masses** on *Tuesday, March 26* (Fr. Cory will be attending the Chrism Mass in Charlotte) or *Wednesday, March 27* (Fr. Cory is giving the sermon at the Ecumenical Holy Week Service).

#### **The Triduum schedule is as follows:**

Holy Thursday:	8:00pm Mass (Bilingual)
Good Friday:	11:00am Stations of the Cross 12:00pm Passion Service
Holy Saturday:	10:00am Blessing of Easter Baskets 8:30pm Easter Vigil (Bilingual)
Easter Sunday:	9:00am Mass

## Mass Schedule and Readings

### Monday, March 18, No Mass

Scripture: Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; John 8:1-11

### Tuesday, March 19, 12:00pm

#### **Mass Intention: Tom Herman+**

Scripture: 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24

### Spanish Mass, March 19, 6:45pm

### Wednesday, March 20, 12:00pm

#### **Mass Intention: John & Barbara Harold+**

Scripture: Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dan 3:52-56; John 8:31-42

### Thursday, March 21, No Mass

Scripture: Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; John 8:51-59

### Friday, March 22, 9:00am

#### **Mass Intention: Rose Marie Bahrey+**

Scripture: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; John 10:31-42

### Saturday, March 23, 4:30pm

#### **Mass Intention: Parish Community**

Scripture: Ezek 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; John 11:45-56

### Spanish Mass, March 23, 7:30pm

### Sunday, March 24, 9:00am

#### **Mass Intention: Stephanie Quinn**

Scripture: Isa 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11

## Ministry Schedule

### *Saturday, March 23, 2024, 4:30pm*

*Greeter: Joanna M.*

*Lector: \*John E. \*\*James W.*

*Passion: Charles G. (Narrator) Irene S. (Speaker)*

*Ushers: Jim L. & Butch R.*

### *Sunday, March 24, 2024, 9:00am*

*Greeter: Debbie P.*

*Lector: \*Joann C. \*\*Joe C.*

*Passion: Evelyn R. (Narrator) Denise B. (Speaker)*

*Ushers: Richard B. & Otto F.*

*Altar Linens:*

*March 22: Evelyn R.*

*March 25: 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, Michael Showfety, Art Long, Herman Metzler, Terry Hix. May God bless you!



**Blessing of the Easter Baskets:** Fr Cory is offering a Blessing of the Easter Baskets on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00am. Edible items in your basket can vary. Traditionally a basket would include, eggs, butter, bread, ham, salt and horseradish. Today, they include eggs, Easter Candy, and/or wine. Decorate and fill your basket as you wish and come to the blessing.



## Financial Figures

Offertory March 10:	\$ 2,893.00
Offertory received this month:	\$ 6,978.00
Offertory needed in Month:	\$ 18,300.00
Rectory Fund March 3:	\$ 1,816.00
Rectory Fund received this month:	\$ 3,551.00
Mortgage goal needed each month:	\$ 4,442.07
Rectory debt (as of February 5, 2024):	\$ 396,416.85

### **Upcoming Second Collections**

Rectory Fund:	March 17 & 24
Ashe Food Pantry:	March 28
The Holy Land:	March 29
Seminarian Education:	March 31

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.*

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024** "One Body in Christ," is the theme of the 2024 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA). Currently, we are at 30% of \$26,695.00, our fair share of the 2024 DSA. 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, or gifts can be given online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa).

### **The 2024 Diocesan Support Appeal**

Our Fair Share:	\$26,695.00
Amount Given & Pledged:	\$8,140.00
Amount Needed:	\$18,555.00
Number of Donors:	17

Please return Rice Bowl alms collection boxes to the Church Office by **March 27th**. Thank you for your participation.



**Retreat into the Passion of Jesus**



**Retreat into the Passion of Jesus.** The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC, is offering a one-night retreat on the Passion readings found in the gospel of Mark. The retreat will be a balanced blend

of historical, theological, and spiritual reflections, with additional time to walk the beautiful grounds or pray in the chapel. It's March 22-23 (the day before Palm Sunday) and a great way to spiritually prepare for the holiest week of the year! Visit [www.catholicconference.org/passion](http://www.catholicconference.org/passion), email [info@cholicconference.org](mailto:info@cholicconference.org), or call 828.327.7441 for more information.

