

ST. FRAIICIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



December 17, 2023 3rd Sunday of Ádvent

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church aspires to be a vibrant and welcoming community of disciples committed to worship, grow, and serve. We invite all to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ to accompany them on their journey and send them forth to be His witnesses.

Sunday Masses* (All Masses are at the 27th St. Church during the Historic Church Restoration)

05:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil) 07:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) 04:30 p.m. *All Masses Are Livestreamed on the Parish Website

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Quick and easy registration form.

existing registration. We are glad you're here!



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Parish Offices

Historic Church 450 Lava Road, Bend. OR 97701 (Corner of Franklin & Lava in Downtown Bend)

Daily Masses:

M-F: 7:00 a.m. (27th St. Church in the St. Clare Chapel) Adoration follows until noon.

M-F: 12:15 p.m. (27th St. Church in the St. Clare Chapel) Adoration follows until 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. (27th St. Church)

Reconciliation Confessions:

27th St. Church 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.+ Saturday: Tuesday: 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. 27th St. Church Saturday: 27th St. Church 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. *Except on Holy Saturday—No Confessions

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Advent: An Overview

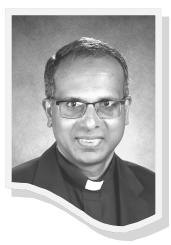
dvent is a time for us to understand that God is always doing something new for us. Unlike the commencement of the New Year, the Universal Church begins its new liturgical year on the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is all about watching and waiting. We are called during this holy time to wait with anticipation knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ.

During Advent we practice the discipline of opening our hearts to the presence of Christ in our midst; we wait for a glimpse of the truth that He is with us; we long to experience the joy of His presence and the wonder of the love of our God, who became flesh and dwelt amongst us and whose Spirit is with us, encouraging us to join in the living of God's Kingdom now. Our task during the Advent season is to imitate Mary by pondering the Word of God and allowing it to resonate within our hearts and pour into our lives.

The vestments change and the Gospel changes as the Church moves into a new cycle, recalling and celebrating God's coming to our world in Jesus. This year, we will hear the earliest written Gospel—that of Mark—written around the year 70 CE. These were years of conflict for the early Christians. The Emperor Nero had begun to persecute Christians in the year 64, and they were considered to be practicing a new and superstitious cult.

In Palestine, things were no better because there had been a Jewish uprising against Rome in 66 that led to the destruction of Jerusalem. Mark's community was under threat and, beside all these external factors, Jesus had not returned to them as they were expecting. For 40 years they had kept faith but, as time passed, the waiting became harder.

The Gospel of the first Sunday of Advent speaks of this situation: Be alert. Stay awake. The Master will return. Mark uses popular images associated with the end of time according to 1st Century Jewish imagination. Living now, so many centuries distant from the Gospel events, Mark's words take on a special urgency. Complacency and routine can replace alertness and watchfulness and end up paying a severe price for it.



On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we have the first written proclamation of the Gospel—the Good News of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. Mark wastes no time in his announcement with a long introduction but instead immediately introduces John, a messenger sent before the Messiah to "Prepare a way for the Lord; make His paths straight." John had a simple message: "God's reign is coming. Prepare for it by seeking forgiveness."

The 3rd Sunday of Advent delves deeper into the person of John the Baptist and his role in the overall scheme of salvation. John makes it clear to those who questioned him that he is not the Christ, or Elijah, or the Prophet, but ". . . a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord." John knows his place in God's scheme. He humbly attests that there is another, even greater, who is coming. This is John's greatness, to know and accept the particular role he is given for the Kingdom. It is the *Gaudete* (rejoice) Sunday when we light the rose candle and wear rose vestments that set a tone of joyful expectation of the Lord's birth as we cross the halfway make in our preparations.

The 4th Sunday of Advent presents us with the annunciation of the angel to Virgin Mary. In this beautiful and much-painted scene, the miracle is announced. God is entering our history by becoming one of us. This is the quite extraordinary claim of Christianity. The great divine mystery behind and beyond our world has become a human being. No other religion dares to make so bold a claim.

