



**Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Asís**  
**Tercer Domingo de Adviento**  
**Diciembre 11, 2022**

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Horario de la oficina: De Lunes a Jueves 10:00am—5:00pm y Viernes 9:00am - 11:00am  
 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 diciembre 12 - 18, 2022**

Lunes: Zacarías 2:14-17 o Apocalipsis 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, Judit 13:18bcde, 19, Lucas 1:26-38 o Lucas 1:39-47  
 Martes: Sofonías 3:1-2, 9-13, Salmo 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 y 23, Mateo 21:28-32  
 Miércoles: Isaías 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25, Salmo 85:9an y 10, 11-12, 13-14, Lucas 7:18b-23  
 Jueves: Isaías 54:1-10, Salmo 30:2 y 4, 5-6, 11-12a y 13b, Lucas 7:24-30  
 Viernes: Isaías 56:1-3a, 6-8, Salmo 67:2-3, 5, 7-8, Juan 5:33-36  
 Sábado: Génesis 49:2, 8-10, Salmo 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17, Mateo 1:1-17  
 Domingo: Isaías 7:10-14, Salmo 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Romanos 1:1-7, Mateo 1:18-24

**Decoraciones navideñas para el santuario:** Los sobres están disponibles 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 sobre la mesa en la entrada de la Iglesia. Se pide que los sobres completos se devuelvan en la canasta del ofertorio o en el buzón blanco de la oficina ubicado en la planta baja antes del domingo 18 de diciembre, ya que los nombres se colocarán en el boletín el fin de semana de Navidad. Gracias.

**El Padre Cory estará de visita** en Tierra Santa a partir de la noche del 4 de diciembre. Regresará el 15 de diciembre. Durante este tiempo no habrá Misas diarias ni Adoración. El horario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe aparece en el calendario anterior. El horario de misas del fin de semana permanece sin cambios.

**El horario de oficina el jueves 15 de diciembre será de 1:30pm a 5:00pm.**

**Figuras del Ofertorio**  
 Ofertorio 4 de Diciembre: \$ 4,334.00

**Llaves:** Si actualmente tiene llaves (asignadas o retiradas para un evento) y ya no las necesita, regrese a la oficina lo antes posible. Las llaves marcadas solo deben entregarse para uso temporal. Si se necesitan llaves a largo plazo, se puede asignar una. Gracias por su cooperación y comprensión.

**Damos la bienvenida al Padre Nghia Cao de Cross Catholic Outreach** que está hablando este fin de semana en todas las Misas en nombre de los pobres en los países en desarrollo. Cross Catholic Outreach fue fundada para crear un vínculo significativo entre las parroquias en América y los sacerdotes y monjas que trabajan en la Iglesia en el extranjero en el Caribe, África, Asia, América Central y del Sur.

**Fiesta de N. S. de Guadalupe**

**Lunes 12 de diciembre**  
 Misa (español) - 8:00pm  
 El horario de misa para el fin de semana de 10-11 de diciembre será lo usual. No habrá vísperas ni laudes. No habrá misas diarias entre 4-15 de diciembre aparte de las fiestas antes mencionadas.

**Horario de misas y eventos navideños**  
**Diciembre 16 - 24**  
 7:00pm - Posadas (excepto 17, 20 y 24 de diciembre después de la Misa en español)

**24 de diciembre — Nochebuena**  
 4:30pm - Misa de Nochebuena, inglés  
 7:30pm - Misa de Nochebuena, español

**25 de diciembre — Navidad**  
 9:00am—Misa de Navidad, inglés

**¡Gracias por su generosidad navideña!**  
 Este año, la parroquia de San Francisco ha mostrado una gran generosidad con los menos afortunados de nuestro condado. Gracias a todos los que tomaron "etiquetas rojas", STAR y donaron fondos para proporcionar regalos de Navidad para niños y adultos mayores que son personas mayores o discapacitadas. Este año, la parroquia de San Francisco de Asís proporcionó regalos para 36 niños a través del Proyecto de Navidad para Niños del Condado de Ashe (ACCCP). Nuevo este año, la parroquia participó en el Proyecto STAR, un programa a través de Appalachian Senior Programs al proporcionar regalos a 32 adultos mayores. Varios feligreses participaron en ambos proyectos. Las donaciones monetarias para estos 2 proyectos totalizaron \$ 1,306 en efectivo, una segunda colecta dominical y cheques enviados por correo. La parroquia recibió una subvención de \$1,000 de Plato de Arroz de la Diócesis de Charlotte para el proyecto STAR y proporcionó artículos para medias navideñas en Margate Health and Rehab, y regalos a los residentes en Ashe Assisted Living and Memory Care Center. (Vea la información a continuación sobre los fondos de Plato de Arroz). Como parte del programa de diezmos de noviembre de la parroquia, (hecho posible a través del ofertorio parroquial) cada proyecto recibió una donación de la parroquia de \$717. Estos fondos son utilizados por ACCCP para comprar regalos para etiquetas rojas no tomadas y para el programa del Proyecto STAR para ayudar con los gastos de combustible de calefacción para personas mayores.



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 Thursday: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
 Friday: 9:00am - 11:00am

**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 11, 2022**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**



*Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
 whose hope is in the LORD his God...  
 Psalm 146:5*

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 call the church office.