**Easter decoration envelopes:** Donations are due next weekend, **March 24**. Please place the envelopes in the Office mailbox located on the wall just outside of the office wing downstairs. Memorial names will be placed in the bulletin on Easter weekend.



**Faith Formation.** Classes for First Communion & Confirmation preparation will meet March 17 from 5:00-6:30pm. No class on March 24 (Palm Sunday) or March 31 (Easter Sunday). If you have questions please email Joanne Kuszaj at [jkuszaj@gmail.com](mailto:jkuszaj@gmail.com) or call 336-982-3054.



**Tuesday, March 19th we celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph.** Mass is at 12:00pm, followed by lunch with St Joseph's Table. Feel free to bring a lunch dish to share to add to the St Joseph Table. Donations of canned goods or non-perishable food items can be placed in the box in the vestibule or dropped off at the Church Office. Monetary donations will also be accepted and can be placed in the collection basket, or the white office mailbox located on the wall in the fellowship hall. Donations will be given to the Our Families in Need Fund.

**Ecumenical Holy Week Services:** The Ashe Ministerial Association is again sponsoring Holy Week Services on Monday, March 25th through Friday, March 29, 2024 at 12:00pm at First Baptist Church, West Jefferson. Each service will be led by ministers, liturgists, and musicians from participating area churches. A special offering will be collected during these services to support the Ashe County Schools Benevolence Fund. Live-stream available at <https://www.fbcwj.org/>. A community covered dish dinner will follow the Good Friday service. All are invited.



**Father Cory is giving the sermon at the Ecumenical Holy Week Service on Wednesday, March 27th at 12:00pm** at

First Baptist Church in West Jefferson. The worship service is 30-minutes and food trucks will be on site for those that would like to each lunch after. All are encouraged to attend. Note: There will be no Mass on Wednesday, March 27th.



**The Prison Ministry** is collecting items to fill the Easter gift bags for the residents of the Ashe County Detention Center. Needed are missalette-sized puzzle books; small hard candy, and small sized new toiletries. No homemade cookies are allowed. Items can be placed in designated boxes located at the main entrance and at the lower-level entrance. Monetary contributions will also be accepted. Please enclose it in an envelope and either mail it to the Church with attention in the memo line to Prison Ministry, place it in the collection basket, or the white Office mailbox located on the wall in the fellowship hall. For more information please contact Bob Breton at: [bobbreton4@gmail.com](mailto:bobbreton4@gmail.com)



**The Bishop's Youth Pilgrimage is April 13, 2024.** Bishop Peter J. Jugis invites

middle and high school youth to join him at Belmont Abbey College for a day of prayer and adoration of our Eucharistic Lord. This event provides youth with an experience of the Catholic faith with uplifting music and dynamic speakers. We have an anonymous donor who is willing to sponsor the cost for 10 youth to attend. We also need two adult chaperons. If you are interested in your youth attending, please contact Joanne Kuszaj at [jkuszaj@gmail.com](mailto:jkuszaj@gmail.com) or call 336-982-3054.



# Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís

## Quinto domingo de Cuaresma Marzo 17, 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 del 18 al 24 de marzo de 2024

**Lunes:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Sal 23:1-6; Juan 8:1-11

**Martes:** 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Sal 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mateo 1:16, 18-21, 24

**Miércoles:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Juan 8:31-42

**Jueves:** Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105:4-9; Juan 8:51-59

**Viernes:** Jr 20:10-13; Sal 18:2-7; Juan 10:31-42

**Sábado:** Ez 37:21-28; Jr 31:10-13; Juan 11:45-56

**Domingo:** Is 50:4-7; Sal 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Flp 2:6-11


**Formación en la fe.** Las clases de preparación para Primera Comunión y Confirmación se llevarán a cabo los días 17 de marzo de 5:00 a 6:30 p.m. No habrá clases el 24 de marzo (Domingo de Ramos) ni el 31 de marzo (Domingo de Resurrección). Si tiene preguntas, envíe un correo electrónico a Joánne Kuszaj a [jkuszej@gmail.com](mailto:jkuszej@gmail.com) o llame al 336-982-3054.



