

**Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís  
Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor  
Enero 2, 2022**

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Horario de la oficina: De Lunes a Jueves 10:00am—5:00pm y Viernes 10:00am - 1:00pm

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

Confesiones: Sábado 6:15pm - 7:00pm

**Lecturas Bíblicas de Enero 3 - 9, 2022**

Lunes – 1 Juan 3:22–4:6, Salmo 2:7bc-8, 10-12a, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Martes – 1 Juan 4:7-10, Salmo 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, Marcos 6:34-44  
Miércoles – 1 Juan 4:11-18, Salmo 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, Marcos 6:45-52  
Jueves – 1 Juan 4:19–5:4, Salmo 72:1-2, 14 y 15bc, 17, Lucas 4:14-22  
Viernes – 1 Juan 5:5-13, Salmo 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Lucas 5:12-16  
Sábado – 1 Juan 5:14-21, Salmo 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a y 9b, Juan 3:22-30  
Domingo – Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7 o Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11, Salmo 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 o Salmo 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30, Hechos 10:34-38 o Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22



**Política de Inclemencias meteorológicas:** En caso de clima severo se aconseja que prevalezca el sentido común. Si el clima y las condiciones de la carretera son peligrosas para viajar, quédese en casa. El cierre de la oficina y los anuncios de cancelación de la misa se anuncian en [www.raysweather.com](http://www.raysweather.com), Flocknotes y WSOC. Tenga en cuenta que WSOC no permite que se escriban mensajes, sino que se limita a opciones genéricas para elegir al publicar avisos meteorológicos. Debido a esto, WSOC solo se utilizará para notificaciones meteorológicas cuando sea necesaria la cancelación de todas las actividades, funciones y misa. Se da una dispensa para aquellos que no pueden hacer misa debido a las condiciones de la carretera en su área. El consejo en todo momento es la seguridad primero y no viajar si las condiciones son peligrosas.

**Figuras del Ofertorio**

Ofertorio Diciembre 26: \$ 2,112.00

**Nota del Párroco ~ Feliz Año Nuevo**

Parece que hay dos veces al año en que pensamos en la idea de "Resoluciones de Año Nuevo". Uno es a finales de diciembre y principios de enero, el momento para hacer Resoluciones de Año Nuevo. El otro cae justo ahora, dos o tres días después del Año Nuevo, cuando, si eres como yo, no has cumplido con tus resoluciones de Año Nuevo. Como católicos, tenemos la suerte de que el calendario de la Iglesia nos brinde otra oportunidad para tomar resoluciones unas semanas después de este punto de corte, es decir, el comienzo de la Cuaresma, cuando podemos resolver aumentar nuestra devoción durante unas semanas de una forma u otra. Con la Cuaresma comenzando el 2 de marzo de este año, voy a comenzar a reflexionar un poco sobre cómo podemos tener una Cuaresma fructífera, para que estemos preparados para cuando llegemos a ella.

Por ahora, sin embargo, creo que sería suficiente pensar en la idea de las Resoluciones de Año Nuevo y por qué parece que no cumplimos con ellas. Estaba leyendo algo el otro día que decía que la razón principal por la que tendemos a perderles de vista es que establecemos las metas de manera demasiado específica: decido hacer algo exacto este año, y luego, en el momento en que rompo mi racha de días de haciéndolo (o evitando aquello que he resuelto evitar), me imagino que ya no sirve de nada intentarlo, y simplemente vuelvo a mis viejos hábitos de no hacer lo que había resuelto o hacer lo que había resuelto no hacer. El artículo advierte que en vez de adoptar resoluciones específicas, deberíamos adoptar un "tema" para el año. Propongo que esta es una excelente manera de ver nuestras vidas como cristianos, no solo cuando comienza cada nuevo año calendario, sino si deseamos buscar una renovación y conversión constantes.

Hagamos, pues, nuestro tema el de la santidad, de la unión con Dios, del conocimiento más profundo de Cristo. Si digo que "Este año, seré santo", entonces ya sea que me enfrente a decisiones grandes o pequeños hábitos molestos en los que apenas pienso, haré una pausa y consideraré lo que estoy haciendo. Me detendré y preguntaré "¿esto realmente me acerca más a Dios? ¿Realmente esto sirve al objetivo de la santidad?" En medio de una época de agitación y confusión tan intensa en el mundo, esta es la pregunta que debemos hacernos. Como dice tan bellamente santa Teresa de Ávila:

Nada te turbe,  
Nada te espante,  
Todas se pasa:  
Dios no se muda.  
La paciencia todo lo alcanza.  
Nada le falta;  
Solo Dios basta.

