



Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís

Primer Domingo de Adviento

Diciembre 3, 2023

Pastor: Padre Cory Catron, 336-246-9151

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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 de diciembre 4 - 10, 2023

Lunes: Isaías 2:1-5, Salmo 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mateo 8:5-11

Martes: Isaías 11:1-10, Salmo 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, Lucas 10:21-24

Miércoles: Isaías 25:6-10a, Salmo 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Mateo 15:29-37

Jueves: Isaías 26:1-6, Salmo 118:1 y 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a, Mateo 118:1 y 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Viernes: Génesis 3:9-15, 20, Salmo 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Efesios 1:3-6, 11-12, Lucas 1:26-38

Sábado: Isaías 30:19-21, 23-26, Salmo 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Mateo 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8


Domingo: Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11, Salmo 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14, 2 Pedro 3:8-14, Marcos 1:1-8


Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio 26 de noviembre: \$ 3,880.00
El Fondo de Rectoría recibió: \$ 985.00
Meta hipotecaria necesaria cada mes: \$ 4,442.07


Deuda de la rectoría (al 8 de noviembre de 2023): \$ 429,743.06


Food for the Poor: Este fin de semana, 2 y 3 de diciembre, el Padre Tomasz Denicki de Food for the Poor está visitando a San Francisco de Asís. El P. Denicki compartirá un testimonio personal sobre la misión de FFTP de cuidar a los indigentes como un medio para vivir el mandato del Evangelio de amarse unos a otros. ¡Por favor, den una cálida bienvenida al P. Denicki!


 FOOD FOR THE POOR


El piso del espacio de culto está programado para ser limpiado y encerado a partir del lunes 4 de diciembre. La limpieza continuará hasta el miércoles 6 de diciembre. No se permitirá la entrada a esa zona durante este tiempo. 


El Padre Cory está de vacaciones hasta el 6 de diciembre.


No habrá Misas ni Adoración este martes y miércoles. El horario de la Misa de este viernes 8 de diciembre es el siguiente para la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción: 12:00pm & 6:00pm - Misa, Inglés, 7:30pm - Misa, Español 

Decoraciones navideñas para el santuario: Durante la temporada de Adviento, la parroquia ofrece sobres para que los feligreses donen dinero para flores para decorar la iglesia. Si desea hacer una donación en "honor de" o "memoria de" sus seres queridos, por favor recoja un sobre en la mesa de la entrada de la Iglesia. Se pide que los sobres completados se devuelvan en la canasta del ofertorio o en el buzón blanco de la oficina ubicado en la planta baja antes del **domingo 17 de diciembre**, ya que los nombres se colocarán en el boletín el fin de semana de Navidad. Gracias. 

Oferta de Empleo - Asistente Administrativo. El Asistente Administrativo es responsable de administrar la parte administrativa de la oficina de la iglesia. Las tareas incluyen contestar y dirigir llamadas telefónicas, de persona a persona en asuntos de oficina, comunicarse con la oficina diocesana, otras parroquias y feligreses a través de correo electrónico, cartas, boletines y sitio web, además de otras tareas. Bilingüe es una ventaja, pero la mayoría de los negocios de oficina se realizan en inglés. Este puesto es a tiempo completo. Comuníquese con la Oficina de la Iglesia de San Francisco de Asís al stfrancis@skybest.com, 336-246-9151 si está interesado. Las solicitudes y las descripciones de los puestos de trabajo están disponibles a petición de la oficina. **La fecha límite para la presentación de solicitudes es el viernes 8 de diciembre.** 

Oferta de trabajo -- Gerente de Instalaciones: Las solicitudes y las descripciones de trabajo están disponibles en la Oficina de la Iglesia. Breve descripción: El Gerente de Instalaciones coordina y supervisa todos los aspectos de la propiedad (incluido el cementerio), la conservación y el mantenimiento del edificio. Otras tareas incluirían trabajos de limpieza y reparación ligera. Este puesto es a tiempo parcial a 20 horas semanales. Comuníquese con la Oficina de la Iglesia de San Francisco de Asís al stfrancis@skybest.com, 336-246-9151 si está interesado. Las solicitudes y las descripciones de los puestos de trabajo están disponibles a petición de la oficina. 

Mesa de San Francisco Próximo evento: 16 de diciembre El próximo evento de recaudación de fondos para feligreses, amigos y familiares se llevará a cabo el 16 de diciembre de 2:00 p.m. a 4:00 p.m. Se venderán galletas y pasteles navideños para recaudar fondos para los proyectos de la parroquia. Invite a sus amigos y familiares a aprovechar nuestras ofertas de panaderos talentosos. ¡También es posible que tengamos un invitado especial que venga desde el Polo Norte! Gracias a aquellos que se han ofrecido como voluntarios para hornear y / o ayudar en el evento. Todavía necesitamos más artículos para la venta. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial o jkuszaj@gmail.com. 

