



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Saint Francis of Assisi Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

After Easter to December 28 ... 4:00pm
January 4 to April 12, 2025 ... 3:00pm & 4:30pm

SUNDAY

After Easter to December 29 - 8:00am & 10:00am
January 5 through Easter Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday.....8:15 am
Holy Days.....8:15 am & 6:00 pm

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

Monday - Friday 7am-4pm
Saturday 2pm - 5pm
Sunday 7am -11am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Winter - September 4 through May 31
Mon - Fri 9:00am -12:30pm, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Summer - June 3 through Aug 31
Monday through Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday after Mass 9:00am - 9:15am
After Easter to Dec 29 - Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Jan 4 to April 13 - Saturdays: 2:00pm - 2:30pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 24

8:15am †THERSE OUELLETTE
by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hakeem
Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15b
Gospel: Luke 4:24-30

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

8:15am †ROBERTO LOPEZ, †IBERIA LOPEZ,
†ELADIO FRANCO, †JUAN RODRIGUEZ
AND †DANIEL CASTRO by Millie Luciano
The Annunciation of the Lord
Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Reading 2: Hebrews 10:4-10
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

8:15am †ROSAIRE TARDIF
by John and Martha Mingel
Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

8:15am †ROSAIRE TARDIF
by Roland and Gerry Poitras
Reading: Jeremiah 7:23-28
Gospel: Luke 11:14-23

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

8:15am †LEE RESER by Mike and Judy Murphy
Reading: Hosea 14:2-10
Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29
SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)**

3:00pm †LEE RESER by Peggy and Gil Ulrich
4:30pm **FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:30am †EDWARD BARRETT III
by Bob and Liz Barrett
9:00am †FRANK GUZZI by Bob and Liz Barrett
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Reading 1: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

10:30am †ANTONIO AND DELFINA SOITO
by Son

10:30am Only
Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16:16, 6-7, 10-13a
Reading 2: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41



Gospel Reflection Third Sunday of Lent

Since it is outside the covenant that Jesus establishes, he is the answer; he is the promised Messiah who will fulfill the covenant and invites us to join the covenant he has maintained with his people all along, enabling us to truly become the people of God. One key takeaway is that, given the nature of the story and the people's understanding, many things become clearer. However, one thing is unmistakably clear: you are on holy ground, not because you're in church, but because God is everywhere. And if God is everywhere, it means that everywhere is holy ground. And if God is one with

His people, He is also one with all the people in the world, for all that He has created He loves as His very own. If it happens to be nature, it is nature. But He also deeply loves all the people that He has created and has given them the power to love or refuse love.

That is why we learn about this during Lent. We must begin to take the world seriously. And the world is taken seriously when we understand that everyone we touch, encounter, or who enters or exits our lives is made in the image of God and is one with Jesus, our Savior. When we treat others well, we touch God and invite Him into our hearts. However, when we spurn, ignore, or let them go their own way, we not only lose their friendship but we also disconnect from God Himself. That is why Jesus says, "The only commandment," referring to the covenant commandment, "the only commandment now is that you must love one another as I have loved you." The commandment is: "Love God, love your neighbor." It is, in fact, just one commandment. Today, we approach Lent. During Lent, we must revise one aspect of our understanding of our faith. Faith is based on wonder, not on following rules or regulations. It is based on awe. When Moses and the Hebrews spoke of fear, they didn't mean being afraid of God. "God-fearing" refers to the awe that comes from the knowledge that God would descend upon us, take up our lives, and walk with us through our world, touching it and healing it. This is because we are the messengers of His love, and we are the ones through whom He will perform the miracle of one God under heaven and one family among all mankind. So, when we hear this story today, we must remember who Jesus is. He is the one who makes us wonder and helps us understand the sacredness of the world and its people. And no matter how much we tarnish it, and no matter how much we refuse to accept it, we know that the only response is the response of Jesus and the Father who said He loved this world so much that He gave His only Son to die for it, to heal it, to save it, and to bring it home.

