



# THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SERVED BY THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

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**ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 13, 2016**

I consider everything as a loss  
because of the supreme good of knowing

Christ Jesus my Lord.

— *Philippians 3:8*

**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**

Please visit us on the Web, at: [www.ShrineSF.org](http://www.ShrineSF.org) for information about the National Shrine of St. Francis,  
and the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

While there, click on our on-line Gift shop: **SHOPPE AT THE SHRINE**, where you'll find a vast  
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mission of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.

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the Porziuncola Nuova chapel.

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**Saint Francis of Assisi QUOTE OF THE WEEK**  
"True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice."

**LENT SCHEDULE**

In addition to our regularly scheduled services,

**MONDAY—March 14th & 21st**

Confessions: 4:30-6:45pm & Holy Mass 7:00 pm

**FRIDAY—March 18th**

Stations of the Cross 4:00—4:45 pm

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00-6:45 pm

Confessions: 5:15-6:30 pm

Holy Mass: 7:00 pm

**Shrine Church Hours Extended on Monday & Friday this week 10:00 am—8:00 pm**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Evening Confessions nor Mass on Thursday, **March 17th**  
(The Shrine Church will be closed after the 12:15pm Mass)

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00pm + Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Conclude: Procession to Altar of Repose in Porziuncola Nuova Chapel – Adoration)

**Good Friday:** 12 noon + Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Followed by Veneration of the Cross, Communion)

6:00pm—9:00pm Confessions

**Easter Sunday Mass—11:00 am**

**Mass Intentions—March 13-19, 2016**

11:00 am	Sunday	+Mr & Mrs J.H. Collins Jr
12:15 pm	Monday	+Jack D'Alba
7:00 pm	Monday	+Samuel J. & Mary Rose Mantione
12:15 pm	Tuesday	+Mr. Elmer Todd
12:15 pm	Wednesday	+ Patricia R. Barton
12:15 pm	Thursday	+ Patricia R. Barton
12:15 pm	Friday	Theresa D'Alba
7:00 pm	Friday	+Samuel J. & Mary Rose Mantione
12:15 pm	Saturday	+Samuel J. & Mary Rose Mantione

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent;

Daylight Saving Time begins

**Monday:** Julian Calendar Lent begins

**Thursday:** St. Patrick

**Friday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence

**Saturday:** St. Joseph,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

Spring begins



**Pope Francis' Prayer for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

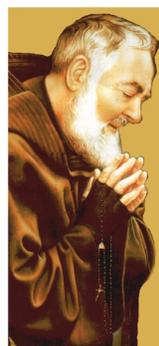
How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy's theme, took place the last time today's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. "Jesus' attitude is striking," Francis declared. "We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: 'Neither do I condemn you' " (John 8:11). Francis continued: "God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God's] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us . . . understands us . . . waits for us . . . does not tire of forgiving us" if we return 'with a contrite heart" (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus' raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those "raised" from the "death" of sin, Jesus defines the community's "mission of mercy"— "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44). —*Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Papal quotes Copyright © 2013, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.*



## TODAY'S READINGS

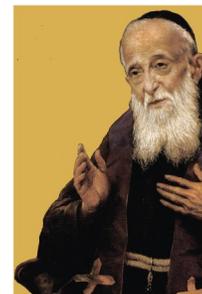
**First Reading** — The Lord does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.  
**Psalms** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.  
**Second Reading** — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.  
**Gospel** — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

## Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS RELIC TOUR Coming to the National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi—May, 2016



### St. Pio (1887-1968)

In 2002 many people gathered as Pope John Paul II canonized the Capuchin friar known to the entire world as "Padre Pio." Born Francesco Forgione, at age 15 he joined the Capuchins taking name Pio. Ordained in 1910, Pio came to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, and on September 20, 1918, received the stigmata.



### St. Leopold (1866-1942)

A native of Croatia, St. Leopold joined the Capuchin Franciscans and after his ordination spent most of his life in Padua. St. Leopold was a teacher, but he was best known for his work in the confessional. Despite poor health, he would often spend 13-15 hours a day hearing confessions. He was known for his kindness and patience with penitents. Several bishops sought out his spiritual advice.

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## Chrism Mass Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

Please join Archbishop Cordileone, the clergy and laity of the archdiocese for the Chrism Mass on **March 17 at 5:30 pm.** Included in this annual rite, unique to a cathedral and only done once a year, is the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens, as well as the Consecration of the Holy Chrism, all three of which are used in sacraments and blessings in the parishes of the archdiocese in the coming year. Also included in the full Mass is the Renewal of Priestly Promises by our presbyters. All are welcome.

Contact Laura Bertone in the Office of Worship with any questions, [bertonel@sfarch.org](mailto:bertonel@sfarch.org).

**IMMACULATE HEART RADIO** San Francisco—Bay Area— **KSFB – 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

<http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live.asp>

**VATICAN YOUTUBE CHANNEL** <https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican#p/a>

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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 charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbors in their spiritual and bodily necessities. The spiritual and corporal works of mercy seek to help alleviate human misery – material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness and death. Such misery is an obvious sign of our inherited human frailty and need for salvation as a consequence of original sin. We are obliged to perform the works of mercy, according to our own ability and the need of our neighbors. It is important to remember that ordinary deeds done every day to receive the corporal or spiritual needs of others are true works of mercy, if done with the love of God. Taking care of children, teaching children and adults about the faith, caring for elderly parents or a sick child or spouse are some Additional examples.



### Corporal Works of Mercy

- \* 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

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

## 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.)