

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC
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Temporary Office Hours (horarios temporario del oficina)

Tuesday (martes): 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
closed from (cerrado de) 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Thursday (jueves): 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
closed from (cerrado de) 11:50 PM – 12:50 PM

MASS TIMES (HORARIOS DE MISA)

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (miercoles, jueves y viernes): 12:00 PM

Saturday (sábado): 5:00 PM [English]

Sunday (domingo): 9:30 AM [English]
7:30 AM y 11:30 AM [Español]

CONFESSION (CONFESIÓN)

Confession is every **Saturday** from **3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**, or by appointment with the Priest.

La confesión es todos los sábados de 3:00 PM a 4:30 PM, o con cita previa con el sacerdote.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

***1st Reading:** Is 60:1-6 ***Ps** 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

***2nd Reading:** Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

***Gospel** Mt 2:1-12

Gospel Reflection

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights, and mysteries

revealed, the face of the Child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3).

Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

Yours in Christ,
Scott Hahn



EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Reflexión del Evangelio

Una "epifanía" es una apariencia. En las lecturas de hoy, con sus estrellas nacientes, sus luces esplendorosas y sus misterios revelados, aparece el rostro del Niño nacido el día de Navidad.

Herodes, en el evangelio de hoy, pregunta a los principales sacerdotes y escribas dónde va a nacer el Mesías. La respuesta que Mateo pone en sus labios dice mucho más, combinando dos aspectos de la promesa del Antiguo Testamento: uno que revela que el Mesías es del linaje de David (ver 2 Samuel 2:5), el otro que predice "un gobernante de Israel" que "pastorea su rebaño" y cuya "grandeza llegará hasta los confines de la tierra" (véase Miqueas 5:1-3).

Esas promesas del rey de Israel gobernando las naciones resuenan también en el Salmo de hoy. El salmo celebra al hijo de David, Salomón. Su reino, cantamos, se extenderá "hasta los confines de la tierra", y los reyes del mundo le rendirán homenaje. Esa es la escena también en la Primera Lectura de hoy, cuando las naciones fluyen desde el Este, trayendo "oro e incienso" para el rey de Israel.

La peregrinación de los Reyes Magos en el Evangelio de hoy marca el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios. Los magos, probablemente astrólogos persas, están siguiendo la estrella que Balaam predijo que saldría junto con el bastón de mando sobre la casa de Jacob (ver Números 24:17).

Cargados de oro y especias, su viaje evoca los hechos a Salomón por la reina de Saba y los "reyes de la tierra" (ver 1 Reyes 10:2, 25; 2 Crónicas 9:24). Curiosamente, los únicos otros lugares en los que se mencionan juntos el incienso y la mirra son las canciones sobre Salomón (ver Cantar de los Cantares 3:6; 4:6, 14).

Uno más grande que Salomón está aquí (ver Lucas 11:31). Ha venido a revelar que todos los pueblos son "coherederos" de la familia real de Israel, como enseña la Epístola de hoy.

Su manifestación nos obliga a elegir: ¿seguiremos las señales que conducen a Él como lo hicieron los sabios Reyes Magos? ¿O seremos como esos sacerdotes y escribas que dejan que las palabras de la promesa de Dios se conviertan en letras muertas en una página antigua?

Suyo en Cristo,
Scott Hahn

LITURGY OF THE WEEKEND

7 SAT Mass 5:00 PM: (+Maria de Jesus Vail)

8 SUN: Misa 7:30 AM: (+Maria de Jesus Vail)

Mass 9:30 AM: (+Joseph Cutlip)

Misa 11:30 AM: (+Sandra Joaquin Diaz)



LITURGY AND READINGS OF THE WEEK

9 MON: Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 **Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10**
***Mt 3:13-17**

10 TUE: Weekday

Heb 2:5-12 **Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9** ***Mk 1:21-28**

11 WED: Weekday

Heb 2:14-18 **Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9** ***Mk 1:29-39**
(+Mrs. Myrna Alcaraz de Colon)

12 THU: Weekday

Heb 3:7-14 **Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11** ***Mk 1:40-45**
(+Ellie Bahr)