Over the four weeks of Advent the Church provides the opportunity for us to encounter the mystery of Christ present in the Advent Liturgy. We are invited to gather, encounter, recall, reflect, share, connect, and consider how we will live differently as a result of what we have experienced. By being together with our stories, our questions, our open hearts and minds, we can form a community that lifts, honors, and learns from each other as we are sent out with anticipation and joy this Advent season.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE Saturday, December 16th Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8	3, 19-28	<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	<u>FOR</u> St. Francis Parish Family	<u>REQUESTED BY</u> Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga	
Sunday, December 17th	(Spanish Mass)	7:30 a.m.	Kramer Family (L)	Christine Doyle	
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11		10:00 a.m.	Shirley Mariani (D)	Ed & Pam Cheeney	
1 Thes 5:16-24		12:30 p.m.	Felipa Peñafiel Pelcastre (D)	Miriam Sanchez	
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28		4:30 p.m.	Clyde Sturges (D)	Susan Foster	
Monday, December 18th		7:00 a.m.	Fr. Cornelius Kiely (D)	St. Francis Parish	
Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25		12:15 p.m.	William & Theresa Vorndran (D)	Terri Nichols	
Tuesday, December 19th		7:00 a.m.	Fr. Shaji Thomas (L)	Patricia Cappy	
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25		12:15 p.m.	Msgr. Frank Campbell (D)	Susan Foster	
Wednesday, December 20th		7:00 a.m.	Mary Jo (D)	St. Francis Parish	
Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38		12:15 p.m.	Rosemary Rosengarth Gustafson (L)	Trudi Widmer	
Thursday, December 21st		7:00 a.m.	Angela Grace Walsh Hynes (D)	Patricia Cappy	
Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1: 39-45		12:15 p.m.	Haidy McHugh (D)	Margaret Pollack	
Friday, December 22nd		7:00 a.m.	Olivia Zagone (D)	Rea Jackman	
1Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56		12:15 p.m.	Fr. Cornelius Kiely (D)	St. Francis Parish	
Saturday, December 23rd Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66		8:00 a.m.	Special Intention	Patricia Cappy	

(D) = Deceased ♦ (L) = Living

To schedule a Mass Intention, call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 by 5 p.m. on Friday-8 days prior to the next bulletin.

"Knights Corner"

The Knights will have their next BLOOD DRIVE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29th, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Community Center. *Give Something That Means Something!* There is no substitution for donated blood. Blood Donation is all about having the blood on the shelf today when it is needed to be there for accidents tomorrow. What better way to give something of yourself to someone who really needs it? Blood is needed all the time especially now—and this is a great opportunity.

To schedule an appointment, contact **Frank Krupicka** at (541) 480-7365, call (800) RedCross, or visit <u>RedCrossBlood.org</u> and enter sponsor code: StFrancisBend. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedcrossBlood.org/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council #1872 has received the distinction of "Double Star Council" for the 22–23 fiscal year—the international organization's top award for local councils! The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of growing membership, promoting K of C insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic faith formation programs, and volunteering time through service-oriented activities.

Keep those Oregon redeemable bottles and cans coming. This is our #1 fundraiser, and it does not cost you anything; you made that donation when you purchased the beverage!



Men, if you have an interest in becoming a Knight, contact **Pat Burrus** at (435) 659-4623 or **Matt Deppmeier** at (541) 904-5548 for more information.

Be Bold! Be Catholic! Be a Knight! —Pat Burrus, Grand Knight



Newman Club ► Young Adult BUNCO Night! ◄

Ages 18–24 are invited to Christmas Bunco, with refreshments, prizes, faith, and fellowship **this Sunday**, **December 17th, from 6 to 8 p.m.,** at the St. Francis 27th St. Church, in Room FD4.

RSVP preferred: Send an email to **Benjamin** at <u>bcowan@stfrancisbend.org</u>.