Therefore, when we speak of serving God, we are really serving ourselves. For when we serve each other, we touch God. When we love each other, we love God. When we dismiss each other, we dismiss God. This is the one irrevocable understanding of Christianity and Judaism: that God came to live our lives with us, sharing in the good, the bad, the difficult, and the painful. Never alone, always struggling, yet also full of awe and wonder that such a God exists and recognizing that all the wonders of the world are His gifts for us to care for, nurture, and love. This kind of unhappy story, in a way, is the essence of all Christian joy. We rejoice in the Lord always because we know that He has united us with Him, with all humanity, and with the world in His love.

So we approach Lent with the understanding, this wonderful understanding, and say: "What can I do during this season of springtime with love, that I might become more and more aware of the grace of God which is everywhere?"

Father Denis J. Hanly, Maryknoll Missionary, excerpts from homily dated March 7, 2010 and brought to you by Penny Fleming, Communications Coordinator.



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Holy Week and Triduum Schedule

You are invited to experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Liturgy.

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession),
April 11, 2025 – 4:00 to 8:00 PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession),
April 12, 2025 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
April 13, 2025**

- 3:00 PM Vigil Mass
- 4:30 PM Vigil Mass
- 7:30 AM Sacrifice of the Mass
- 9:00 AM Sacrifice of the Mass
- 10:30 AM Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday, April 14, 2025

- 8:15 AM Daily Mass

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

- 8:15 AM Daily Mass

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

- 8:15 AM Daily Mass

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

- 6:30 PM Celebration of the Mass of the Last Supper, followed by a procession of the Eucharist for Adoration. Don't you want to stay with Jesus for a while?

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

- 3:00 PM Celebration of Our Lord's Passion and Death

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

- 8:30 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

- 7:30 AM Easter Morning Mass
- 9:00 AM Easter Morning Mass
- 10:30 AM Easter Morning Mass



Lenten Soup & Stations

MONDAYS DURING LENT
SOUP SUPPER - 4:00-5:15 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 6:00-6:30 PM



REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and Good Friday, April 18, 2025, are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is to continue until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



The Scrutinies in the Period of Purification & Enlightenment (OCIA)

The risen Jesus said to them “All power in heaven & on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, & make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, & of the Son, & of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28: 18-20). The Apostles obeyed him, & the Church obeys him & continues Christ’s high priestly work of redemption until the end of the age. Christ came to give us life & give it more abundantly (John 10:10). Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, & above all, in the sacraments he gives us the more abundant Christian life. The Church lives & grows by the sacraments, especially the Mass; sharing in Christ’s life to love God above all & to love our neighbor as Christ loves us.

The Scrutinies are rites celebrated on the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent by those people who are preparing to be baptized, confirmed & receive First Holy Communion in the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. They are called “elect.” All of us members are “elect” because we are chosen (elected) by God & have been called by Christ to the Easter sacraments. Historically, as Christ worked thru his humanity always doing good, reconciling the human family to God, in the Church’s sacraments, he continues to do his high priestly work in doing good for us healing, forgiving, exorcising, sanctifying & giving us new life with him. Jesus glorifies God the Father & saves souls thru the sacraments!

The Scrutinies are described by the Church as rites for self-searching, looking within, & repentance. The rites are meant to uncover, than heal all that is weak, defected, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out & then strengthen all that is upright, strong & good in the elect. The priest offers prayers for the elect & celebrates the Scrutinies in order to deliver them from the power of sin & Satan, to protect them against temptation, & give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth & the life. Jesus calls us to conversion. “The time is fulfilled, & the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, & believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). Conversion, our turning to God, by God’s grace, happens continuously. We stumble & fall, we sin, but God is always compassionate & merciful & helps us get back up & try again. The candidates, who are already baptized, will go to the sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation during this Period of Purification & Enlightenment.

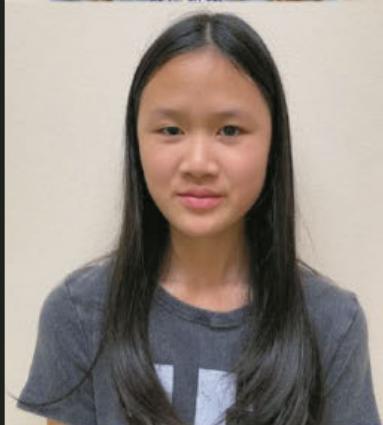
The Gospels on the 3 Sundays are: The first Gospel (the Samaritan woman at the well), tells us that Christ & his Holy Spirit is the living water; the second Gospel (the healing of the man born blind), tells us that Christ is the Light of the world; & the third Gospel (the raising of Lazarus from the dead), tells us that Christ is the Resurrection & the Life. Jesus described the purpose of his mission is “to give life in abundance”. Each of the Gospels proclaimed in the 3 Scrutinies illustrates this.

