



**Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís**  
**Primer Domingo de Cuaresma**  
**Febrero 26, 2023**

**Pastor:** Padre Cory Catron, 336-246-9151  
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Horario de la oficina: De Lunes a Jueves 10:00am—5:00pm y Viernes 10:00am - 12:00pm  
 Horarios de misa entre semana: Martes 12:00pm y 7:45pm, Miércoles 12:00pm, Viernes 9:00am  
 Confesiones: Martes 5:40pm - 6:10pm, Sábado 6:15pm - 7:00pm

*Lecturas Bíblicas de febrero 20 - 26, 2023*

Lunes: Levítico 19:1-2, 11-18, Salmo 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Mateo 25:31-46  
 Martes: Isaías 55:10-11, Salmo 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19, Mateo 6:7-15  
 Miércoles: Jonás 3:1-10, Salmo 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Lucas 11:29-32  
 Jueves: Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Salmo 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Mateo 7:7-12  
 Viernes: Esdras 18:21-28, Salmo 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, Mateo 5:20-26  
 Sábado: Deuteronomio 26:16-19, Salmo 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, Mateo 5:43-48  
 Domingo: Génesis 12:1-4a, Salmo 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, 2 Timoteo 1:8b-10, Mateo 17:1-9



**El 4 de marzo es el primer sábado.** *El Rosario comenzará a las 8:30am seguido de la Misa a las 9:00am.* Todos están invitados a compartir esta hermosa devoción.

**Como parte de nuestra Campaña de Capital, lanzamos la campaña de almuerzo Brown Bag.**

Se les pide a los feligreses durante la Cuaresma que renuncien a comprar el almuerzo un día a la semana. Los ahorros de aproximadamente \$ 5 serán donados por cada individuo al fondo de la Rectoría semana a semana. ¡Su participación es muy apreciada!



**Figuras del Ofertorio**

Ofertorio 19 de Febrero: \$ 3,978.00  
 Fondo de Rectoría: \$ 1,199.00

**"Servir es amar", es el tema de la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano 2023.** A estas alturas ya debería haber recibido una carta o postal del obispo Jugis pidiéndole su generoso apoyo. Nuestra parte justa este año es de **\$ 25,066.96.** Los sobres de compromiso están disponibles en la mesa en el vestíbulo.

**Durante la Cuaresma, hay sobres disponibles para que los feligreses donen dinero para flores y plantas para decorar la iglesia.**

Si desea hacer una donación en "honor" o "recuerdo" de sus seres queridos, obtenga un sobre en la mesa de la entrada de la Iglesia. Coloque los sobres en la caja que esta en la pared justo afuera de la oficina antes del **Domingo 2 de Abril**, ya que los nombres se colocarán en el boletín el fin de semana de Pascua.



**Este año, la parroquia está participando en el proyecto Plato de Arroz de Catholic Relief Services.**

Cada Cuaresma, las familias católicas de todo el país se unen para poner su fe en acción a través de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. A través de Plato de Arroz de CRS, las familias aprenden cómo nuestras hermanas y hermanos en todo el mundo superan dificultades como el hambre y la desnutrición, y cómo a través de la limosna de Cuaresma, sus vidas pueden mejorar. Las cajas de recolección de limosnas de Plato de arroz están disponibles en el vestíbulo.

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 SEÑOR,  
 UN CORAZÓN  
 PURO.**

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**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, February 26, 2023**  
**The First Sunday of Lent**



*Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Psalm 51:1*



**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.

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



**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**  
**Deacon Lee Levenson, Deacon**

**Administrative Assistant:**

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

**Finance & Office Assistant:**

Tifani Grusky 336-246-9151, ext 4

**Buildings/Facilities:**

Mike Gailey 336-338-2488

**Pastoral Council:**

Joanne Kuszaj—Chairperson 336-982-3054

**Finance Council:**

Rick LaBonte - Chairperson 336-877-2300

**Faith Formation:**

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 - Volunteer Needed

**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



**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, February 26**  
 8:00am - 8:30am - Confessions  
 8:35am - Lauds  
 9:00am - Mass, English

**Tuesday, February 28**  
 12:00pm - Mass  
 5:30pm - Adoration  
 5:40pm - Confessions  
 6:15pm - Vespers  
 6:45pm - Mass  
 7:30pm - Spanish Passion Narratives Class

**Wednesday, March 1**  
 9:00am - Lauds  
 9:30am - Book Discussion Group  
 12:00pm - Mass

**Thursday, March 2**  
 8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice

**Friday, March 3**  
 9:00am - Mass  
 9:30am - Adoration  
 9:40am - Confessions  
 10:20am - Terce with Benediction  
 10:30am - Stations of the Cross  
 11:00am - Knights of Columbus Soup & Bread Lenten lunch  
 1:00pm - Cleaning of Church  
 7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ Meeting

**Saturday, March 4**  
 8:30am - Rosary  
 9:00am - First Saturday Mass  
 3:30pm-4:15pm - Confessions  
 4:30pm - Mass, English  
 6:00pm - Parent FF Information Session  
 6:15pm-7:00pm - Confessions  
 7:00pm - Vespers  
 7:30pm - Mass, Spanish

**Sunday, March 5**  
 8:00am - 8:30am - Confessions  
 8:35am - Lauds  
 9:00am - Mass, English  
 6:30pm - Spanish Leadership Meeting