13 FRI: St Hilary (Bishop & doctor of the Church)

Heb 4:1-5, 11 **Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8** ***Mk 2:1-12**
(+Sandra Joaquin Diaz)

14 SAT: Weekday

Heb 4:12-16 **Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15** ***Mk 2:13-17**

PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD:

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(December 31/January 1, 2023)

1st Collection:	\$3633.00
2nd Collection:	\$963.00
Total:	\$4596.00
[Last Year: \$4825.73]	

We thank you all for your contributions. Please, remember to send your offertory envelope weekly or monthly or give online. Les agradecemos a todos por sus contribuciones. Por favor, recuerde enviar su sobre de ofertorio semanal o mensualmente o dar en línea

<http://www.stfrancisdesalescatholic.org/online-giving.html>

TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

It's that time of year again! Anyone needing the 2022 Contribution Letters please call the office and leave a message for Rhonda or email her at rhondalou24@hotmail.com. Please let her know how you would like to receive your letter (mailed to home, emailed or pick up in the office.)

CARTAS DE CONTRIBUCIÓN FISCAL

¡Es esa época del año otra vez! Cualquiera que necesite las Cartas de contribución de 2022, llame a la oficina y deje un mensaje para Rhonda o envíele un correo electrónico a rhondalou24@hotmail.com. Hágale saber cómo le gustaría recibir su carta (enviada por correo a casa, por correo electrónico o recogida en oficina).



Due to the holiday season, the Social Ministry Team turned in donations a little bit early. If more donations are collected, they will also be turned in and added to December's total count, however, as of right now, a total of **407 lbs** was turned in! Thank you SO much for your donations, especially during these difficult times. As a reminder, there are boxes by the main entrance and Gift Shop entrance of our Church where you can place any items you would like to donate.



Debido a la temporada navideña, el Equipo de Ministerio Social entregó las donaciones un poco antes. Si se recolectan más donaciones, también se entregarán y se agregarán al conteo total de diciembre; sin embargo, a partir de ahora, se entregaron un total de **407 libras!** Muchas gracias por sus donaciones, especialmente durante estos tiempos difíciles. Como recordatorio, hay cajas en la entrada principal y en la entrada de la tienda de regalos de nuestra iglesia donde puede colocar cualquier artículo que desee donar.



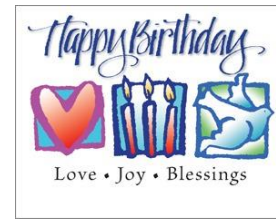
Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners (Se solicitan sus oraciones para la siguiente lista de feligreses):

Tony Blackwell, Alane Walters, David & Rhonda Martin, Sandra Rodríguez, Noelia Powell, Dr. Jerry Devine, Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores Castellano, Fabien, Janet Hester, Mitchell Pittman, Joseph & Shelby Young, The Brown Family (Erin, Adam, Marion, Delano), Cathy Cartrette and Doris Schneider, Antonio Lorenzo

Sick and Homebound: Victor & Claire Dorais, Robert Barnhill, Robin Barnhill, Richard Geibert, Judy Whritenou, Lydia Yarborough, Carolyn & Richard Onorato, Howard & Nellie Canady, Josette Terry, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky and Lorraine Sinclair, Tom Jacoby, Jan Henderson
Nursing Homes: Mary Hammonds and Therese Morel at Wesley Pines

Recently Departed (Recientemente Fallecido): Esperanza Escobar, Donald Joseph Chesner, Tom Devine, Molly Chicelli

Volunteers for Children's Liturgy are still needed - sign up here: <https://forms.gle/pbhipBSaoio7UdeBA>



to everyone celebrating their birthday this week! (¡Feliz cumpleaños a todos ustedes que celebran sus cumpleaños esta semana!)

January 8-14, 2023

Franco Chavez-Verales, Fernando Chavez-Verales, Vicente Perez-Sanchez, Summer Pittman, Magally Evelia Galindo Jimenez, Maria Perez-Sanchez, David Vivar Mendez, Gwendolyn Willis, Kathleen Geibert, Maria Najere Hernandez, Dennis Meier, Jose Ortiz-Rojas, Maria Julia Caliendo, Aurora Zuniga Jimenez



FORMED has plenty of movies, documentaries, shows, etc. Also - English & Spanish and are paid for by our church for YOU! Please view it with your family. (The Chosen is also on Formed! - Make Jesus a REAL PERSON in your family by watching [Chosen](#) on Formed and then catch the new Seasons through the **FREE** Angel App!)