Proyecto de Regalos de Navidad: Gracias a todos los que han contribuido al Proyecto de Navidad para Niños del Condado de Ashe (ACCCP) y al Proyecto STAR (para adultos mayores y discapacitados necesitados del Condado de Ashe) a través de la compra de regalos y donaciones monetarias. ¡Este año nuestra parroquia ha ayudado a 51 niños y 35 adultos! Su generosidad será un gran signo de amor cristiano para estas familias e individuos en Navidad. Aquí hay una foto de algunas de las bolsas de regalos para ACCCP. Todos ellos se envasan en bolsas negras para su distribución. 

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Winter 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, December 3, 2023 The First Sunday of Advent



Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come.
Mark 13:33



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 cancellations are sent out to those on the contact list. To be added please contact the office by email.

An Online Giving option is available on the St. Francis of Assisi website. Donors can go to <http://stfrancisofassisi-jefferson.org/> and click on the **Online Giving** tile located at the bottom 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

Administrative Assistant:

Chris Gailey wk: 336-246-9151, ext 2

Finance & Office Assistant:

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Buildings/Facilities:

Mike Gailey 336-338-2488

Pastoral Council:

Joanne Kuszaj—Chairperson 336-982-3054

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Joanne Kuszaj— Coordinator 336-982-3054

Home Bound Ministers:

Brings the Eucharist to the Homebound
Linda Sheridan 336-977-6893

Parish Commissions & Committees

Commission Chairperson:
Liturgy/Worship—Vickie Herman 336-877-5656
Parish Life— Elizabeth Jones 407-341-7909
Community Life— Janine Boudreau 980-228-0406
Prison Ministry — Knights of Columbus
Ecumenism -- Carolyn Andreucci 336-877-9038

Prayer Chain (prayer request):

Mary Rodgers - Chairperson 336-877-5399

Vicariate Hispanic Ministry Coordinator:

Aleksandra Banasik 336-428-6909

Baptism Prep Class, Spanish:

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, December 3
Food for the Poor Visiting Priest
 9:00am - Mass, English
 8:00pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Begins (time will vary during the week)

Monday, December 4
 Church Floor Cleaned
 7:45pm - Young Adults for Christ Meeting

Tuesday, December 5
 Church Floor Cleaned
 5:00pm - Knights of Columbus Council Christmas Social

Wednesday, December 6
 Church Floor Cleaned

Thursday, December 7
 9:00am - Cleaning of Social Hall
 8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice

Friday, December 8
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 12:00pm & 6:00pm - Mass, English
 7:30pm - Mass, Spanish
 8:30pm - Young Adults for Christ Meeting

Saturday, December 9
 3:30pm-4:15pm - Confessions
 4:30pm - Mass, English
 6:15pm-7:00pm - Confessions
 7:00pm - Vespers
 7:30pm - Mass, Spanish
 7:30pm - Baptism at Mass

Sunday, December 10
 8:00am - 8:30am - Confessions
 8:35am - Lauds
 9:00am - Mass, English
 10:00am - Baptismal Prep Class, Spanish

Father Cory is away on vacation through December 6.
 There will be no Masses and Adoration on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Mass schedule on Friday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is as follows:
 12:00pm & 6:00pm - Mass, English
 7:30pm - Mass, Spanish

Food for the Poor Visiting Priest
 This weekend, December 2 / 3, Father Tomasz Denicki from Food for the Poor is visiting St. Francis of Assisi. Fr. Denicki will share personal witness about FFTP's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Denicki!

Please note: The normal office hours for the winter months are 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Thursday and 10:00am-12:00pm on Friday. This coming week office hours on Monday, December 4 will be 9:00am-1:00pm.

The floor in the worship space is scheduled to be cleaned and waxed beginning Monday, December 4. Cleaning will continue through Wednesday, December 6. No entry to that area will be allowed during this time.

Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, December 4, No Mass
 Scripture: Is 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5, No Masses
 Scripture: Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6, No Mass
 Scripture: Is 25:6-10a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7, No Mass
 Scripture: Is 26:1-6, Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a, Mt 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Friday, December 8, Immaculate Conception Masses, 12:00pm & 6:00pm
Mass Intention (12:00pm): Robert Wall+
 Scripture: Gn 3:9-15, 20, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lucas 1:26-38

Spanish Mass, December 8, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 9, 4:30pm
Mass Intention: Parish Community
 Scripture: Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Spanish Mass, December 9, 7:30pm

Sunday, December 10, 9:00am
Mass Intention: Tom Herman+
 Scripture: Is 40:1-5, 9-11, Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 4:30pm
 Greeter: Marcia C.
 Lector: *Vickie H. **Michelle F.
 Ushers: Jim & Kathy L.

