

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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## Contact Us:

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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

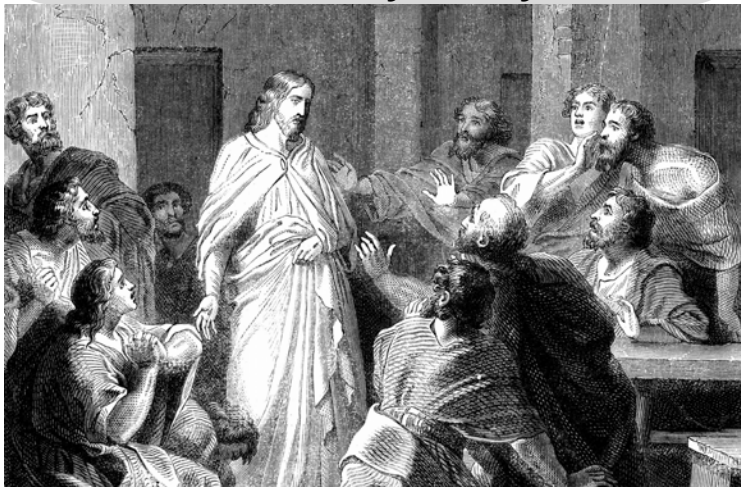
Tuesday: 5:40pm - 6:10pm

Friday: 9:40am - 10:20am

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

Sunday: 8:00am - 8:30am

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Easter ~**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**



*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.'" John 20:21*



**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

**Flocknote** is a way of getting information out to the parish. Stay informed about parish news, schedule changes or cancellations 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

### Finance Assistant:

Herb Maddock

336-246-9151, ext 4

### Buildings/Facilities:

Peter Finegan

336-246-9151, ext 5

### Pastoral Council:

Joánne Kuszaj — Chairperson

336-982-3054

### Finance Council:

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, April 7

7:45am - Benediction  
 8:00am - Confessions  
 8:35am - Lauds  
 9:00am - Mass, English  
 12:00pm - BINGO  
 5:00pm - Faith Formation Classes  
 7:00pm - Spanish Group Mtg - Virgilia de Pentecostes

### Monday, April 8

7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ

### Tuesday, April 9

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

### Wednesday, April 10

12:00pm - Mass, English

### Thursday, April 11

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

### Friday, April 12

9:00am - Mass, English, followed by Adoration  
 9:40am - Confessions  
 10:20am - Terce with Benediction  
 7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ

### Saturday, April 13

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

### Sunday, April 14

8:00am - Confessions  
 8:35am - Lauds  
 9:00am - Mass, English  
 10:00am - Spanish Baptismal Prep Class  
 5:00pm - Faith Formation Classes

*Congratulations!*

Congratulations to our newest Catholic parishioner, Aaron Johnson! After completing his study of the Catholic Faith, Aaron received Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass on March 30th.

## Mass Schedule and Readings

### Monday, April 8, No Mass

Scripture: Isa 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

### Tuesday, April 9, 12:00pm

**Mass Intention: Mary Merryman+**

Scripture: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; John 3:7-15

### Spanish Mass, April 9, 6:45pm

### Wednesday, April 10, 12:00pm

**Mass Intention: Tom Herman+**

Scripture: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; John 3:16-21

### Thursday, April 11, No Mass

Scripture: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; John 3:31-36

### Friday, April 12, 9:00am

**Mass Intention: Richard Hill+**

Scripture: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15

### Saturday, April 13, 4:30pm

**Mass Intention: Bill Sheridan+**

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21

### Spanish Mass, April 13, 7:30pm

**Mass Intention: Parish Community**

### Sunday, April 14, 9:00am

**Mass Intention: Stephanie Quinn**

Scripture: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

## Ministry Schedule

*Saturday, April 13, 2024, 4:30pm*

*Greeter: Mary R.*

*Lector: \*James W. \*\*Tassanee W.*

*Ushers: Butch R. & John E.*

*Sunday, April 14, 2024, 9:00am*

*Greeter: Debbie P.*

*Lector: \*Brenda D. \*\*Gary P.*

*Ushers: Isabel S. & Marcy B.*

*Altar Linens: April 12: Evelyn R. April 19: 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, Teresa Dohr. May God bless you!