YOUTH GROUP IS RETURNING!

SFDS Youth Group has been missing from our Faith Formation Program for too long. **Congratulations to Mrs. Max Salazar-Wilson**, who has accepted this very important ministry! This youth group will resume in January 2023! This group is for all students in the confirmation year 1 & 2 classes as well as those recently confirmed. In other words, it is designed for all our youth from the age of 14-18 years old. This group will be made up of BOTH English and Spanish youth. The meeting time and location will be shared soon in the bulletin, announcements, and on our Social Media Platforms. Stay tuned and PLEASE pray for the success of this initiative. The youth are our future, and we need to actively strive to keep them involved in our Catholic Faith as well as our church community!



Are you still looking for New Year's Resolutions?

Here are some great suggestions from [America Needs Fatima!](#)

OR

Consider subscribing to "[Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike](#)" today with your family! Many of us have received unbelievable peace, love, appreciation & knowledge from the "[Bible in a Year](#)" podcast from Ascension over the past 2 years.

OR

Also, please remember SFDS has purchased the Franciscan University (www.fransicanathome.com) and it has numerous workshops and tracks, Like the **AMAZING** Eucharistic Renewal Track!!! Workshops are in English & Spanish! Consider enriching your Catholic Faith! Reach out if you are interested in working through a workshop as a small group...we have adults wanting to work with other adults, but don't know who is interested - it is paid for by SFDS and FREE for you!

Sacred Art Retreat: Making Mosaics. Are you looking for a unique way to rejuvenate your spiritual health?

February 17-18, the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is offering an "Art as Spiritual Therapy" retreat. Using hands-on activities, skilled presenters will invite you to explore the mosaics of your own life.

Assemble your very own cross from personal mementos, and offer prayers through the ancient practice of making Pysanky eggs. Plus have time to enjoy our beautiful setting and some delicious full-course meals prepared by our own chef. Visit www.catholicconference.org/mosaics, email info@catholicconference.org, or call 828.327.7441 for more information.



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Pro-Life Events

- Diocesan Mass for Life and NC March for Life Saturday, 14 January 2023
- Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
10:30 Bilingual Rosary
11:00 Mass for Life with Bishop Zarama
- Halifax Mall, Downtown Raleigh, Bring your church and group banners!

12:30 Band starts, followed by Youth Rally and speakers with Benediction from Bishop Zarama
2:30 March begins

- North Carolina Mass for Life in DC
20 January 2023
11:30 am Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

National March for Life

Join the diocese at the Navy Memorial at 2:00 pm to march together

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE LEGACY OF DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Monday, January 16, 2023 - 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral

Join the Diocesan celebration at the Annual Mass commemorating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. promoting justice for social issues. Event is open to the public.

Celebrant: Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama
Homilist: Reverend Carl Gales, SVD, Archdiocese of Chicago

Please bring disposable diapers, in the original, unopened packaging for the service project benefitting Catholic Charities.

Calendar Meeting

The next calendar meeting will be Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 pm in Graymoor.

Reunion del Calendario Pascual

La próxima reunión del calendario será el martes 17 de enero a las 6:30 pm en Graymoor.

Parish Feast Day

Our Parish Feast Day Mass (bilingual) will be Sunday, January 22nd at 10:30 AM at the Bill Sapp Center. We are asking that you PLEASE help us with bringing one dish (that will feed about 10 people). After Mass, we will begin with the feast and after we have eaten, there will be music and dancing.

Fiesta Parroquial

Nuestra Misa de Fiesta Parroquial (bilingüe) será el domingo 22 de enero a las 10:30 a. m. en el Centro Bill Sapp. Le pedimos que POR FAVOR nos ayude a traer un plato (que alimentará a unas 10 personas). Después de la Misa, comenzaremos con la fiesta y después de haber comido, habrá música y baile.