St. Athanasius Group

All men are invited to attend a weekly men's group that **meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.** The focus is to be the men we are called to be by deepening our spiritual lives and by having a brotherhood to support us.

For more information, please contact **Benjamin** at: <u>bcowan@stfrancisbend.org</u>.

Family Holy Hour

All families are invited to join us for Adoration in the St. Clare Chapel on the **1st Friday of every month**, from 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information, please call **Natasha** at (541) 213-8399.

Pro-Life Rosary

The Respect for Life Ministry invites you to **pray the Rosary on the 1st Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m.**, in the St. Clare Chapel. Please join us in prayer for our vulnerable brothers and sisters in the womb.

Hearts on Fire Prayer Group

This charismatic prayer group **meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m.** in the RCIA Room. Join us for praise, worship, and listening to the Lord.

For more information, contact **Deacon Steve** at (253) 222-0582.

Pray for Vocations

Join us for the Holy Hour on the 1st Tuesday of the month after the 12:15 p.m. Mass in the St. Clare Chapel, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

St. Clare's Helpers

Meetings are held on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 2 p.m.** in the RICA Room. All women of the Parish are invited. Join us!

For more information, please contact **Sherry Rice** at: <u>srice@bendbroadband.com</u>.

Come and See ...

Would you like to live the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi? Then, visit our parish Secular Franciscans. We meet on the **3rd Sunday of each month from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in the Parish Office. For more information, contact Mary McGlone at: (253) 232-6789 or send an email to: mlhmcglone@gmail.com.

Faith Formation

- Middle School / High School Youth Ministries meet every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Register online using the Faith Formation Registration.
- Sacramental Preparation for 1st Communion and Confirmation: Children as young as 2nd Grade may receive 1st Communion. Youth as young as 6th Grade may be Confirmed.

Parent-Child Sacrament Workshops

- Sunday, January 21st, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., or Monday, January 22nd, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- Sunday, February 4th, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., or Monday, February 5th, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Two catechists are needed: one for the Wednesday afternoon Faith Formation class and one for the Wednesday evening session. Please contact **Janet** at <u>faithformation@stfrancisbend.org</u> for more details.

High School Youth Ministry

Idaho Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC) is from Friday to Sunday, March 8–10, 2024. The cost is \$240 per youth. Visit the Youth Ministry page of the Parish Website to register online or for more information.

RCIA

RCIA is for all who are unbaptized or baptized non-Catholic Christians and seeking to enter the Catholic Church. If you have not registered for RCIA, contact **Carl** at: <u>rcia@stfrancisbend.org</u>.

Marriage Preparation

If you are engaged or looking to have your marriage validated, please do not schedule anything for your wedding until you have spoken to one of the parish wedding coordinators and met with a priest. Contact weddings@stfrancisbend.org.

Miscarriage Ministry

This ministry helps support parents who have experienced (or are currently experiencing) a miscarriage. You can reach out to either **Megan Medley** at (818) 461-2591 or **Natasha Rider** at (541) 213-8399.

Advent Reconciliation with Visiting Priests:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH: 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

4th Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH: 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th:

10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)



► Parish Offices Closed ◄

From Monday, December 25th, through Monday, January 1st, the Parish Offices will be closed for Christmas. The Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Thank You!

40 Days for Life in Bend, Oregon Organized by Central Oregon Right to Life We sincerely appreciate all who participated in the 2023 Fall "40 Days for Life" Campaign in Bend.

You can view a few of the pictures online at the CORTL website at: centraloregonrighttolife.org.

—Diana Velasquez, 40 Days for Life in Bend, OR

Christmas Faire Donor

Would the woman who so generously made and donated the "American Doll" outfits for the Christmas Faire Silent Auction, please call **Alyson Annunziata** at (541) 508-9321?