Sunday Mass, December 10, 2023, 9:00am
 Greeter: Susan L.
 Lector: *Brenda D. **Joanne K.
 Ushers: Tom L. & Richard B.

Altar Linens:
 December 1, 15, 29: Evelyn R. December 6, 22: Lila W.

Christmas decorations for the sanctuary:
 Envelopes for parishioners to donate money for flowers to decorate the church are now available. 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 entryway. Completed envelopes can be returned either in the offertory basket or the white office mailbox located downstairs by **Sunday, December 17th** as the names will be placed in the bulletin the following weekend. Thank you.

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, Misty Pownell, Michael Showfety, Helen Robichaud, Art Long. May God bless you!

Financial Figures

Offertory November 26:	\$ 3,880.00
Offertory received this month:	\$ 14,914.00
Offertory needed in November:	\$ 18,300.00
Rectory Fund November 26:	\$ 985.00
Rectory Fund received this month:	\$ 3,493.00
Mortgage goal needed each month:	\$ 4,442.07
Rectory debt (as of November 8, 2023):	\$ 429,743.06
Upcoming Second Collections	
Religious Retirement:	December 10
Priests Retirement:	December 17
Rectory Fund:	December 24 & 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. <i>Checks can be mailed to the following address:</i> P.O. Box 634, Jefferson, NC 28640 <i>Your support is greatly appreciated.</i>	
The 2023 Priests Retirement Appeal	
Our Fair Share:	\$ 7,192.00
Amount Given:	\$ 5,213.00
Amount Needed:	\$ 1,729.00

Job Opening -- Facilities Manager: Applications and Job Descriptions are available from the Church Office. *Brief description:* The Facilities Manager coordinates and oversees all aspects of property (including the cemetery), building upkeep and maintenance. Other duties would include janitorial and light repair work. This position is part-time at 20 hours/week. Please contact the St. Francis of Assisi Church Office at stfrancis@skybest.com, 336-246-9151 if interested. Applications and Job Descriptions are available upon request from the office.

Job Opening - Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for managing the administrative side of the church office. Tasks include answering and directing phone calls, person to person in office business, communicating with the Diocesan office, other parishes and parishioners via email, letters, bulletins and website. Other tasks are maintaining the sacramental register, the church office calendar and parishioner database, ordering supplies, distribution of mail and other duties as needed and/or assigned. Ideal candidate must have strong verbal, computer, and interpersonal skills, be able to maintain confidentiality, be personable and self-motivated. Bilingual is a plus, but not mandatory. This position is full-time. Please contact the St. Francis of Assisi Church Office at stfrancis@skybest.com, 336-246-9151 if interested. Applications and Job Descriptions are available upon request from the office. **Deadline for submission of applications is Friday, December 8th.**

Retirement Fund for Religious
 Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earnings, and expenses are managed separately from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church. Support from the **Retirement Fund for Religious, the second collection on December 9/10**, helps religious communities care for senior members while continuing important ministries to the People of God. Any gift towards this collection is greatly appreciated.

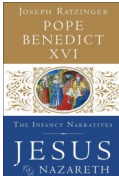


Altar Flowers: A sign up sheet for December is available in the Vestibule to donate altar flowers for the weekend and following weekday Masses. Instructions are listed on the sign-up sheet. **Please do not take envelopes without writing your intention on the sign up sheet.** Flowers will not be purchased until intention and donation are received in the office.

Christmas Gift Project: Thank you to all who have contributed to the Ashe County Children's Christmas Project (ACCCP) and to Project STAR (for needy Ashe County elderly and disabled adults) through buying gifts and monetary donations. This year our Parish has helped 51 children and 35 adults! Your generosity will be a great sign of Christian love for these families and individuals at Christmas. Here is a photo of some of the bags of gifts for ACCCP. They are all packaged in black bags for distribution.



Book Discussion Group
Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives by Pope Benedict XVI
 Read the book the first week of December and the group will meet for discussion on December 13. The morning begins with Lauds at 9:00am with discussion following at 9:30am. Refreshments will be available.



St. Francis Table Next Event: December 16
 The next fundraising event for parishioners, friends & family will be held on December 16 from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Holiday Cookies and Cakes will be sold to raise funds for Parish projects. Please invite your friends & families to take advantage of our talented bakers offerings. We may also have a special guest coming all the way from the North Pole! Thank you to those who have volunteered to bake &/or assist at the event. We are still in need of more items for the sale. For more information please contact either the Parish office or jkuszej@gmail.com.



18th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE Charlotte!
Friday, January 12, 2024
 This annual event brings together the faithful to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives! All are invited to join in this important and worthy cause. Schedule details are available at www.marchforlifecharlotte.com