

# 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 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



"Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." *Philippians 2:9-11*



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 a way of getting information out to the parish. Stay informed about parish news, schedule changes or cancelations by connecting with us on Flocknote. To be added, text SFA1 to 84576, visit [stfrancisofassisi59.flocknote.com](http://stfrancisofassisi59.flocknote.com), or email the office.



**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

### Administrative Assistant:

Susan Smith 336-246-9151, ext 2

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### Pastoral Council:

Joánne Kuszaj — Chairperson 336-982-3054

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Rick LaBonte — Chairperson 336-877-2300

### Faith Formation:

Joánne 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, March 24 - Palm Sunday

8:00am - Confessions  
8:35am - Lauds  
9:00am - Mass, English  
7:30pm - Spanish Group Mtg - Virgilia de Pentecostes

### Monday, March 25

7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ

### Tuesday, March 26

**NO MASSES**

### Wednesday, March 27

**NO MASS**

10:00am - Prison Ministry Easter Bags Assembly  
8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice

### Thursday, March 28

**Office Closed after 12:30pm for Easter Holiday**

9:00am - Cleaning of Church  
1:30pm - Preparing of Altar of Repose  
8:00pm - Holy Thursday Mass, Bilingual

### Friday, March 29

**Office Closed**

11:00am - Stations of the Cross  
12:00pm - Passion Service  
7:00 - Young Adults for Christ

### Saturday, March 30

10:00am - Blessing of Easter Baskets  
11:30am - Decorating Church  
8:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass, Bilingual

### Sunday, March - Easter Sunday

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

## Mass Schedule and Readings

### Monday, March 25, No Mass

Scripture: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday, March 26, No Mass

Scripture: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday, March 27, No Mass

Scripture: Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday, March 28, 8:00pm

Scripture: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

### Friday, March 29, 12:00pm

Scripture: Is 52:13--53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; He 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1--19:42

### Saturday, March 30, 8:30pm

**Mass Intention: Parish Community**

Scripture: Gn 1:1--2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Ex 14:15--15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Ba 3:9-15, 32--4:4; Ps 19:8-11; Ez 36:16-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Rm 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

### Sunday, March 31, 9:00am

**Mass Intention: Parish Community**

Scripture: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Co 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9

## Ministry Schedule

### **Holy Thursday Mass, March 28, 8:00pm (Bilingual)**

Greeter: Mary J.  
Lector: \*Isabel S. \*\*  
Ushers: Gary P.

### **Good Friday Passion Service, March 29, 12:00pm**

Greeter: Pat C.  
Lector: \*Carolyn A. \*\*Patrick B.  
Passion: Joánne K. (Narrator) Patrick H. (Speaker)  
Ushers: Rick L. & Luis de la C.

### **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 30, 8:30pm (Bilingual)**

Greeter: Kathy L.  
Lector: (1st) Vickie H., (2nd) Hispanic Lector, (3rd) Joánne K., (4th) Hispanic Lector, (5th) Gary P., (6th) Hispanic Lector, (7th) Tassanee W., (Epistle) Hispanic Lector  
Ushers: Rick L. & Bob B.

### **Easter Sunday Mass, March 31, 9:00am**

Greeter: Mary R.  
Lector: \*Brenda D. \*\*Michelle F.  
Ushers: Tom & Susan L. (upstairs) Marcy B. (downstairs)

## 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



**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.



**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!

## Financial Figures

Offertory March 17:	\$	4,799.00
Offertory received this month:	\$	11,777.00
Offertory needed in Month:	\$	18,300.00
Rectory Fund March 17:	\$	337.00
Rectory Fund received this month:	\$	3,888.00
Mortgage goal needed each month:	\$	4,442.07
Rectory debt (as of March 19, 2024):	\$	391,974.78

### Upcoming Second Collections

Rectory Fund:	March 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 'One Body in Christ,' is the theme of the 2024 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA).

**SUPPORT APPEAL 2024** Currently, we are at 40% 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:	\$10,790.00
Amount Needed:	\$15,905.00
Number of Donors:	20

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



### Seminarian Education Easter Sunday Collection.

We ask for your generous response to the second collection which will be taken in all churches of our diocese on Easter weekend. This collection will help meet the growing needs of our Seminarian program. The Diocese of Charlotte is blessed to have more than 50 young men studying for the priesthood and your generosity and prayers are an investment in the lives and ministry of our future priests.