No importa en qué momento nos encontremos, Dios nos da paz. Al aumentar nuestra conciencia de Dios siempre luchando por un año de santidad, entonces, no importa lo que nos suceda, tendremos su paz.

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

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

Sunday 9:00am English

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:15pm & 6:05pm - 6:50pm

Sunday 8:00am - 8:30am

Or by appointment

**Sunday, January 2, 2022  
The Epiphany of the Lord**



*"and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."  
Matthew 2:11*

**We would like to welcome all visitors and newcomers to our parish.** If you are a new parishioner we encourage you to please take a Registration Form located in a binder in the narthex to register. Completed registration forms can be dropped off in the white mailbox located outside of the Office door, or at the Office during business hours. We hope that you find St. Francis of Assisi to be a parish of warmth and witness to God's love for one another.

**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.

For anointing of the sick, receiving the Eucharist while home-bound/in the hospital, hearing of your confession, or special prayers and/or visit from Father please call the church office.

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

**WELCOME**

**Father Cory Catron, Pastor  
Deacon Lee Levenson, Deacon**

**Administrative Assistant:**

Chris Gailey wk: 336-246-9151

**Office Assistant:**

Tifani Grusky

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**Choir Director:**

Randy Revis 336-384-2835

**Faith Formation:**

Joanne Kuszaj— Coordinator 336-982-3054

**Home Bound Ministers:**

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Linda Sheridan 336-977-6893

**Parish Commissions & Committees**

**Commission Chairperson:**

Liturgy/Worship—Vickie Herman 336-877-5656

Parish Life— Elizabeth Jones 407-341-7918

Community Life— Volunteer needed

Prison Ministry — Knights of Columbus

Ecumenism-- Bernadette Zimmerman 336-846-4518

**Prayer Chain (prayer request):**

Chairperson—Mary Rodgers 336-877-5399

**Vicariate Hispanic Ministry Coordinator:**

Aleksandra Banasik 336-428-6909

**Baptism Prep Class, Spanish:**

Jose Juan Robles 336-977-4612

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, January 2**

8:00am-8:30am - Confessions  
8:35am - Lauds  
9:00am - Mass, English

**Tuesday, January 4**

12:00pm - Mass  
5:00pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting  
8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice

**Wednesday, January 5**

12:00pm - Mass

**Friday, January 7**

9:00am - Mass  
9:30am - Adoration  
10:30am - Terce with Benediction  
12:00pm - Cleaning of Church  
7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ

**Saturday, January 8**

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

**Sunday, January 9**

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



**Parishioners, Family Members and Friends in need of Special Prayer:** Lynn Marie Gregor, Marilyn Reihle, Kevin Gouge, Patrick Fulker-son, Logan Tyler Hollars, Refugio Calvillo, Felicita Bugarin Santos, Peggy Bieber, Martha Esser, Carol Phillips, John Moran, Peggy Schaffer, Frank Turnmire, Colton Oeser. May God bless you!

**Inclement Weather Policy:** In the event of severe weather it is advised that common sense prevail. If the weather and road conditions are dangerous to travel please stay home.



Closure of the office and cancellation announcements of Mass are set up to be announced on [www.raysweather.com](http://www.raysweather.com), Flocknotes and WSOC. Please note that WSOC does not allow messages to be typed in, but instead is limited to generic options to choose from when posting weather notices. Due to this WSOC will only be used for weather notifications when cancellation of all activities—functions and Mass—are necessary. A dispensation is given for those who cannot make Mass because of the road conditions in their area. *The advice throughout is safety first and to not travel if conditions are hazardous.*

**Mass Schedule and Readings**

**Monday, January 3, No Mass**

Scripture: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, January 4, 12:00pm**

Scripture: 1 Jn 4:7-10, Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 5, 12:00pm**

Scripture: 1 Jn 4:11-18, Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday, January 6, No Mass**

