
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

The Ascension of the Lord May 13, 2018

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark's Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God's family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives.

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WHAT IS YOUR/OUR MISSION?

We do not always think about it, but each of us has a mission, a purpose for our life, a call which only we can fulfill. The word "mission" might throw us off — some of us have spent hours at work or our parish working on a "mission statement." Sometimes, that work bears much fruit, as people have a clearer sense of the purpose of the organization. Sometimes, however, the process of writing a mission statement seems an exercise in futility. A lot of work goes into developing it, but that doesn't mean it actually directs action or progress. ©Catholic Life and Faith, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Mission Statement

Grounded in the gospel of faith, bonded as a Catholic Eucharistic Community, committed to walk as Jesus did, united we reach out to one another in love, extend our hand to all in need, and worship in a spirit of reverence and celebration.

Does it reflect our parish well?

Masses / Sacraments

Sat: 4:30 pm

Sun: 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Span.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30 - 4:15

or by appointment

Baptism/Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Juan Areiza

Deacons:

Dcn. Larry Casey

Dcn. Paul Dietz

Dcn. JP McGuire, OFS

Dcn. John Barone

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Mass Intentions

Seventh Week of Easter

May 13-19, 2018

Sat	4:30 p	Leaders of America <i>by Grizio Family</i>
Sun	8:30 a	Mother's Day Novena <i>by the people of St. Francis</i>
Sun	11:00 a	† Hubert Schnabl <i>by the Grizio family</i>
Sun	1:00 p	Mother's Day Novena <i>by the people of St. Francis</i>
9 a	Mon	† Helen T. Zavertnik <i>by JJ & Mary Jean McNelis</i>
9 a	Tues	† R. Kwiatkowski Family <i>by Ralph Kwiatkowski</i>
9 a	Wed	ℒ Lorene Glenn <i>by Office Staff</i>
9 a	Thurs	† Angel Ordiales <i>by Liz Ordiales</i>
9 a	Fri	† Evangeline Ciaccio <i>by Louise Koshcler</i>
9 a	Sat	† Ann Bulzkis
4:30 p	Sat	ℒ Mel French & Family <i>by Debi Spriggs</i>



Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light
burns this week for the repose of the soul of
Andy Denny requested by **Pat Denny**.

May 6, 2018



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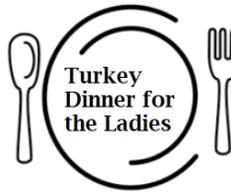
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Debt Reduction

Next Week Second Collection:

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Tuesday, May 15
@ 6:30 pm

Women's Guild Dinner

Remember when the only way to eat turkey was to have Thanksgiving Dinner? No ground turkey or deli-sliced turkey breast? RE-LIVE the old days, ladies, with the Women's Guild "Thanksgiving in May" They will cook the turkey, we bring the side dishes. All ladies welcome. RSVP – jmatricard@aol.com.

Mexican Breakfast
It's legendary.

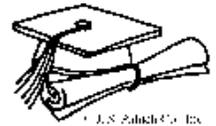
Next Sunday!

May 20, 2018
(8:30 a – 1:00 p)

Tickets Available after Masses \$9, \$5 kids, \$ 25 Family of four.

Graduation Mass

May 20th at 11 AM



How many graduating seniors can you name who attend St. Francis of Assisi parish? There are eight. Look for a parish profile of the group soon, but in the meantime, they will all be at the 11 AM Mass on May 20th. Congratulate them because they have worked hard all through high school.



Sat. May 26th
12-5 PM

Use a red crayon and put a big X on the calendar for the afternoon of May 26th. Seems our first blood drive was very successful, and the Knights of Columbus and the Red Cross want more! Go to: redcrossblood.org to sign up or call the Red Cross at: 1-800-733-2767.

Fr. Juan's Big Anniversary Mass & Party

May 31, 2018

The tenth anniversary Mass for Fr. Juan is at 6 pm on May 31st. Father would like us all to attend. The 7 PM dinner is booked full and can take no more reservations. There is, however, a reception for Fr. Juan from 3-5 PM in Marian Hall that is open to all parishioners. Come!



Sun. June 3rd
2 pm

We've got the burgers and hot dogs. Parishioners have the side dishes. Right? Right. Sunday June 3 @ 2 pm behind the church or in Marian Hall, we shall finally beat the weather and enjoy a parish picnic. Bring a banjo, ball glove, and some fun!

June 11 – 14, 2018 Mornings
SAVE THE DATES!



Couples Celebrating 50th and 60th Anniversary in 2018

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1968 and 1958 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday October 6th, 2018, at 12:00 Noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.

Sistine Chapel Choir Coming to Atlanta

For the first time ever, the Pope's Choir will be performing in Atlanta. Opening their US tour at the Fox Theatre July 3, 2018, tickets are available on the Fox Theatre website: <https://foxtheatre.venue.net>. Tickets are not cheap but cheaper than flying to the Vatican!

Please Pray For

- ✓ Jo Schilling
- ✓ Janice Barlotta
- ✓ Mathew Manzo
- ✓ Dcn. Paul Dietz
- ✓ Kathy Wheeler
- ✓ Joe Muir
- ✓ Ray Kelly
- ✓ Andrea Jensen Tesh
- ✓ Your Spiritually Adopted Baby @ 28 weeks
- ✓ Betty Mendenhall
- ✓ Louvelle Hoffman
- ✓ Joan Tufford
- ✓ Lorene Glenn
- ✓ Bob Wilson
- ✓ Maureen Wilson
- ✓ Rita Casey

PROCLAMA EL EVANGELIO

Hoy celebramos uno de los dogmas de nuestro Credo: que el Señor ascendió a los cielos. Del Evangelio de San Marcos escuchamos las últimas palabras que Jesús les dirigió a sus discípulos momentos antes de ascender a los cielos. Fueron palabras con un encargo, no menos real para nosotros que para los discípulos de entonces. Jesús nos encarga: "Vayan por todo el mundo y prediquen el Evangelio a toda criatura". Para la gran mayoría de nosotros, esto significa que proclamamos el Evangelio con el testimonio de nuestra vida diaria. Cuando tratamos a otros con dignidad y respeto, ayudamos a los menos afortunados que nosotros, actuamos corresponsablemente con los muchos dones que hemos recibido, y nos reunimos como familia de Dios para adorar y alabar al Padre –todas estas son señales de que el Evangelio ha echado raíces en nuestras vidas. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Mother's Day from the Saints

If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon Our Lady. Just say this simple prayer, "Mary, mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now." I must admit, this prayer has never failed me. – Mother Teresa

In the evening when you go to sleep, hold your beads, doze off reciting them, do like those babies who go to sleep mumbling, "Mamma! Mamma!" – St. Bernadette

From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her son and the son of God. – JPII

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Socials will be announced

www.kofc11746.org



FATHER MICHAEL J. MC GIVNEY ASSEMBLY #2563

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