First Holy Communion

Our children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 4 during 10am Mass.



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EACH WEEK THRU LENT
SEE WEEKLY LIST OF FOODS BELOW

*DROP OFF DONATIONS BEFORE OR
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OR AT THE PARISH OFFICE
FROM 9AM-2PM*

**WEEK 3 DROP-OFF
MARCH 22 THRU MARCH 28**

**FOOD LIST FOR WEEK 3: PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, MACARONI &
CHEESE, AND CEREAL**

Catholic Faith Appeal 2025

2025 CFA Goal: \$227,000

CFA Kickoff Weekend: March 1 & 2

Collection Weekend: March 8 & 9

To donate, use the **blue envelopes in pew** or go to
<https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/>
in the designation box choose **St. Francis of Assisi in Grove City.**



DIocese OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year the Diocese of Venice in Florida celebrates 40 Years of Service. Throughout this time, those who have come before us, as well as today's faithful, have supported the good works we are called to do as the People of God. In scripture we are taught, "Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord...". This reminds all that kindness and generosity toward our brothers and sisters is a blessing to Our Lord and will be returned.

Won't you be part of this call to "lend to the Lord" by donating to this year's Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA)? Your continued generous support is much needed and genuinely valued. Your kindness allows essential programs, ministries and works of mercy to be extended to individuals and families in every stage of life. From disaster relief to caring for the poor, from resources for the underserved to faith formation and education; individuals, families and communities receive compassion and care.

Many of the Diocesan programs and ministries funded through the CFA are highlighted in this brochure. As here presented, the CFA furthers the Mission of the Church given by Christ and impacts those in need throughout Southwest Florida.

May the Lord abundantly bless you in this Jubilee Year 2025, declared by Our Holy Father, for your desire to help those among us in need. Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese
of Venice in Florida

Parish Women's Guild Fashion Show

2025

Thank you to all who attended! We had a wonderful day of fashion, friends and food! Thank you **Sister's Unique Boutique** and **Chefs Jason and Patrick Vollmer!**





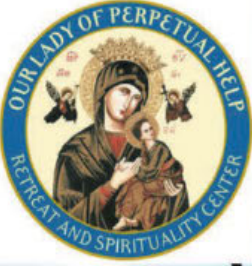
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Parish Women's Guild Education Grant Program 2025-2026

About Our Grant

Our Parish Women's Guild offers Education Grants for the 2025-26 academic year for graduating students from Saint Francis of Assisi Parish students. To apply for the Grant, go to our Church Website, Parish Women's Guild webpage or Parish Forms.

Please note that the deadline for applications is April 30.



Parish Lenten Retreat

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center

Time: 9am - 3:15pm Cost: \$45 per person

The day consists of a hot breakfast, first conference, prayer time, confession, lunch, second conference, adoration and Mass.

Register at sfoachurch.com click *Parish Forms* scroll down and click *Lenten Retreat Registration Form* or fill out the attached form and drop in offering basket with cash or a check made payable to Saint Francis of Assisi Church. Car pooling available. Cars will leave the church parking lot at 8:00am Wednesday morning.

Retreat Registration

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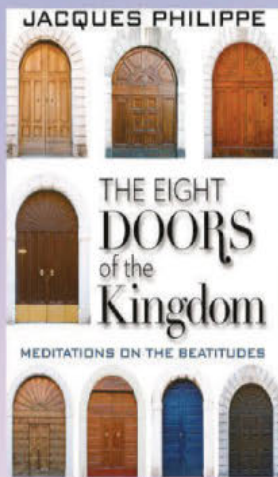
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Email: _____

Car Pooling? Yes No If yes, Will you drive? Yes No

Cash or Check #: _____

Total amount paid: _____



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Book Club

Thursday, March 27, 2025 6:00pm-8:00pm

In the Parish Conference Room

We are reading Chapter 1

We are reading *The Eight Doors of the Kingdom* by Jacques Philippe
Order online on Catholic store websites or wherever books are sold.

