



Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Diciembre 17, 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 18 - 24, 2023

Lunes: Jeremías 23:5-8, Salmo 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19, Mateo 1:18-25
 Martes: Jueces 13:2-7, 24-25a, Salmo 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17, Lk 1:5-25
 Miércoles: Isaías 7:10-14, Salmo 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, Lucas 1:26-38
 Jueves: Cantar de los Cantares 2:8-14 o Sofonías 3:14-18a, Salmo 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21, Lucas 1:39-45
 Viernes: 1 Samuel 1:24-28, 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd, Lucas 1:46-56
 Sábado: Malaquías 3:1-4, 23-24, Salmo 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 y 14, Lucas 1:57-66
 Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Adviento: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Salmo 88:2-3, 4-5, 27 y 29, Romanos 16:25-27, Lucas 1:26-38; La Natividad del Señor - Misa de medianoche: Isaías 9:1-6, Salmo 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13, Tito 2:11-14, Lucas 2:1-14; Misa de la aurora: Isaías 62:11-12, Salmo 97:1, 6, 11-12, Tito 3:4-7, Lucas 2:15-20

Figuras del Ofertorio

Ofertorio 10 de diciembre:	\$ 3,292.00
El Fondo de Rectoría recibió:	\$ 370.00
Meta hipotecaria necesaria cada mes:	\$ 4,442.07

Horario de la misa de Navidad y Día Santo

24 de diciembre — Nochebuena

4:00pm - Misa de Nochebuena, inglés
8:00pm - Misa de Nochebuena, español

25 de diciembre - Día de Navidad

9:00am - Misa de Navidad, inglés

1 de enero - María, Madre de Dios

12:00am - Misa en inglés (precedida de la Hora Santa que comienza a las 10:30pm, 31 de diciembre)
12:00pm - Misa

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.

Decoraremos la iglesia para Navidad el domingo 24 de diciembre a las 9:00 a.m. Venga y ayude a que nuestra iglesia luzca hermosa mientras celebramos el nacimiento de Nuestro Señor.

Calendarios de 2024

En el vestíbulo se encuentran los calendarios del próximo año. Estos calendarios están en inglés y español y contienen la ubicación y la información de contacto de San Francisco de Asís, así como los horarios de la misa, la confesión y la adoración. Se invita a cada familia a llevar un calendario.



Las Flores del Altar de este fin de semana fueron donadas por la Familia Santos Alvarez en Honor a su familia.

Tenga en cuenta: La oficina de la iglesia está cerrada el jueves y viernes, 21 y 22 de diciembre por las vacaciones de Navidad.

Recordatorio de Eventos Parroquiales: Aquellos que deseen tener eventos en la iglesia y en el calendario deben comunicarse con la oficina de la iglesia por correo electrónico, stfrancis@skybest.com, por teléfono, 336-246-9151 o viniendo a la oficina. Esto ayuda a minimizar los conflictos en la programación de eventos. *Si un evento no se aprueba y se pone en el calendario a través de la oficina, es posible que no pueda llevarse a cabo debido a que se está programando otro evento.* Además, debido a problemas de seguro y responsabilidad civil, es importante que el Padre Cory y la oficina sepan cuándo están en uso las instalaciones. Gracias.

Recordatorios de llaves: Para eventos que requieran acceso al edificio, comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia para realizar el check-out o se le asignará una llave. *Tenga en cuenta que las llaves marcadas solo deben entregarse para uso temporal.* Si actualmente tiene llaves (asignadas o prestadas para un evento) y ya no las necesita, regrese a la oficina lo antes posible. Si se necesitan llaves a largo plazo, se puede asignar una. Gracias por su cooperación y comprensión.

Venta de tamales el 13 de enero

La Mesa de San Francisco tendrá una venta de tamales el 13 de enero de 5:30 a 7:30 p.m. entre las misas del sábado. Nuestro feligrés, Prodeñcio Trinidad estará haciendo tamales. Muchos de ustedes han probado sus deliciosos tamales en la Fiesta Mexicana. Los tamales se venderán a \$2 cada uno. Aceptaremos pedidos de preventa. Más detalles estarán disponibles el próximo fin de semana. Por favor, informe a sus amigos y vecinos sobre la venta. Esta es una recaudación de fondos para la parroquia.



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 17, 2023 The Third Sunday of Advent



Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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

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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

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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 17
 8:00am - 8:30am - Confessions
 8:35am - Lauds
 9:00am - Mass, English

Tuesday, December 19
 12:00pm - Mass
 5:30pm - Adoration
 6:15pm - Vespers
 6:45pm - Mass, Spanish

Wednesday, December 20
 12:00pm - Mass

Thursday, December 21
OFFICE CLOSED
 9:00am - Cleaning of Social Hall
 8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice

Friday, December 22
OFFICE CLOSED
 9:00am - Mass followed by Adoration
 9:40am - Confessions
 10:20am - Terce with Benediction
 7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ Meeting

Saturday, December 23
 2:00pm-2:45pm - Confessions
 3:00pm - Mass, English
 5:00pm - Mass, Spanish

Sunday, December 24
 9:00am - Decorating of Church for Christmas
 4:00pm - Christmas Eve Mass, English
 8:00pm - Christmas Eve Mass, Spanish

Monday, December 25
OFFICE CLOSED
 9:00am - Christmas Day Mass, English

Ministry Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent Mass
Saturday, December 23, 2023, 3:00pm
 Greeter: Pat C.
 Lector: *James W. **Tassanee W.
 Ushers: Jim & Kathy L.

