



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church San Francisco de Asís Iglesia Católica

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Mass Schedule / Horario de las Misas

Saturday/sábado Vigil: 4:30pm (English); 7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday/domingo 10:00am (English); 12:00pm (Spanish)

Weekday Mass / Misa Diaria

9:30am - Tuesday
12 noon - Wednesday through Friday (English)
7:45pm - Wednesday (Spanish)

Devotions / Devociones

Adoration / Adoración

Thursday / jueves: 8am - 8pm
Friday / viernes: 11am - 11:45am

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration / Adoración Perpetua

P. Alfonso Gámez - 704-269-8537 & axgamez@rcdoc.org

Prayer Requests - Regina Spika, 828-874-1077 or
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Sacraments / Sacramentos Sacrament of Reconciliation / Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Thursday / jueves: 7 - 8pm;

Friday/Viernes 11:00 - 11:40am, 12:45pm

Saturday/sábado 3 - 4pm or by appointment / o con cita.

Baptisms/Marriages // Bautismos/Matrimonios

Contact the church office at least six months in advance.

Blessings of Thanks! / Muchas Gracias!

Offertory Collection Received / Colecta de Ofertorio

3/03/2025.....\$5,816.60

Weekly Offertory Budgeted Needed

Ofertorio Presupuestado Necesitado Semanalmente

February.....\$6,500.00

YTD Received / Recibido\$261,332.00

YTD Needed / Necesitado\$217,000.00

(Fiscal Year/Año Fiscal: 7/1/24 to 06/30/25)

DSA

Assessment/Meta: \$37,496.00

Received/Recibido: \$4,885.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gracias por su generosidad!



This is my *chosen* Son



Listen to *Him.*

LUKE 9:35

Este es Mi Hijo
elegido. Escúchenlo.

Lucas 9:35

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH / MARZO 16, 2025

This Week at St. Francis of Assisi Mass, Intentions and Activities

Monday/lunes - 03/17 *Saint Patrick's Day*

- No Mass/No habrá Misa

Tuesday/martes - 03/18

- 9:30am - Mass/Misa, English
Intention: +Patty Faber
- 5:30pm - Adult Education with Fr. Alfonso, Hall

Wednesday/miércoles - 03/19

- 12pm - Mass/Misa, English
Intention: Dora Zea (Birthday)
- 5:50pm Faith Formation / Formación de fe
- 7:30pm - Misa, Español
Intention: +Emilio Zea, +Judith Lopez

Thursday/jueves - 03/20

- 8am-8pm - Adoration, Church
- 12pm - Mass/Misa, English
Intention: +Patty Faber
- 5:30pm-clase de Adultos con el P. Alfonso, salón
- 7pm - Hora Santa y Confesiones

Friday/viernes - 03/21

- 11am - Holy Hour
(Fr. Alfonso hears confessions during the Holy Hour)
- 12pm - Mass/Misa, English
Intention: For the intentions of Parishioners
- 12:45pm-Sacrament of Reconciliation /Reconciliación
- 5pm-7:30pm - Fish Fry
- 6pm - Emaus meeting, Room A
- 6pm - Stations of the Cross, English
- 7pm - Via Crucis, Español

Saturday/sábado - 03/22

- 9:30am-4pm - Lenten Day of Reflection, Hall
- 3pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation /Reconciliación
- 4:30pm - Mass - English
Intention: +Michael Salter
- 7pm - Misa, Español
Intención: For the spiritual and physical wellbeing of Joshua Perez

Sunday/domingo - 03/23

- 10am - Mass - English
Intention: For the deceased members of the Hartley family
- 12pm - Misa - Español
Intención: Por las intenciones de los feligreses

Today's Gospel and Reflection

Luke 9:28b-36 Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. There he was transfigured before their eyes. A cloud overshadowed them, and a voice said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

As the season of Lent advances, God reveals himself in the Word and defines his relationship with all of us more clearly. In today's Gospel, God reveals the glory promised to those who are faithful to the Covenant. Jesus reminds his apostles that the transfiguration is not an escape from the real world but, rather, a goal that announces the victory of life over death. Life on earth is a journey of suffering and of joy, of rejection and of misunderstandings, of hope and of success. Faith allows us to confront life confidently and binds us to him who leads us to eternal happiness.

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Evangelio y Reflexión de Hoy

Lucas 9:28b-36 Jesús llevó a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a una montaña para orar. Allí se transfiguró ante sus ojos. Una nube los cubrió, y una voz dijo: "Este es mi Hijo elegido; Escúchenlo".

A medida que avanza el tiempo de Cuaresma, Dios se revela en la Palabra y define más claramente su relación con todos nosotros. En el Evangelio de hoy, Dios revela la gloria prometida a los que son fieles a la Alianza. Jesús recuerda a sus apóstoles que la transfiguración no es una huida del mundo real, sino una meta que anuncia la victoria de la vida sobre la muerte. La vida en la tierra es un camino de sufrimiento y de alegría, de rechazo y de incomprensiones, de esperanza y de éxito. La fe nos permite afrontar la vida con confianza y nos ata a Aquel que nos conduce a la felicidad eterna.