**OCRS PLATO de ARROZ** Devuelva las cajas de recolección de limosnas de Rice Bowl a la oficina de la iglesia antes del **27 de marzo**. Gracias por su participación.

Figuras del Ofertorio	
Ofertorio 10 de marzo:	\$ 2,893.00
El Fondo de Rectoría recibió:	\$ 1,816.00
Meta hipotecaria necesaria cada mes:	\$ 4,442.07
Deuda de la rectoría (al 5 de febrero de 2024):	\$ 396,416.85

**La peregrinación juvenil del obispo es el 13 de abril de 2024.** El obispo Peter J. Jugis invita a jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria a unirse a él en Belmont Abbey College para un día de oración y adoración a nuestro Señor Eucarístico. Contamos con un donante anónimo que está dispuesto a patrocinar el costo de la asistencia de 10 jóvenes. También necesitamos dos acompañantes adultos. Si está interesado en que sus jóvenes asistan, comuníquese con Joánne Kuszaj en [jkuszej@gmail.com](mailto:jkuszej@gmail.com) o llame al 336-982-3054.


  
**La Oficina de la Iglesia** estará cerrada a partir de las 12:30 p.m. del 28 de marzo al 1 de abril por las vacaciones de Pascua. Los correos electrónicos se revisarán periódicamente.


**No habrá misas** el martes 26 de marzo (el P. Cory asistirá a la Misa Crismal en Charlotte) ni el miércoles 27 de marzo (el P. Cory dará el sermón en el Servicio Ecuménico de Semana Santa).


### **El horario del Triduo es el siguiente:**

Jueves Santo: 8:00pm Misa (bilingüe)  
Buen viernes: 11:00am Estaciones de la Cruz  
12:00pm Servicio de Pasión  
Sábado Santo: 10:00am Bendición de las Canastas de Pascua  
8:30pm Vigilia Pascual (bilingüe)  
Domingo de Pascua: 9:00 am Misa

**Sobres de decoración de Pascua:** Las donaciones vencen el próximo fin de semana, **24 de marzo**. Coloque los sobres en el buzón de la oficina ubicado en la pared justo afuera del ala de oficinas de abajo. Los nombres de los monumentos conmemorativos se publicarán en el boletín el fin de semana de Pascua.

  
**Bendición de las Canastas de Pascua:** El Padre Cory ofrecerá una Bendición de las Canastas de Pascua el sábado 30 de marzo a las 10:00 am. Los artículos comestibles en su cesta pueden variar. Tradicionalmente, una canasta incluía huevos, mantequilla, pan, jamón, sal y rábano picante. Hoy en día incluyen huevos, dulces de Pascua y/o vino. Decora y llena tu canasta como desees y ven a la bendición.

  
**El martes 19 de marzo celebramos la Solemnidad de San José.** La misa es a las 12:00 p. m., seguida del almuerzo con la Mesa de San José. Siéntase libre de traer un plato de almuerzo para compartir y agregar a la mesa de St Joseph. Las donaciones de productos enlatados o alimentos no perecederos se pueden colocar en la caja en el vestíbulo o dejar en la Oficina de la Iglesia. También se aceptarán donaciones monetarias que se pueden colocar en la canasta de colecta o en el buzón blanco de la oficina ubicado en la pared del salón de confraternidad. Las donaciones se entregarán al Fondo Nuestras Familias Necesitadas.

  
**El Ministerio de Prisiones** está recolectando artículos para llenar las bolsas de regalos de Pascua para los residentes del Centro de Detención del Condado de Ashe. Se necesitan libros de rompecabezas del tamaño de un misil; pequeños caramelos duros y artículos de tocador nuevos de tamaño pequeño. No se permiten galletas caseras. Los artículos se pueden colocar en cajas designadas ubicadas en la entrada principal y en la entrada del nivel inferior. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Bob Breton en: [bobbreton4@gmail.com](mailto:bobbreton4@gmail.com)