

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Nativity of St. John the Baptist June 24, 2018

Meet Fr. Gaurav Shroff

I was born in New Delhi, India, but spent my early childhood in Washington DC. When I was about 7, we returned to India. I finished school at the Jesuit run Champion School in Bombay (now Mumbai), and received a Bachelors in Geology from St. Xavier's College also in Bombay.

I grew up in a Hindu family. At the age of 19 I had a powerful encounter with the Lord and was baptized when I was 21. I returned soon after to the United States to pursue graduate studies in Geology, and later, in Biblical Studies. After a stint as a lay campus minister, I started formation for the priesthood. I attended Mount St. Mary's Seminary from 2008-2013 and was ordained on June 8, 2013 for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. I have served as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph in Athens and St. Andrew in Roswell.

I have one older brother, whose two brilliant, precocious children love to love their Uncle! My mother is in her 80s and I visit her as often as I can.

I love reading, airplanes and aviation, music (very eclectic tastes!), photography, and hiking. However, I'm about as athletic as your couch! I do love college football and the SEC! I'm beyond excited to be coming to Blairsville to serve as your priest and look forward to getting to know y'all! I'm especially eager to see what the Lord Jesus wants us to do together to proclaim and spread the Kingdom of God!

St. Francis of Assisi parish is blessed to have Fr. Gaurav Shroff as our new priest and spiritual leader. Fr. Gaurav introduces himself in both

English and Spanish.

Nací en Nueva Delhi, India, pero pasé mi niñez en Washington. Regresamos a la India cuando tenía 7 años. Terminé mi colegio en Champion School, dirigido por los jesuitas, en Bombay (actualmente Mumbai), y me gradué con un título en geología de la Universidad de S. Francisco Xavier, también en Bombay.

Me crié en una familia de la religión hindú. Cuando tenía 19 años, tuve un encuentro fuerte con el Señor, y me bautizó a la edad de 21. Regresé un poco tiempo después a los Estados Unidos para seguir mis estudios en geología, y luego, en los estudios bíblicos. Trabajé por un rato como un ministro laico, y luego empecé la formación para el sacerdocio. Asistía el seminario de Mt. St. Mary's en Emmitsburg, MD de 2008 a 2013, y me ordené el 8 de junio de 2013 para la arquidiócesis de Atlanta. He servido como el Vicario Parroquial en S. José en Athens, y S. Andrés en Roswell.

Tengo a un hermano mayor, y a un sobrino y una sobrina. Mi mamá ya tiene unos 80 años, y la visito con la más frecuencia que puedo.

Me gusta leer, los aviones y la aviación, varios tipos de música, fotografía, y hiking. Sin embargo, no tengo mucha habilidad atlética ... ¡pero me encanta el fútbol americano, y el SEC! Estoy muy emocionado venir a Blairsville para servir a Uds. como su sacerdote, y espero conocerles muy pronto. ¡Además, con alegría espero ver que el Señor Jesucristo quiere que hagamos juntos para proclamar y propagar el Reino de Dios!



Mass Intentions
Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
June 24 – June 30, 2018

Sat	4:30 p		People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
Sun	8:30 a	†	Helen Damon <i>by Cheryl & Alan Damon</i>
Sun	11:00 a		Leaders of America <i>by Grizio Family</i>
Sun	1:00 p	†	Sanh Nguyen <i>by Pat Neubert/Rick Nguyen</i>
9a	Mon	†	Dick Stone <i>by Lew & Jean Caputa</i>
9a	Tue	†	Gertrude McGuire <i>by Dcn. JP & Dawn McGuire</i>
9a	Wed	†	Rita De Lorme <i>by Marlene Arndt</i>
9a	Thu	†	Dell O'Neill <i>by Rita & Larry Casey</i>
9a	Fri		Communion Service
9a	Sat	†	John Wilson McGuire <i>by Dcn. JP & Dawn McGuire</i>
4:30 p	Sat	†	Ralph & Mary Gerber <i>by Charles & Linda Johnston</i>

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.