**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**  
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 Jose Juan Robles 336-977-4612

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, December 11**  
**Fr Cao from Cross Catholic Outreach celebrant**  
 8:00am - 8:30am - Confessions  
 9:00am - Mass, English  
 10:00am - Baptismal Prep Class, Spanish  
 7:00pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

**Monday, December 12**  
 7:00pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena  
 8:00pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Spanish

**Thursday, December 15**  
 8:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice

**Friday, December 16**  
 12:00pm - Cleaning of Church  
 7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ  
 7:00pm - Posadas

**Saturday, December 17**  
 3:30pm-4:15pm - Confessions  
 4:30pm - Mass, English  
 6:15pm-7:00pm - Confessions  
 7:00pm - Vespers  
 7:30pm - Mass, Spanish  
 8:30pm - Posadas

**Sunday, December 18**  
 8:00am - 8:30am - Confessions  
 8:35am - Lauds  
 9:00am - Mass, English  
 7:00pm - Posadas

**Mass Schedule and Readings**

**Monday, December 12, 8:00pm, Spanish**  
 Scripture: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, Judith 13:18bcde, 19, Lucas 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Tuesday, December 13, No Masses**  
 Scripture: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23, Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 14, No Mass**  
 Scripture: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25, Ps 85:9an and 10, 11-12, 13-14, Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday, December 15, No Mass**  
 Scripture: Is 54:1-10, Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b, Lk 7:24-30

**Friday, December 16, No Mass**  
 Scripture: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8, Jn 5:33-36

**Saturday, December 17, 4:30pm**  
**Mass Intention: Jimmy & Mark Carter**  
 Scripture: Gn 49:2, 8-10, Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17, Mt 1:1-17

**Spanish Mass, December 17, 7:30pm**

**Sunday, December 18, 9:00am**  
**Mass Intention: Parish Community**  
 Scripture: Is 7:10-14, Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday Mass, December 17, 4:30pm**  
 Greeter: Marcia C.  
 Lector: \*Patrick B. \*\*Carolyn A.  
 Ushers: Jim L. & John E.

**Sunday Mass, December 18, 9:00am**  
 Greeter: Pam J.  
 Lector: \*Evelyn R. \*\*Vickie H.  
 Ushers: Isabel S. & Marcy B.

**Altar Linens:**  
 December 9 & 23: Evelyn R  
 December 16 & 30: Kryn H.

**Christmas decorations for the sanctuary:**  
 During this Advent Season, the parish has placed out envelopes for parishioners to donate money for flowers 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 entryway. Completed envelopes are asked to be returned either in the offertory basket or the white office mailbox located downstairs by **Sunday, December 18th** as the names will be placed in the bulletin on Christmas weekend. Thank you.

**Keys:** 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. Checked keys are only to be given for temporary use. If keys are needed for long term one can be assigned. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Father Cory will be away visiting the Holy Land** beginning the evening of December 4th. He will return on December 15th. During this time there will be no daily Masses or Adoration. The schedule for Our Lady of Guadalupe is listed in the calendar above. The weekend Mass schedule remains unchanged.

**Office hours** on Thursday, December 15th will be 1:30pm - 5:00pm.

**We welcome Father Nghia Cao of Cross Catholic Outreach** who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

**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, Frank Margio, Phyllis Cash, Wayne Chattaway, Renae Fountain. May God bless you!

**Financial Figures**

Offertory December 4: \$ 4,334.00  
 Offertory received this month: \$ 4,334.00  
 Offertory needed in December : \$ 19,500.00

Rectory Fund: \$ 1,601.00

**Upcoming Second Collections**

Religious Retirement: December 11  
 Rectory Fund: December 18

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Our second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**Mass Schedule**  
**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Monday, December 12**  
 Mass (Spanish) - 8:00pm

There will be no Vespers or Lauds the weekend of December 10 - 11. As well, there will be no weekday Masses between December 11 - 16 apart from the aforementioned feast day.

**Holiday Mass & Event Schedule**  
**December 16 - 24**  
 7:00pm - Posadas (except December 17, 20 & 24 following Spanish Mass)

**December 24 — Christmas Eve**  
 4:30pm - Christmas Eve Mass, English  
 7:30pm - Christmas Eve Mass, Spanish

**December 25 — Christmas**  
 9:00am—Christmas Mass, English



**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.**

**Thank You for Your Christmas Generosity!**  
 This year the St. Francis Parish has shown great generosity to those less fortunate in our county. Thank you to all who took "Red tags", STARS & donated funds to provide Christmas gifts for children and older adults who are either senior citizens or disabled. This year St. Francis of Assisi parish provided gifts for 36 children through the Ashe County Children's Christmas Project (ACCCP). New this year, the parish participated in Project STAR, a program through Appalachian Senior Programs by providing gifts to 32 older adults. Several parishioners participated in both projects.

Monetary donations for these 2 projects totaled \$1,306 from cash, a second Sunday collection and checks mailed in. The parish received a \$1,000 Rice Bowl grant from the Charlotte Diocese for the STAR project and provided items for Christmas stockings at Margate Health and Rehab, and gifts to residents at Ashe Assisted Living and Memory Care Center. (See the information below on the Rice Bowl funds.)

As part of the parish's November tithing program, (made possible through parish offertory) each project received a donation from the Parish of \$717. These funds are used by ACCCP to purchase gifts for red tags not taken and for Project STAR's program to assist with heating fuel expenses for seniors.

**Rice Bowl Program**  
 Each Lent, parishes, schools and campus ministries of the Diocese of Charlotte participate in Rice Bowl, the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) educational program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving. CRS Rice Bowl in the Diocese of Charlotte is coordinated by the Office of Social Concerns and Advocacy, Catholic Charities. From the funds obtained from the Rice Bowl collection, 75% goes to the CRS international headquarters in Baltimore, MD and is used to fund projects overseas. The remainder stays in the Diocese of Charlotte and enables Catholic Charities to offer Rice Bowl Mini-Grants to projects of Catholic entities of the Diocese of Charlotte fighting poverty and hunger locally.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), founded in 1943, is the official overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of Caritas International. CRS alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in over 100 countries without regard to race, religion or nationality. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