Scripture: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17, Lk 4:14-22

**Friday, January 7, 9:00am**

Scripture: 1 Jn 5:5-13, Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday, January 8, 4:30pm**

**Mass Intention: Parish Community**

Scripture: 1 Jn 5:14-21, Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Jn 3:22-30

**Spanish Mass, January 8, 7:30pm**

**Mass Intention: Belinda Sue Trainor+**

Scripture: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11, Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30, Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday Mass, January 8, 4:30pm**

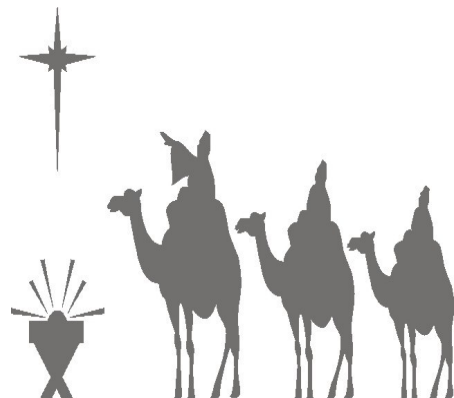
Greeter: Mary N.  
Lector: \*James W. \*\*Tassanee W.  
Ushers: Larry & Mikey N.

**Sunday Mass, January 9, 9:00am**

Greeter: Mary R.  
Lector: \*Wayne C. \*\* Kryn H.  
Ushers: Rick L. & Otto F.

**Altar Linens:**

Jan. 7: Anne B. Jan. 14: Kryn H.  
Jan. 21: Evelyn R. Jan. 28: Anne B.



**Financial Figures**

Offertory December 26: \$ 2,112.00  
Offertory received this month: \$ 14,871.75  
Offertory needed in December: \$ 20,200.00

Building Fund December 26: \$ 667.00  
Building Fund received this month: \$ 7,226.00  
Loan Payment needed each month: \$ 5,203.00

Christmas Offertory: \$ 3,368.00  
Christmas Building Fund: \$ 264.00  
Building Debt (as of December 10, 2021):  
Total owed \$ 343,066.00

*Those who wish to mail in their offertory and building fund donations or establish bank drafts please be sure to use the address listed below.*

**P.O. Box 634, Jefferson, NC 28640**  
*Your support is greatly appreciated.*

**Pastor' Note ~ Happy New Year**

There seem to be two times each year that we think of the idea of “New Years Resolutions.” One is right at the end of December and into the beginning of January, the time for making New Years Resolutions. The other falls right about now, two or three days into the New Year, when, if you’re like me, you haven’t followed through on your New Years Resolutions. As Catholics, we are fortunate that the Church calendar gifts us another opportunity to make resolutions a few weeks after this cutoff point, namely the start of Lent, when we can resolve to increase our devotion for a few weeks in some form or another. With Lent starting on March 2nd this year, I am going to start reflecting a bit on how we can have a fruitful Lent, so that we will be prepared by the time we get to it.

For now, though, I think it would suffice to think of the idea of New Years Resolutions and why we seem to fail at following through on them. I was reading something the other day that said that the main reason we tend to lose track of them is that we set the goals too specifically—I resolve to do some exact thing this year, and then the moment I break my streak of days of doing it (or avoiding that which I have resolved to avoid), I figure that there isn’t any use to trying anymore, and just go back to my old habits of not doing what I had resolved to, or doing what I had resolved not to. The article advises that instead of adopting specific resolutions, we should adopt instead a “theme” for the year. I propose that this is an excellent way for us to look at our lives as Christians, not only as each new calendar year begins, but if we desire to seek constant renewal and conversion.

Let us make our theme, then, that of holiness, of union with God, of deeper knowledge of Christ. If I say “This year, I will be holy,” then whether I am faced with the momentous decisions or the little nagging habits that I barely think about, I will pause and consider what I am doing. I will stop and ask “does this really get me closer to God? Does this really serve the goal of holiness?” In the midst of a time of such intense turmoil and confusion in the world, this is the question we need to be asking ourselves. As St. Teresa of Avila says so beautifully:

Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things pass away:  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things.  
He who has God  
Finds he lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices.

No matter what times we find ourselves in, God along gives us peace. By increasing our awareness of God always by striving for a year of holiness, then no matter what befalls us, we will have his peace.