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| ✓ Rita Casey | ✓ Betty Mendenhall |
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| ✓ Barbara Lewis | ✓ Lorene Glenn |
| ✓ Bethany Aull | ✓ Jeanne McConnell |
| ✓ Madeline Rousseau | ✓ Sam Reina |
| ✓ David Drake | ✓ David Drake |
| ✓ Your spiritually adopted baby | |

Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light

burns this week for the repose of the soul of

Richard Stone

requested by

Cary Derflinger



Where do you see God? Ultimately, we see God through the eyes of faith. We look for the blessings, even in the midst of trial; for the good and the beautiful, even on the busiest of days; for love, in times of joy, grief, pain, and pleasure; for Christ with and among us every time we gather at the table of the Lord. When our vision of God grows dim, we call upon others who help us to see him clearly again. And when they waver, we help them to see God in their midst. We have to look in order to see. How do you see God? Share how you see God, hear the stories of others, and explore the ways faith impacts life on our Everyday Impact Facebook page:

[https:// www.facebook.com/faithimpactslife](https://www.facebook.com/faithimpactslife).

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June 17, 2018



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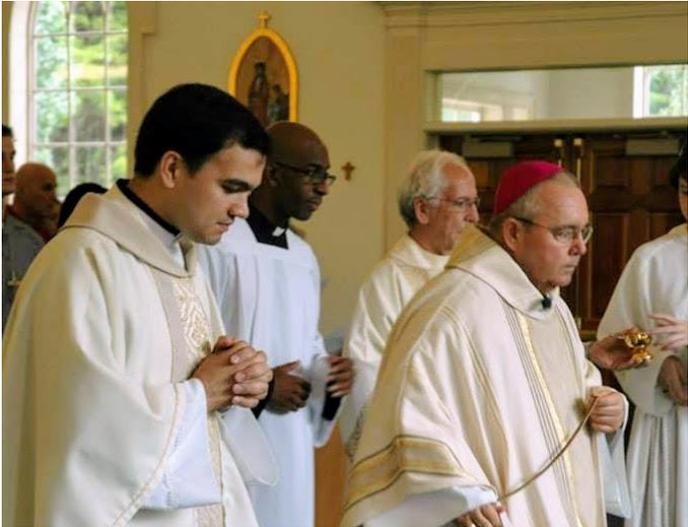
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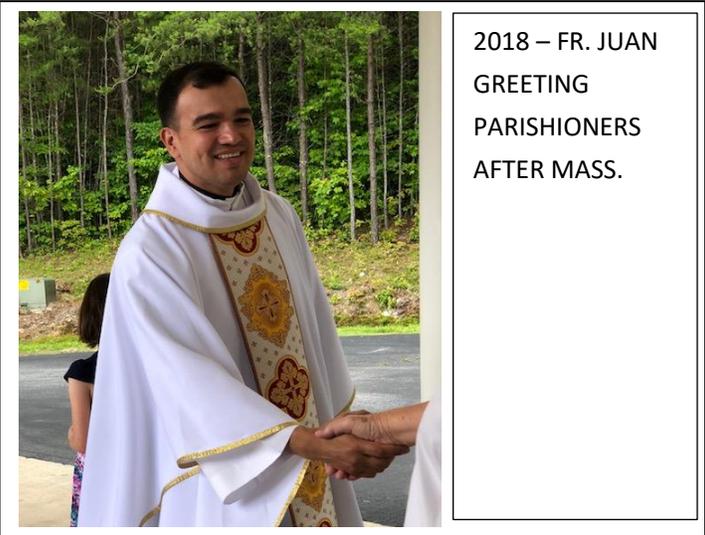
Solemnity Anyone? This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Why a solemnity instead of a feast day? Well, this is a feast day but of the highest rank. Solemnities celebrate special events in the life of Jesus, his mother, Mary, mysteries of the faith or important saints. A solemnity will have different readings for a Vigil Mass and the Sunday liturgy. It is a way for the Church to share the importance of the mystery or event celebrated. John, who leapt in his mother's womb when the pregnant Mary came to visit Elizabeth, his mother, was the herald of Jesus. His nativity, a miracle itself, is granted the title of Solemnity.

Glue Sticks by the Hundreds Do you remember last summer our parish was asked to provide Expo markers for the children in the local schools? It was part of a cooperative called Backpacks 2 School. This summer we have been asked to provide glue sticks, those ingenious chapstick like twisty things that glue things in a non-messy manner. The request is for 350 glue sticks. Pick up a few for the kids and drop them in the designated box in the vestibule. And if you have never used one, pick one up for yourself. You will become a fan.

St. Francis of Assisi Church 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.



2013 – FR. JUAN'S INSTALLATION AS PASTOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH BY BISHOP TALLEY.



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