- Interested in learning more about becoming Catholic?
- Haven't practiced the faith in a while?
- Need the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist?
- Want to grow spiritually?
- Want to deepen your relationship with Jesus?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, consider being a part of St. Francis of Assisi's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. RCIA is a way to embark on a meaningful spiritual journey, where you'll uncover or rediscover the richness and beauty of the Catholic faith within a welcoming community. For more information, please contact the Church Office.

## Financial Figures

Offertory March 31:	\$	3,751.00
Offertory received this month:	\$	19,022.00
Offertory needed in Month:	\$	18,300.00
Rectory Fund March 31:	\$	260.00
Rectory Fund received this month:	\$	5,990.00
Mortgage goal needed each month:	\$	4,442.07
Rectory debt (as of March 19, 2024):	\$	391,974.78
Holy Thursday, Ashe Food Pantry	\$	\$513.00
Good Friday, Holy Land:	\$	\$433.00
Seminarian Education Program:	\$	1,758.00

### Upcoming Second Collections

Rectory Fund: April 7, 14, 21, 28

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 58% 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:	\$15,510.00
Amount Needed:	\$11,185.00
Number of Donors:	25

**We ♥ our Volunteers** A special THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who serve and generously give of themselves: Altar Servers, Choir & Accompanists, Collection Counters, Community Life Commission, Ecumenism Commission, Faith Formation/RCIA, Finance Council, Funeral Reception Committee, Hispanic Leadership Committee, Hispanic Ministry, Homebound Ministry, Knights of Columbus, Liturgy/Worship Commission, Parish Council, Parish Life Commission, Prayer Chain, Prison Ministry, Stewardship Committee, and the countless other individuals who give of their time and talents when asked. If it were not for each of you, our Masses, events, and programs would not be successful or run smoothly. Please know you are very much appreciated. God bless you! In Christ, Fr. Cory, Herb, Peter & Susan



**Mowing season is upon us!** Just a friendly reminder when visiting loved ones in the cemetery that natural flowers or artificial flower arrangements in approved vases are permitted and must be within a 4-inch radius around the base of the headstone. Anything that may present a safety hazard or obstacle to grounds maintenance may be removed. Thank you for your understanding.



## Faith Formation

### Classes for First Communion & Confirmation

Preparation resume on April 7 at 5:00-6:30pm. Classes will meet on April 14 & 21.

### Confirmation Candidates:

- **Saint reports are due on April 7.**
- **Upcoming Service Project: required for all Confirmation Candidates.** On April 21 we will take part in a service project for the Parish by assisting with work in the Prayer Garden. Candidates are asked to come at 3:30pm on April 21. Class will be held after the work. More information to follow at the April 7th class.

If you have questions please email Joanne Kuszaj at [jkuszaj@gmail.com](mailto:jkuszaj@gmail.com) or call 336-982-3054.



## 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).



## 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.



## Interested in joining the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family? We'd love to have you!

Registration forms are available in the vestibule or from the Church Office.



**"I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust."**  
(Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1520).



# Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís

## Segundo Domingo de Pascua - Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

### Abril 7, 2024

**Pastor:** Padre Cory Catron, 336-246-9151

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

**Email:** stfrancis@skybest.com

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 8 al 14 de abril de 2024

**Lunes:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Sal 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lucas 1:26-38