Christmas Eve Mass
Sunday, December 24, 2023, 4:00pm
 Greeter: Debbie P. Y Kathy L.
 Lector: *Gary P. **John E.
 Ushers: Marcy B. & Isabel S.

Christmas Day Mass
Monday, December 25, 2023, 9:00am
 Greeter: Susan L.
 Lector: *Joann C. **Joe C.
 Ushers: Luis de la C. & Tom L.

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

Please note: The church office is closed on Thursday and Friday, December 21 and 22 and Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26 for the Christmas holiday.

Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, December 18, No Mass
 Scripture: Jer 23:5-8, Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19, Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19, 12:00pm
 Scripture: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17, Lk 1:5-25

Spanish Mass, December 19, 6:45pm

Wednesday, December 20, 12:00pm
 Scripture: Is 7:10-14, Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21, No Mass
 Scripture: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a, Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21, Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22, 9:00am
Mass Intention: Poor Souls in Purgatory
 Scripture: 1 Sm 1:24-28, 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd, Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23, 3:00pm
Mass Intention: Angelina Maglione+
 Scripture: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14, Lk 1:57-66

Scripture for 4th Sunday of Advent: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

Spanish Mass, December 23, 5:00pm
Mass Intention: Parish Community

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 4:00pm, English
Mass Intention for all Christmas Masses: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family
 Scripture: Is 62:1-5, Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Spanish Mass, December 24, Christmas Eve, 8:00pm
 Scripture: Is 9:1-6, Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13, Ti 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-14

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day, 9:00am, English
 Scripture: Is 62:11-12, Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12, Ti 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20

Holy Day & Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24
 4:00pm - Mass, English 8:00pm - Mass, Spanish

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25
 9:00am - Mass, English

Mary, Mother of God - Monday, January 1
 12:00am - Mass, English (preceded by Holy Hour beginning at 10:30pm, December 31)
 12:00pm - Mass



We will decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 24, at 9:00am. Please come and help make our church look beautiful as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

Financial Figures

Offertory December 10:	\$ 3,292.00
Offertory received this month:	\$ 6,896.00
Offertory needed in December:	\$ 25,200.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 340.00
(donation to Ashe County Pregnancy Center)	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 788.00
Rectory Fund December 10:	\$ 370.00
Rectory Fund received this month:	\$ 2,162.00
Mortgage goal needed each month:	\$ 4,442.07
Rectory debt (as of December 1, 2023):	\$ 425,300.99

Upcoming Second Collections
 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.
Checks can be mailed to the following address:
 P.O. Box 634, Jefferson, NC 28640
Your support is greatly appreciated.

The 2023 Priests Retirement Appeal

Our Fair Share:	\$ 7,192.00
Amount Given:	\$ 5,213.00
Amount Needed:	\$ 1,729.00

Copies of the September 2023 Report to Parishioners are now available on the table in the vestibule.

Christmas decorations for the sanctuary: Envelopes for parishioners to donate money for flowers to decorate the church are due this weekend. Envelopes are in the envelope rack 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!

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
 Born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us,
 Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's Strength and Consolation,
 Hope of all the earth Thou art;
 Dear Desire of every nation,
 Joy of every longing heart.

The Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by the Santos Alvarez Family in Honor of their Family.

2024 Calendars
 Located in the vestibule are calendars for the upcoming year. These calendars are in English and Spanish and contain location and contact information for St. Francis of Assisi, as well as times for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Each family is welcome to take a calendar.



Tamale Sale coming January 13
 St. Francis' Table will have a Tamale Sale on January 13 from 5:30pm-7:30pm between the Saturday Masses. Our parishioner, Prudencio Trinidad will be making tamales. Many of you have had his delicious tamales at the Mexican Fiesta. Tamales will be sold for \$2 each and we will be taking pre-sale orders. More details will be available next weekend. Please let your friends & neighbors know about the sale. This is a fundraiser for the Parish.

Parish Events Reminder: Those who would like to have events in the church and on the calendar are to contact the church office by email, stfrancis@skybest.com, via phone, 336-246-9151 or by coming to the office. This helps to minimize conflicts in scheduling of events. *If an event is not approved and put on the calendar through the office it may not be able to take place due to another event being scheduled.* Also, due to insurance and liability issues it is important that Father Cory and the office knows when the facilities are in use. Thank you.

Key Reminders: For events needing building access - please contact the church office to check out or be assigned a key. *Please note that checked keys are only to be given for temporary use.* If you currently have keys (assigned or checked out for an event) and you are no longer needing them, please return to the office as soon as possible. If keys are needed for long term one can be assigned. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Upcoming Pro-Life Events
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.marchforlifeforcharlotte.com

National March for Life Pilgrimage
 The Office of Family Life invites adults and families to participate in a March for Life Pilgrimage, January 18-20, 2024. Join the Pro-Life Generation! The pilgrimage includes a charter bus to and from Washington, D.C., daily Mass, Life Fest with the Sisters of Life, March for Life & Rally, JP II Shrine tour and some meals! Register at charlottediocese.org/event/national-march-for-life or email FamilyLife@rcdoc.org.

