



# THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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## **The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2016**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— *Isaiah 60:1*

### **MASS**

**Sunday 11:00 AM**

**Monday - Saturday 12:15 PM**

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Monday - Saturday 11:00 AM - 12 noon (and by appointment)**

## **NATIONAL SHRINE VISITATION**

*OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS*

**CHURCH: 10:00 - 5:00 MONDAY - SATURDAY**

**PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL: 10:00 - 5:00 DAILY**

**SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL:**

**HOLY ROSARY SODALITY AT 2:30 & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 3:00**

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and the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

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mission of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.

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# NATIONAL SHRINE INFORMATION

## Saint Francis of Assisi QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Each one should confidently make known his need to the other, so that he might find what he needs and minister to him. And each one should love and care for his brother in all those things in which God will give him grace, as a mother loves and cares for her son."

## Mass Intentions—January 3—January 9, 2016

Sunday	11:00 am	+Jack D'Alba (Requested by Theresa D'Alba)
Monday	12:15 pm	+Jack D'Alba (Requested by Theresa D'Alba)
Tuesday	12:15 pm	+Jack D'Alba (Requested by Theresa D'Alba)
Wednesday	12:15 pm	+Patricia R. Barton (Requested by J.C. Scarborough & Family)
Thursday	12:15 pm	+Most Forgotten Soul (Requested by Theresa D'Alba)
Friday	12:15 pm	Theresa D'Alba-Intention (Requested by Theresa D'Alba)
Saturday	12:15 pm	Hudson and Alexis Aplasca -Intention (Requested by Tina Mai)

## Franciscan Saints —Month of January

**Jan. 12,** St. Bernard Corleone;

**Jan. 16,** St. Berard and Companions, ProtoMartyrs of the Franciscan Order;

**Jan. 23,** St. Marianne Cope.

## FROM FR. JOHN DE LA RIVA, RECTOR

### "AMBASSADOR OF MERCY "

Brothers and sisters, note that in this Jubilee year of Mercy, I have been selected by my Province of the Capuchin Franciscans (and accepted by Pope Francis) to be an Ambassador of Mercy – along with several hundred other Franciscans from around the world.



In the first part of February, I will travel to Rome to be commissioned personally by the Pope as an ambassador of Mercy. Among the liturgies and other ceremonies taking place, there will be a private Mass for all the Franciscans with the Pope, and a conference where the Pope will personally explain the Mission of Mercy for those commissioned.

As Rector, I ask for your prayers, to assist me in my spiritual preparation for this pilgrim journey in response to Pope Francis' call of Mercy. I also invite all of you to spiritually join with me in this journey of Mercy - that we pray will continue beyond the time of a Jubilee year. Let us together, begin a journey of prayerful transformation as a community of gentle compassion and mercy that can nurture true healing, reconciliation and greater unity. Will you join me in making this a daily petition(?)

... Please be aware that Mass intentions are properly applied to, and for the benefit of: deceased person \*(except for Canonized Saints, who the Church, by authority of the Pope publicly declares that they are in heaven – enjoying the Beatific Vision), and the living (whether for the sick, dying, or for a special intention).

... All signs, posters, fliers, pamphlets, booklets, etc. must be submitted to the Rector for review, possible edit or revision, and necessary authorization before the desired materials can be properly posted, displayed or distributed on the properties of the National Shrine of St. Francis. \*(The Main Shrine Church and the Porziuncula Nuova Chapel together constitute the National Shrine. Any and all materials that do not abide by this Policy, of the Rector: Fr. John De La Riva, O.F.M.Cap., will be confiscated and removed. Cooperation is appreciated.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).



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### Epiphany Prayer

O God Who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and great of every land that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):

For our visitors and friends at the National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi, if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation of First Communion and/or Confirmation, or you know someone who is, you are invited to contact our Neighbor Parish—Saints Peter & Paul—666 Filbert Street to inquire about their RCIA and sacramental program offerings. Call Janet Ross at 771-9130, or send an email to [janetross9849@yahoo.com](mailto:janetross9849@yahoo.com)

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: "20 + C + M + B + 16." The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ bless this house." The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace. —*Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co*

## AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

### WALK FOR LIFE—January 23, 2016:

The Walk for Life West Coast takes place Jan. 23, 2016 beginning with 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Gough Street at Geary Boulevard, San Francisco. Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone is principal celebrant and homilist. The event continues with a rally at Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 p.m. and the walk to Justin Herman Plaza: [www.WalkForLifeWC.com](http://www.WalkForLifeWC.com).

**IMMACULATE HEART RADIO** San Francisco—Bay Area—**KSF B – 1260 AM**

Live Stream : <http://ihradio.com/media/sanfrancisco.html>

**CATHOLIC TV MASS:** Sundays at 6:00am on KTSF Channel 26 and KOFY Channel 20.

**Archbishop Cordileone's New Video Channel:**

Please visit: <http://sfarchdiocese.org/home/archbishop/video-series-with-archbishop-cordileone>

**EWTN** (Eternal Word Television Network) Videos—Television, Online Live Streaming & Radio  
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**CATHOLIC CATECHISM COMPENDIUM**

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium\\_ccc/documents/archive\\_2005\\_compendium-ccc\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html)

## CORPORAL & SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

### Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

- \* feed the hungry \* give drink to the thirsty \*
- \* clothe the naked \* shelter the homeless \*
- \* visit the sick \* visit the imprisoned \* bury the dead.

### Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

- \* counsel the doubtful \* instruct the ignorant \*
- \* admonish sinners \* comfort the afflicted \*
- \* forgive offenses \* bear wrongs patiently\*
- \* pray for the living and the dead.



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### Five Steps For a Good Confession

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins to a priest.
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, one should prepare themselves with an examination of conscience.

**I am the Lord your God:** you shall not have strange Gods before me. Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.** Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

**Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.** Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body?

**Honor your father and your mother.** Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

**You shall not kill.** Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

**You shall not commit adultery.** Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

**You shall not steal.** Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.** Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

**You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.** Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

**You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.** Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

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

"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."

### ASSISI PARDON

PORZIUNCULA PARDON is always available under the conditions the Catholic Church has stipulated.

#### *The conditions for receiving the Porziuncula Pardon are:*

To receive the the Porziuncula Indulgence on August 2, one must receive sacramental absolution and receive Holy Communion at Mass during the Period beginning eight days before the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels and ending eight days after August 2. Additionally, on August 2 itself, one must visit a church where one prays at least the Creed and an Our Father for the intentions of the Pope. Additionally, one must be completely free of any attachment to sin; if this condition is not met, the indulgence is partial rather than plenary.

However, at the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi, the Pardon of Assisi may be received on August 2 (either at the Shrine Church or the Porziuncula Nuova chapel); on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (in the Shrine Church); on any two days of one's own choosing during the year (one day in the Church and one day in the Porziuncula Nuova); and as often as one makes a formal pilgrimage as part of a group to the Shrine Church or to the Porziuncula Nuova. (One may receive a plenary indulgence only once a day and it may be applied to oneself or to the soul of one of the faithfully departed. All the same conditions as on August 2nd apply.)