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Stewardship

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

Corresponsabilidad

Pedro, Santiago y Juan querían construir una "chosa" para Jesús y simplemente quedarse en la montaña donde tuvo lugar Su transfiguración. Pero el Hijo de Dios, el Elegido, sabía que debía seguir avanzando hacia Su crucifixión. Nosotros también debemos abandonar la adoración y hacer lo que podamos para acelerar la venida del Reino.

On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. The theme of **the 2025 Diocesan Support Appeal** is "Reflecting God's Light." Bishop Martin calls us to let God's light shine through us and thanks you for continuing the legacy of generosity in the Diocese of Charlotte.

En nombre de quienes se benefician de la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano, gracias por su generosidad. El tema de la **Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano de 2025** es "Reflejando la luz de Dios". El Obispo Martin nos llama a dejar que la luz de Dios brille a través de nosotros y les agradece por continuar el legado de generosidad en la Diócesis de Charlotte.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parish Family,

We are excited to share that we are very close to signing a contract for the new flooring in the church, which will replace the existing carpet. This project has been long in the making, and we are deeply grateful to all who have contributed to making it possible. Soon, we will have an exact amount of what remains to be paid for this expense, and we appreciate your continued generosity.

Our hope is to have the new floor installed by celebrated in the parish hall. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we make this much-needed improvement to our worship space.

While we continue to passively fundraise for our future office building, we want to inform you that this effort has been prolonged. The Diocese has placed a moratorium on capital campaigns as they prepare to launch their own diocesan-wide campaign. However, we remain committed to our vision for growth and will keep you updated as we navigate this process. A heartfelt thank you to all who have already donated towards this important project - we truly appreciate your support.

Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

In Christ,
Fr. Alfonso Gamez

Del escritorio del pastor

Querida Familia Parroquial,

Nos alegra compartir que estamos muy cerca de firmar un contrato para la instalación del nuevo piso en la iglesia, que reemplazará la alfombra actual. Este proyecto ha sido esperado por mucho tiempo, y estamos profundamente agradecidos con todos los que han contribuido para hacerlo posible. Pronto tendremos el monto exacto de lo que falta por pagar, y agradecemos su continua generosidad.

Nuestra esperanza es que el nuevo piso esté instalado para julio. Durante el proceso de instalación, las Misas se celebrarán en el salón parroquial. Agradecemos de antemano su paciencia y comprensión mientras realizamos esta importante mejora en nuestro espacio de oración.

En cuanto al proyecto del nuevo edificio de oficinas, seguimos recaudando fondos de manera pasiva, pero este esfuerzo se ha tenido que prolongar. La Diócesis ha impuesto una moratoria en las campañas de capital mientras se preparan para lanzar su propia campaña diocesana. Aun así, seguimos comprometidos con nuestra visión de crecimiento y les mantendremos informados sobre cualquier avance. Agradecemos de corazón a todos los que han donado para este importante Proyecto - su apoyo es verdaderamente apreciado.

Gracias por sus oraciones y generosidad constantes.

En Cristo,
P. Alfonso Gamez

Faith Formation / Formación de Fe

Youth Holy Hour this Sunday, March 16, 3-4pm.

Confirmation Year 1 and 2, and Pre-Confirmation students are required to attend if they have not met the requirements yet. See everyone there! // **Hora Santa de los Jóvenes** este domingo 16 de marzo, de 3 a 4pm. Los estudiantes de Confirmación de Año 1 y 2, y los estudiantes de Preconfirmación deben asistir si aún no han cumplido con los requisitos. ¡Nos vemos allí!

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During this Lenten season many of us are seeking additional resources to help us learn more about Jesus, pray more to Him, and spend more time getting to know Him.

Our Parish website is filled with helpful links and learning tools. For example:

- United States Council of Catholic Bishops, Daily Readings
- Diocese of Charlotte, "Faith Life"
- Prayers of St. Francis, St. Michael & Daily Prayers
- Formed.org - Movies, Programs, Audio and Books
- Information on the Holy Sacraments & Eucharistic Adoration
- Monthly prayer intentions and prayers for vocations

This is just some of what you will find on our website. Check it out!

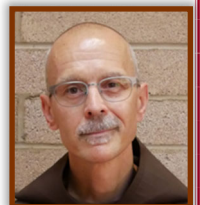
Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent // Venta de pescado frito los viernes durante la Cuaresma
5 - 7:30pm

Please join us! / Por favor acompañanos

Lenten Mission: Day of Reflection Saturday, March 22, 9-4pm

We are excited to offer our parishioners, family and friends an opportunity to deeply encounter Christ this Lenten season with our Lenten Day of Reflection.

Our visiting priest, who is offering the day of reflection, is Fr. John Celichowski, OFM Cap, of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, in Detroit, MI. We are grateful that Fr. John graciously accepted our invitation.



Have you heard of Blessed Solanus Casey? He was a brother priest of the same community as Fr. John. And is well known as a 'servant of the sick and the poor'. You can learn more about Blessed Solanus and the mission of the community by going to solanuscasey.org.

Action Needed: The Mission is free. Lunch and refreshments will be provided however we would like an idea of number of attendees for the caterer.