**Mass Schedule and Readings**

**Monday, February 27, No Mass**  
 Scripture: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 28, 12:00pm**  
**Mass Intention: John W. Barnak, Sr. +**  
 Scripture: Is 55:10-11, Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19, Mt 6:7-15

**Spanish Mass, February 28, 6:45pm**

**Wednesday, March 1, 12:00pm**  
**Mass Intention: Anthony Maglione, Jr. +**  
 Scripture: Jon 3:1-10, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday, March 2, No Mass**  
 Scripture: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Mt 7:7-12

**Friday, March 3, 9:00am**  
 Scripture: Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday, March 4, 4:30pm**  
**Mass Intention: Joseph Fink +**  
 Scripture: Dt 26:16-19, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, Mt 5:43-48

**Spanish Mass, March 4, 7:30pm**

**Sunday, March 5, 9:00am**  
**Mass Intention: Parish Community**  
 Scripture: Gn 12:1-4a, Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, 2 Tm 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday Mass, March 4, 2023, 4:30pm**  
 Greeter: Mary J.  
 Lector: \*Tassanee W. \*\*James W.  
 Ushers: Jim L. & Kathy L.

**Sunday Mass, March 5, 2023, 9:00am**  
 Greeter: Pam J.  
 Lector: \*Isabel S. \*\*Evelyn R.  
 Ushers: Otto F. & Tom R.

**Altar Linens:**  
 February 24: Kryn H.                      March 3: Evelyn R.


The office hours on Monday, February 27th will be 1:00pm - 4:00pm.




**Easter decoration envelopes**  
 During Lent envelopes are available for parishioners to donate money for flowers and plants to decorate the church. 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 vestibule. Please place the envelopes in the Office box located on the wall just outside of the office wing downstairs by **Sunday, April 2nd** as the names will be placed in the bulletin on Easter weekend.



**Parishioners, Family Members and Friends in need of Special Prayer:** Lynn Marie Gregor, Marilyn Reihle, Kevin Gouge, June Gouge, Patrick Fulkerson, Logan Tyler Hollars, Refugio Calvillo, Felicitas Bugarin Santos, Patrick & Peggy Bieber, Martha Esser, Carol Phillips, John Moran, Peggy Schaffer, Phyllis Cash, Wayne Chattaway, Renae Fountain, Jacob McFadden, Michael Showfety, Penny Hession. May God bless you!



**March 4th is First Saturday.** Rosary will begin at 8:30am followed by Mass at 9:00am. All are invited to share in this beautiful devotion.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

**Financial Figures**

Offertory February 19:	\$ 3,978.00
Offertory received this month:	\$ 9,414.00
Offertory needed in February :	\$ 16,500.00

**Upcoming Second Collections**

Rectory Fund:	February 26
Our Families in Need:	March 5

Rectory Fund received February 19:	\$ 1,199.00
Rectory Fund received this month:	\$ 2,893.00
Mortgage goal needed each month:	\$ 5,400.00

**Copies of the parish financial report as of November 2022 are available on the table in the vestibule.**


*The winter months tend to be the toughest here in the mountains, many times necessitating the need to cancel weekend Masses due to poor weather. Parishioners are strongly encouraged to mail in their offertory gifts, 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.

**"To Serve is to Love,"** is the theme of the 2023 Diocesan Support Appeal. By now you should have received a letter or postcard from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support. Our **fair share this year is \$25,066.96.** Pledge envelopes are available on the table in the vestibule.

**As part of our Capital Campaign we launch the Brown Bag Lunch Drive.** Parishioners are asked during Lent to forego buying lunch one day a week. The savings of approximately \$5 is to then be donated by each individual to the Rectory fund week by week. Your participation is greatly appreciated!




**One more Wednesday! The Book Discussion Group completes discussing Jesus of Nazareth by Pope Benedict XVI this week.**




On March 1st, we will begin discussing **Real Philosophy for Real People** by Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ.

The morning starts with Lauds at 9:00am, followed by Book Discussion at 9:30am. Mass will be at 12:00pm. Refreshments will be available.


**The Knights of Columbus will be serving Bread and Soup** each Friday during Lent (February 25 - March 31) following the Stations of the Cross. Stations will be prayed about 10:30am, after 9:00am Mass and 9:30am Adoration. All are invited to attend and enrich their Lenten journey with prayer, devotion and fellowship.



**For those who feel called to volunteer** you can request a Volunteer Packet from the church office. Each packet contains a Volunteer Profile Form, Background check, Sexual Misconduct and Code of Ethics policies. Completed paperwork is turned in to the office for processing. As well, Father Cory asks that all volunteers complete Protecting God's Children training, even if there is minimal contact with children, to help keep everyone safe (children, adults, volunteers and employees). This training is available online at Virtusonline.org, where you will create an account. New volunteers will be scheduled for serving in the parish once paperwork and training are complete.



**This year the Parish is participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl project.** Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, their lives can be improved. Rice Bowl alms collection boxes are available in the vestibule.



*Thank You* Donna and I would like to thank all of you for the offering of Masses, prayers, thoughts, and cards after the loss of our son, Mike Margio. Sadly, Mike's life was cut short by a stroke. Losing a child, no matter what their age, is one of the hardest things that a parent can experience. Again, your thoughts and prayers are very comforting to us.  
 Sincerely,  
 Joe and Donna Margio

**"Help me, Lord, to walk this Lent with you wherever you lead."**

