



# National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi Shrine of the Porziuncola Nuova

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## December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

# GAUDETE!

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; I Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



### Masses:

Tuesday to Saturday, 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Confessions: Tuesday to Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon and by request

### Shrine Church Hours:

Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Shrine is Closed on Mondays*

### Porziuncola Nuova Hours

Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visits also by request

Shrine Office: Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Padre Pio Prayer Group: Every First Saturday 10:15 a.m. in Shrine Church



The National Shrine is a place for pilgrims to honor God in His servant, Francis of Assisi  
Although we are not a parish, you may inquire with the office about marriages and baptisms.  
Email inquiries to: [admin@shrinesf.org](mailto:admin@shrinesf.org)



**ELEVATOR ACCESS:** Please ask the Rector or one of our Shrine volunteers if you need assistance with our Main Church elevator, or automatic door for the Porziuncola Nuova chapel.



## ***Knights of St. Francis*** **Live Nativity 2023**

**Saturday, December 23 at the Shrine, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.**

*In honor of 800 years since Saint Francis' first live nativity at Greccio.*



### Special Plenary Indulgence:

All the faithful who visit churches entrusted to the pastoral care of the Franciscan Family and stopping **to pray in front of the nativity scenes set up there** may receive **a plenary indulgence** under the usual conditions from **December 8, 2023 to February 2, 2024.**

### Conditions for a plenary indulgence:

- To have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- have sacramentally confessed their sins\*
- receive the Holy Eucharist\*
- pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff

*\*within 8 days of seeking the indulgence*

### ***Blessing of St. Francis***

*"God bless you and keep you. May God smile on you, and be merciful to you; May God turn his regard towards you and give you peace. May God bless you."*



## **Mass Intentions —December 17-23, 2023**

Sunday: .....Shrine Community  
.....Joanne Hanse, SI  
Monday: .....*Shrine Closed*  
Tuesday: ..... +Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Wednesday: ..... +Marie Hong Tran  
Thursday: ..... Pope Francis, SI  
Friday: ..... +Norma Ferrari F.  
.....Eduardo/Amelia V. SI  
Saturday: ..... +Yolanda M. Thomspson  
(Note: SI=Special Intention)

### **Reflection on Today's Scripture:**

*John was not the light, but came to testify to the light. John the Baptist was satisfied with his role as herald of the Messiah. He would say, "He must increase while I must decrease." We can ask his help that the rest of this time of Advent we may focus not on what we want, but what God wants from us this Christmas. That is how St. Francis celebrated this time. The Lord bless and keep you! Fr. Bobby*



Interested in following Jesus Christ as a  
Capuchin Franciscan Friar?

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