## 6th Sunday in

ORDINARY TIME

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

## 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:

Saturday:
Tuesday:
Saturday:
27th St. Church
3:00 to 4:30 p.m. ${ }^{\dagger}$
27th St. Church
27th St. Church
7:30 to 8:00 a.m
8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
†Except on Holy Saturday-No Confessions

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450 Lava Road,
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## Splendid India Tour-Part III

The next day, January 9th, was spent traveling to Kolkata, the "City of Joy." After checking into our hotel, some of us went out to explore the neighborhood. There were people everywhere and traffic was as chaotic as in New Delhi. Then after a good night's rest and breakfast, we left the hotel for a city tour.

The first stop was the Calcutta High Court build-ing-the oldest in India. It was established as the High Court of Judicature at Fort William on July 1, 1862 under the High Courts Act of 1861.

Next, we stopped at St. Paul's Cathedral Church. Established in 1847, it is said that this is the largest cathedral church you can visit in Kolkata. Most amazing is the beautiful architectural design that attracts many eyes and raises many an eyebrow of the visitors. St. Paul's is an Anglican Cathedral that today operates under the Church of North India.

Then we went to the flower market where buyers and sellers converge from all over town, and we were pushed and shoved as we made our way through it. You can't claim to have done Kolkata if you haven't been to this iconic, century old Mullick Ghat Flower Market-one of the largest in Asia. People travel all over the city and suburbs to sell flowers there. It's primarily for people who want to pickup flowers for temple offerings and prayers, and it's a popular place for photographers who want to capture the feel of the city. The market also exports flowers to different parts of the country-and even to Europe. After shopping for flowers, people often sit at the tiny food carts around the place, sipping on chai from earthen cups with piping hot kochuri (a deep-fried puffy bread with a greenpea filling). This was an unforgettable experience.

After the flower market, we made our way to the Victoria Memorial-a large marble monument dedicated to Queen Victoria, the Empress of India from 1876 to 1901. It is the largest monument to a monarch anywhere in the world. Possessing prominent features of the Indo-Saracenic architecture, it has evolved into one of the most popular attractions in the city. In fact, the marble used to construct the building comes from the same Makrana quarries in Rajasthan that was used for the construction of the Taj Mahal, and the corner domes are faintly Mughal in style.

After visiting the Victoria Memorial, we went to the tomb of St. Theresa of Kolkata, where we celebrated the Holy Mass right next to it. It's a very simple tomb, and across from it is the room where she lived and died. Like her simple lifestyle, her room has a wooden bed, a table with a chair, and a little cupboard. She was the founder of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity-a Roman Catholic congregation of women dedicated to the poor-particularly to the destitute of India.

In 1962, the Indian government awarded Mother Teresa the Padma Shri, one of its highest civilian honors, for her services to the people of India. She was also the recipient of numerous honors, including the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work, and the following year the Indian government conferred on her the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian honor.

In her later years, Mother Teresa spoke out against divorce, contraception, and abortion. She also suffered ill health and had a heart attack in 1989. In 1990, she resigned as head of the order but was returned to office by a nearly unanimous vote-the lone dissenting voice was her own! But her worsening heart condition forced her into retirement, and the order chose the In-dian-born Sr. Nirmala as her successor in 1997.

At the time of Mother Teresa's death, her order included hundreds of centers in more than 90 countries with some 4,000 nuns and hundreds of thousands of lay workers. Within two years of her death, the process to declare her a saint was begun, and Pope John Paul II issued a special dispensation to expedite the process of canonization. She was beatified on October 19, 2003, reaching the ranks of the blessed in what was then the shortest time in the history of the Church. She was canonized by Pope Francis I on September 4, 2016.

After our visit to the tomb of this amazing saint, we stopped at an open market to satisfy the "appetite for shopping," thus ending our trip to Kolkata.

Now that we had completed our tour of north India, the following day was spent traveling to Kochi, in Kerala, my home state.
—Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil

## MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS



## Newman Club

We meet every Sunday. We have events focused on Fun, Faith, and Service! Each time we meet is unique, so email us or check out the website for an updated schedule. This is open to all young adults (18-24). For more information, please contact Benjamin at: bcowan@stfrancisbend.org.

## 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: bcowan@stfrancisbend.org.

## Family Holy Hour

All families are invited to join us for Adoration in the St. Clare Chapel on the $\mathbf{1 s t}$ 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 Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel. 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 St. Francis Parish are invited. Join us! For more information, please contact Sherry Rice at: srice@,bendbroadband.com.

## 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 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.

## High School Youth Ministry

Idaho Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC) is from Friday to Sunday, March 8-10, 2024. The cost is $\mathbf{\$ 2 4 0}$ 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 nonCatholic Christians and seeking to enter the Catholic Church. If you have not registered for RCIA, contact Carl at: rcia@stfrancisbend.org.

## 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.

## Adoration Needs

If you can commit to one of the hours listed below, please contact Judy Kennedy at: (541) 389-5964 or send an email to: judyekennedy@icloud.com.
$>$ Mondays: 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.
$>$ Wednesdays: 9-10 a.m., 1-2 \& 5-6 p.m.
$>$ Thursdays: 10-11 a.m. \& 5-6 p.m.
$>$ Fridays: $\quad 9-10$ a.m., 11-12 a.m. \& 3-4 p.m.


## Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday*

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. The Mass schedule for the 27th St. Church is as follows:

- 7:00 a.m.
- 8:15 a.m. (School Mass-All are welcome)
- 12:15 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
*Adoration will be held at the normal times.


## Parish Community Fish Frys and Soup Dinners

Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the 27th St. Church Community Center:

- Soup Dinners: February 16th, March 1st, 15th, and 22nd
- Knights of Columbus Fish Frys: February 23rd and March 8th



## The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7 p.m., at the 27th St. Church, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the following formats for each week:

- February 16th: Bilingual-Traditional
- February 23rd: Faith Formation
- March 1st: Living Stations—St. Francis School
- March 8th: Stations from Mary's PerspectiveTraditional
- March 15th: Shadow Stations-Youth (will be held in the Community Center)
- March 22nd: Pro Life-Traditional


## Lenten Devotional Aids

The Word Among Us daily meditation booklets bring the Lenten season to life with helpful teachings, prayers, and reflections. Booklets are available in the narthex and Parish Office.

## Guidelines for Lent 2024

Lent prepares the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. It is a time for reflection and spiritual renewal-a time to examine one's relationship with God and with others.

Lent is also the final preparation period for catechumens seeking to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

As Catholics, the Church calls us to a spirit of repentance and conversion: "to turn away from sin, and to be faithful to the Gospel." Through our traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we express our conversion and prepare to renew our Baptismal promises at Easter.

Below are the Church's definitions of "fasting and abstinence," as well as the obligatory minimum requirements that she asks of us.

- Abstinence: Meat and poultry are removed from our meals; fish is acceptable.
- Fasting: Eat one (1) full meal and two (2) smaller meals; no snacking during the day.
- All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- All Catholics 14 years and older are to abstain from meat and poultry on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.


## It's Tamale Time!

The Hispanic Ministry will be selling tamales next weekend, February 17th/18th, after all the Masses to help raise funds for the Historic Church Restoration.

## Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th, in observance of President's Day. There will be no Adoration on that day as it is a Federal Holiday.

## Hispanic Music Ministry Seeks New Members!

The Hispanic Music Ministry is looking for singers and instrumentalists for the Sunday, 12:30 p.m. Masses. The choir and instrumentalists lead music in the Mass that glorifies God and uplifts the congregation. Join us and share your musical gifts with the St. Francis Community. Please contact Music Coordinator Daniel Chevez at danielchevez72@gmail.com or (541) 948-9258 for more information.

## Please Return to Mass!

We'd like to invite people back to Mass during this time of Eucharistic Revival. If you know anyone who used to come to Mass but has not returned after the pandemic, please give Den. Phil his or her contact information at liturgy@stfrancisbend.org or drop the info into the offertory basket.
—Fr. Jose Thomas ST. FRaNCIS OF ASSISI Catholic SChool

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## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Jan - Dec 2023 Financial Report

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| INCOME |  |
| Offertory Collections | $\$ 1,277,670$ |
| Miscellaneous | $\$ 170,027$ |
| Operating Income | $\$ 1,447,697$ |
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| EXPENSE | $\$ 473,222$ |
| Priest \& Staff Salaries / Taxes | $\$ 139,247$ |
| Health Insurance / Retirement | $\$ 114,756$ |
| Parish Assessment | $\$ 10,088$ |
| Rectory Supplies | $\$ 53,392$ |
| Faith Formation / Religious Supplies | $\$ 255,389$ |
| School Support | $\$ 97,026$ |
| Utilities | $\$ 47,538$ |
| Repairs \& Maintenance | $\$ 139,286$ |
| Historic Church Restoration Consulting | $\$ 181,461$ |
| Eq. Leases/Prog. Supplies/Gen. Op. | $\$ 1,511,404$ |
| Operating Expense |  |

Total Income over Expense
$(\$ 63,707)$

## Budget v. Actual

| Total Income - Actual | $\$ 1,447,697$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Total Income - Budget | $\$ 1,286,622$ |
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| Offertory - Actual | $\$ 1,277,670$ |
| Offertory - Budget | $\$ 1,183,332$ |
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| Expenses - Actual | $\$ 1,511,404$ |
| Expenses - Budget | $\$ 1,551,979$ |

Historic Church Restoration Donations

Reserve Balance as of 12/31/23
$\$ 592,196$

Scholarship Fund Balance as of 12/31/23
\$746,655
\$328,166
H/C Restoration Balance as of 12/31/23

Note: $\$ 108,146$ of the $\$ 139,286$ is a result of moving fraud funds from capital to expense


Parish Finances Budget vs. Actual Jan - Dec 2023


## 2024 Stewardship of Giving

| Date | Weekly Offering | Weekly Needed | Difference | YTD Offering |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February 3-4, 2024 | $\$ 55,126$ | $\$ 25,853$ | $\$ 29,273$ | $\$ 186,104$ |
| January 27-28, 2024 | $\$ 35,183$ | $\$ 25,853$ | $\$ 9,330$ | $\$ 130,978$ |
| January 20-21, 2024 | $\$ 17,447$ | $\$ 25,853$ | $(\$ 8,406)$ | $\$ 95,795$ |
| January 13-14, 2024 | $\$ 18,080$ | $\$ 25,853$ | $(\$ 7,773)$ | $\$ 78,348$ |

Scholarship Fund Balance: \$336,739
Historic Church Renovation Funds Raised to Date: $\$ 2,037,478$ * Funds Spent: $\$ 1,249.920$

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