**Martes:** Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93:1-2, 5; Juan 3:7-15

**Miércoles:** Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34:2-9; Juan 3:16-21

**Jueves:** Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34:2, 9, 17-20; Juan 3:31-36

**Viernes:** Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27:1, 4, 13-14; Juan 6:1-15

**Sábado:** Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Juan 6:16-21

**Domingo:** Hch 3:13-15, 17-19; Sal 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Juan 2:1-5; Lucas 24:35-48

#### Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio 31 de marzo:	\$	3,751.00
Jueves Santo de la Cena del Señor:	\$	513.00
Viernes Santo de la Pasión del Señor:	\$	433.00
Colección de Educación para Seminaristas:	\$	1,758.00
El Fondo de Rectoría recibió:	\$	260.00
Meta hipotecaria necesaria cada mes:	\$	4,442.07
Deuda de la rectoría (al 19 de marzo de 2024):	\$	391,974.785

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024** "Un Cuerpo en Cristo" es el tema de la **Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano (DSA) de 2024**. Actualmente, estamos en el 58% de \$26,695.00, nuestra parte justa del DSA 2024. Si cada familia dona \$75, nuestra Parroquia cumplirá con su obligación. Gracias por tu generosidad. Los sobres de promesa están disponibles en la mesa del vestíbulo, o se pueden entregar obsequios en línea en [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa).

#### La Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano de 2024

Nuestra parte justa:	\$26,695.00
Monto entregado y prometido:	\$15,510.00
Cantidad requerida:	\$11,185.00
Número de donantes:	25



**¡La temporada de siega está aquí!** Solo un recordatorio amistoso cuando visite a sus seres queridos en el cementerio de que las flores naturales o los arreglos florales artificiales en jarrones aprobados están permitidos y deben estar dentro de un radio de 4 pulgadas alrededor de la base de la lápida. Cualquier cosa que pueda presentar un peligro para la seguridad o un obstáculo para el mantenimiento del terreno puede ser eliminada.



#### Formación en la fe

##### Clases para Primera Comunión y Confirmación

La preparación se reanudará el 7 de abril de 5:00 a 6:30pm.

Las clases se reunirán el 14 y 21 de abril.

##### Candidatos de confirmación:

- Los informes de los santos deben entregarse el **7 de abril**.
- **Próximo Proyecto de Servicio: requerido para todos los Candidatos a la Confirmación.** El 21 de abril participaremos en un proyecto de servicio para la Parroquia ayudando con el trabajo en el Jardín de Oración. Se solicita a los candidatos que vengan a las 3:30 p. m. del 21 de abril. La clase se llevará a cabo después del trabajo. Más información a continuación en la clase del 7 de abril.

Si tiene preguntas, envíe un correo electrónico a Joánne Kuszaj a [jkuszaj@gmail.com](mailto:jkuszaj@gmail.com) o llame al 336-982-3054.



#### Un AGRADECIMIENTO especial a todos

nuestros voluntarios que sirven y se entregan generosamente: monaguillos, coro y acompañantes, mostradores de colectas, Comisión de Vida Comunitaria, Comisión de Ecumenismo, Formación de Fe/RICA, Consejo de Finanzas, Comité de Recepción de Funerales, Comité de Liderazgo Hispano, Ministerio Hispano, Ministerio de Confinados en el Hogar, Caballeros de Colón, Comisión de Liturgia/Adoración, Consejo Parroquial, Comisión de Vida Parroquial, Cadena de Oración, Ministerio de Prisiones, Comité de Mayordomía y las innumerables otras personas que donan su tiempo y talentos cuando se les solicita. Si no fuera por cada uno de ustedes, nuestras Misas, eventos y programas no serían exitosos ni se desarrollarían sin problemas. Por favor, sepa que es muy apreciado. ¡Dios lo bendiga! En Cristo, Padre Cory, Herb, Peter y Susan



#### 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 [jkuszaj@gmail.com](mailto:jkuszaj@gmail.com) o llame al 336-982-3054.



**Únete a nosotros para la Gran Vigilia de Pentecostés el Viernes 17 de Mayo a las 6:30pm** en la Iglesia San Francisco de Asís. El cantautor y predicador católico, Roberto Ramírez, liderará la alabanza, la predicación, la sanación y la oración por los enfermos. Para más información, comuníquese con Martín Aguilar al 336-977-4916 o Prudencio Trinidad al 336-620-2663.