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All are Welcome to Join! Call Martha Mingel with any questions 941-697-4899

Parish Bereavement Ministry

Grief is the process by which healing takes place, but it can be hard work! Our Catholic faith can be a tremendous source of strength in helping us.

Our Parish Bereavement Ministry meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Parish Conference Room.

Join us at our next meeting April 1 at 10am in the Parish Conference Room.

Call the Parish Office with any questions: 941-697-4899 and Press 0



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Please contact our
Director of Music, Dr. Aina Olonade
for an audition

Phone: 941-697-4899

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Hooks and Needles for Angels



Join us Thursdays

1:00pm-3:00pm

in the Parish Conference Room.



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11:15 AM

EASTER RESURRECTION EGG HUNT

11:45 AM

Happy

Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER – BRING YOUR BASKET!



All proceeds go to benefit the SFOA Youth Group to help offset the cost of Ave Maria University 2025 Youth Conference.

St. Francis Of Assisi Youth Group is excited to host our Easter Resurrection Egg Hunt for children, preschool through 5th grade. The hunt will be held on Sunday, April 27 from 11:45 – 12:15 pm outside in the grass areas around the Church. Candy-filled plastic eggs will be hunted according to ages of the children. Pre-registration is appreciated so that we can prepare for the different age divisions in as equal a manner as possible.

This event will serve as a fundraiser for our youth group to help offset the cost of Ave Maria University 2025 Youth Conference.

PS: Please provide children with bags or other containers to hold their eggs during the hunt. Thank you!

PLEASE RETURN this REGISTRATION FORM AND DONATION in a sealed envelope marked Youth Group to the parish office or in the collection basket by April 20.

Registration Form

Child's Name :

Age

Please register these children for the Easter Resurrection Egg Hunt at St Francis Of Assisi Church in Grove City
April 27, 2025 (11:45 – 12:15 PM).

Suggested Donation of \$10 per child to help offset the cost for the Ave Maria Youth Conference

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____



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FEATURING



Sr. Maria Jose



Michael Gormley



Mari Pablo



Fr. Joseph Lugalambi



Epic Music Ministries

Ministry Week for Saint Francis of Assisi Church

	Start	End	Event - Location
Mon March 24	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	10:00am	Parish Stewardship Ministry - Church
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Rosary Makers - Room 6
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina Gospel Prayer - Church
	4:00pm	5:15pm	Soup Supper - Parish Center
	6:00pm	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Tues March 25	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:50am	9:50am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church
	9:50am	10:00am	Benediction - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Women's Bible Study - Parish Conference Room
	5:30pm	6:45pm	Religious Education K-8 - Parish Center
Wed March 26	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	7:00pm	8:00pm	AA - Parish Hall
Thurs March 27	7:00am	8:00am	TMIY - Parish Center
	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:00am	9:15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Hooks and Needles - Parish Conference Room
	5:30pm	6:30pm	OCIA - Church
Fri March 28	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
Sat March 29			Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion
	2:00pm	2:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	3:00pm	4:00pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	4:30pm	5:30pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
Sun March 30	7:30am	8:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	9:00am	10:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	10:30am	11:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church

St. Francis Youth Group



Dinner, Discussions, & Activities

1st & 3rd Sundays
5 pm - 6:30 pm
Meets at the Parish Center



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David R. of Venice, FL was facing such a fate.

"I stopped golfing. I wasn't taking walks on the beach with my wife. I was living on gabapentin and antidepressants and everywhere I went; my doctor, the specialists, the pain institute, told me there was no cure. How are you supposed to live your life knowing that everyday brings pain and suffering?"

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves, commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet.

This causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

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That is until he found Lauren Milligan of Sage Point Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine. Dr. Milligan and her staff have pioneered a cutting edge, medical solution to treat neuropathy, eliminate or greatly reduce its symptoms and give people their lives back. Best of all, they're doing it without the use of prescription medications and invasive surgeries.

"Acupuncture is incredible at restoring blood flow and stimulating damaged

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Three months later David is thrilled with his progress, "I can walk barefoot on the beach again!"

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