Adoration Needs

If you can commit to one of these hours, please email **Judy Kennedy** at: <u>judyekennedy@icloud.com</u>:

- ▶ Mondays: 9–10 a.m., 1–2 p.m., and 3–4 p.m.
- ► Tuesdays: 9–10 a.m.
- Wednesdays: 9–10 a.m.,
- 1–2 p.m., and 5–6 p.m.
- ► Thursdays: 10–11 a.m., 3–4 p.m., and 5–6 p.m.
- ▶ Fridays: 4–5 p.m.

Respect for Life Ministry

Each year during Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ, our Savior, at Christmas.

Today, women in our own communities are pregnant, poor, perhaps without a home, and in great need. They may feel alone, scared, and overwhelmed, not knowing where to turn. In challenging circumstances, expectant mothers need a refuge of their own.

May we proactively seek to offer loving support and encouragement as they prepare to welcome their children. By answering this call, may we help mothers experience the joy, hope, and peace brought by the infant Jesus. And may we, too, share in and bear witness to the miracle of new life.

Please see the "Pray for Moms" handout in the narthex this month for ways to help. It includes contacting your local pregnancy resource center or diocesan/ parish pregnancy support ministry. Ask about ways you can help, such as volunteering or donating baby items. Clinics are in Bend (541) 385-5334, Redmond, Madras, and Prineville.

-Christine Simone, Parish Pro-Life Coordinator

Marriage Saving—the Weekend Phase

During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille, a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest, who will present a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation, you will have time in the privacy of your room for discussions.

Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit <u>www.helpourmarriage.org</u> for confidential testimonials. To register for the **January 26-28, 2024**, **weekend** at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, Oregon, call (503) 225-9191.





The mission of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is to educate the whole child in a Christ-centered community that values service, leadership, and academic excellence.

Our vision is to inspire academic scholars, motivated to serve with faith and moral character.



This is the week of JOY!

Sr. Shaila led us in a Peace Retreat—"A Treat for Our Souls." We concentrated on how we can bring peace into the world, our school, and our families. The students made lists of very simple acts that can turn the day around and bring peace.

We must choose JOY in our daily work and during challenges to be bearers of peace.

STEM class "Elf on a Shelf" challenge.



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> *St. Clare's Helpers Open to all women of the parish.* Contact Sherry Rice at: <u>srice@bendbroadband.com</u>

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We must be observant to find JOY in the natural world. Looking for repetitious patterns & textures that bring us a sense of calm. Looking for contrasts that highlights important information.

Our ART students are working on adding texture, repetition, and contrast to their pieces. ▼







Before

After

The Historic Church Renovation is making significant progress!

[Photos courtesy of Matt McDonald and Helena Duarte of CO Daily News]

For a video of the work being done that was aired by Central Oregon Daily News, use the QR code, or go to: <u>centraloregondaily.com/st-francis-catholic-church-bend-renovation/</u>



-The Parish Bulletin Editor thanks Andrew Untemeyer for his help in obtaining these photos.

Inviting All Young Adults:

Diocesan Lenten Retreat on Saturday/Sunday—February 17th/18th, 2024 "Sacrificial Love: The Redemption of Suffering" Featuring Bishop Liam Cary Registration Fees: \$85/Single Person – \$125/Married Couple / Registration Deadline: February 11, 2024 Cascade View Retreat Center, Powell Butte, OR. For more information and to register: <u>DioceseofBaker.org</u>

(Supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

2023 Stewardship of Giving

Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering
December 9–10, 2023	\$35,351	\$22,756	\$12,595	\$1,174,045
December 2–3, 2023	\$32,566	\$22,756	\$9,810	\$1,138,694
November 25–26, 2023	\$31,055	\$22,756	\$8,299	\$1,106,128
November 18–19, 2023	\$23,766	\$22,756	\$1,010	\$1,075,073

The Scholarship Fund Balance is: \$325,103 Historic Church Renovation Funds Raised to Date: \$1,981,868 ♦ Funds Spent: \$1,216,508 2023 YTD Budget: \$1,143,478 ♦ YTD Actual: \$1,174,045 ♦ Variance: \$30,567

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