### 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.



**Faith Formation.** No First Communion & Confirmation preparation 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.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will begin after the Spanish Mass (about 8:30pm) on Saturday, April 6th, and will continue until Benediction at 7:45am on Sunday, April 7th. 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. If we do not have at least 2 people signed up for each hour by Friday, April 5th, Adoration will be canceled.



### BINGO is coming to Ashe County!

The St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus are hosting Bingo on the first Sunday of each month beginning Sunday, April 7th, in the Fellowship Hall. Cash prize games will begin at 1:00pm. Admission with 6 cards for each of 8 games is \$25. Seating is limited. Advanced reservations can be made by scanning the URL code above or visiting <https://square.link/u/GT3sEAj10>. For more information, email: [knightscouncil16839bingo@gmail.com](mailto:knightscouncil16839bingo@gmail.com).



### 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: This is the last weekend to donate 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)

### Easter decoration envelopes: Donations are due this 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.



The Funeral Mass for longtime parishioner, **Doris Keller**, is Monday, March 25th at 10:00am. A reception will take place at 11:00am in the fellowship hall and burial will be later at Mt. Zion Church Cemetery in Piney Creek. We offer our condolences and prayers to the family. May the soul of Doris be at rest in the eternal presence of our Lord.





# Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís

## Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor

### Marzo 24, 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 25 al 31 de marzo de 2024

**Lunes:** Is 42:1-7; Sal 27:1-3, 13-14; Juan 12:1-11

**Martes:** Is 49:1-6; Sal 71:1-6, 15, 17; Juan 13:21-33, 36-38

**Miércoles:** Is 50:4-9; Sal 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mateo 26:14-25

**Jueves:** Éx 12:1-8, 11-14; Sal 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Juan 13:1-15

**Viernes:** Is 52:13--53:12; Sal 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Juan 18:1--19:42

**Sábado:** Gn 1:1--2:2 o Gn 1:1, 26-31; Sal 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 o Sal 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 o Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Sal 16:5, 8-11; Éx 14:15--15:1; Éx 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Sal 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Ba 3:9-15, 32--4:4; Sal 19:8-11; Ez 36:16-28; Sal 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 o Is 12:2-6 o Sal 51:12-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Sal 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mc 16:1-7

**Domingo:** Hch 10:34, 37-43; Sal 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 o 1 Cor 5:6-8; Juan 20:1-9

#### Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio 17 de marzo:	\$	4,799.00
El Fondo de Rectoría recibió:	\$	377.00
Meta hipotecaria necesaria cada mes:	\$	4,442.07
Deuda de la rectoría (al 19 de marzo de 2024):	\$	391,974.785



**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

**La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento** comenzará después de la Misa en español (alrededor de las 8:30pm) el sábado 6 de abril y continuará hasta la Bendición a las 7:45am del domingo 7 de abril. Todos están invitados a venir durante una o dos horas y compartir esta hermosa devoción a Nuestro Señor. Una hoja de registro se encuentra debajo de la vitrina en el vestíbulo. Se solicita que al menos 2 personas se registren por cada hora. Si no tenemos al menos 2 personas inscritas por cada hora antes del viernes 5 de abril, se cancelará la Adoración.

**Formación en la fe.** No habrá clases de preparación para Primera Comunión y Confirmación el 24 de marzo (Domingo de Ramos) o el 31 de marzo (Domingo de Pascua). Si tiene preguntas, envíe un correo electrónico a Joanne Kuszaj a [jkuszaj@gmail.com](mailto:jkuszaj@gmail.com) o llame al 336-982-3054.



**Cajas de recolección de limosnas de Plato de Arroz:** Por favor devuelva las cajas a la Oficina de la Iglesia antes del **27 de marzo**. Gracias por su participación.

**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 Joanne Kuszaj en [jkuszaj@gmail.com](mailto:jkuszaj@gmail.com) o llame al 336-982-3054.

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

**Colección de Educación Seminarista.** Solicitamos su generosa respuesta a la segunda colecta que se realizará en todas las iglesias de nuestra diócesis el fin de semana de Pascua. Esta colección ayudará a satisfacer las crecientes necesidades de nuestro programa de seminaristas. La Diócesis de Charlotte tiene la suerte de tener más de 50 jóvenes estudiando para el sacerdocio y su generosidad y oraciones son una inversión en las vidas y el ministerio de nuestros futuros sacerdotes.