

4th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2024

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:

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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Splendid India Tour—Part I

t the request of a few parishioners who expressed interest in visiting India, I decided to put together a tour to India about 18 months ago and worked with Indus Travels to make the arrangements. Although I was planning to take less than 20 people, 25 signed up for the tour. Unfortunately, three of them had to cancel the trip due to unexpected illness. So finally, there were 22 of us plus myself. Indus Travels made all the detailed arrangements including the air tickets for all guests.

Each one had to procure an Indian Visa online. Some found it frustrating, a few confusing, and for others it tested their computer knowledge and skills. However, all obtained their Visas with a week to spare.

The day before our travel date—January 4th—I was very nervous and anxious because Alaska Airlines canceled our flight from Redmond to San Francisco due to fog and other weather conditions for two consecutive days prior to our departure. Many flights were either canceled or delayed departing and arriving at Redmond. I didn't want to even think of the mess we'd have been in if Alaska had to cancel our flight for a third day. However, due to prayers and God's blessings, the weather conditions improved significantly at start 6 p.m., January 3rd, with no fog in the forecast for the following morning. Praise the Lord!

We all arrived at the airport about two hours ahead of time and joined a long line of people waiting to check-in. The check-in process went very well, and we left Redmond at 8:15 a.m. We arrived at SFO at 9:45 a.m. Twenty-two of us flew from RDM while one guest flew out of Portland to meet us in SFO. Our next flight from SFO was not until 2:50 p.m., but our 5-hour layover was actually a blessing because we had to exit the airport to take a train to get to the International Terminal. There we waited to check-in to Qatar Airways.

The crew came to their stations about 45 minutes after we arrived at the counter. The check-in process went without a hitch, and we went through the Security screening all over again. Most of us went to get some food and then gathered together at the gate to introduce ourselves and get to know one another.

Boarding started at 2:15, and we left SFO at about 3:30 p.m. for a 15-1/2 hour flight to Doha, the Capitol of Qatar. We arrived as scheduled and went through Security all over again to get to our next flight for India. It took only three hours to get to New Delhi—a "piece of cake" compared to the previous one.

After we deplaned, we went through Immigration, collected our luggage, and found our tour agent waiting

for us. He welcomed us with a *poomala* (a flower garland), got our luggage onto the bus, and we were on our way to the hotel where we arrived at 5 a.m., local time and checked into our rooms. Most of us couldn't sleep due to the time change, I did have a sound sleep for about three hours, and then having a hot shower after two days was very refreshing.

We gathered for breakfast at 9 a.m., and there was so much food with so many Indian delicacies: *vada* (like a fritter), plain *dosa* (similar to a crepe), *masala dosa* (a more savory crepe), two types of *idlies* (lentil and rice cakes), local fruits, omelets, *masala chai* (a flavored tea beverage made from milk, aromatic spices and herbs), a variety of *chadnies* (similar to pastries), many varieties of rice preparations, and much more. Those who were brave tried some of the delicacies, while others went with what they were used to. Then, after breakfast, we were on our way for the city tour at 11 a.m.

Our first stop was at the largest mosque in India, built by Shah Jahan between 1644 and 1656. Situated in the Mughal Capitol of Shahjahanabad (today Old Delhi), it served as the imperial mosque of the Mughal emperors until the demise of the empire in 1857. The Jama Masjid was regarded as a symbol of Islamic power across India well into the colonial era. It was also politically significant during British rule and remains in active use as one of Delhi's most iconic sites, closely identified with the ethos of Old Delhi. We had to deposit our shoes at the entrance, and the ladies had to wear a gown to enter.

Most fascinating was the rickshaw ride. Two people each were assigned to a rickshaw pedaled by a driver. We were taken through the narrow allies of Old Delhi full of people. and we got a closer look at how business is conducted and lives are lived. There were people and vehicles everywhere—although mostly rickshaws and motor bikes. It was a fascinating experience available only in this part of the world. Then our rickshaw ride was ended where our tour bus was parked.

We then visited the resting place of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, who led the freedom struggle of India by nonviolent means. He was assassinated on January 30, 1948, as he was attending a prayer service. He died on the spot which today is marked with simple words, "Hi Ram." which in Hindi means "Oh God"—his last words. His life and teaching have left an indelible mark on human history, especially the history of India. After our visit there, we returned to our hotel.

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE Saturday, January 27th Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28		<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	FOR Charlene Hallam (D)	REQUESTED BY Sandi Livingston
Sunday, January 28th Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28	(Spanish Mass)	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Cathleen McCouley (D) Fr. Felix Vistal (L) St. Francis Parish (L) Charlene Hallam (D)	Veronica Berreen Anne & Mike O'Herron Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga Sandi Livingston
Monday, January 29th 2 Sm 15:13-14. 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20		7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Somer Baver (L) Rich Morehead (D)	Ann & Doug Thompson Sherry Rice
Tuesday, January 30th 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b. 24-25a, 30-19: 3; Mk	¢ 5:21-43	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Paul Haaland (D) Richard & Maria Hoffman (L)	Elizabeth Green Maria Hoffman
Wednesday, January 31st 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6	(School Mass)	7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Stephanie McLagan (L) St. Clare Helpers (L) Sal Scimeca (L)	Ann & Doug Thompson St. Francis Parish Bruce & Tina Kjesbo
Thursday, February 1st 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13		7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Honey Canney (D) Friends of Bijnor (L)	Pam & Ed Cheeney Bruce & Tina Kjesbo
Friday, February 2nd Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40	(Spanish Mass)	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Steve Wyman (D) Charlotte Haaland (L) Saldaña Ochoa Family (D)	Rick Wyman Elizabeth Green St. Francis Parish
Saturday, February 3rd 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34		8:00 a.m.	Darrin Podeschi (L)	Darrin Podeschi

(D) = Deceased ◆ (L) = Living

To Schedule a Mass Intention, Please call the Parish Office—(541) 382-3631—by 5 p.m. on Friday, 8 days prior to the next Parish Bulletin publication.

Save the Date! Saturday, September 21, 2024

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is pleased to host a day with Dr. Mary Healy, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and an international speaker on topics of scripture, evangelization, healing and spiritual life (see www.drmaryhealy.com).

> More information on the event and registration to be announced soon.



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 **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 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.

Parent-Child Sacrament Workshops

• 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: faithformation@stfrancisbend.org 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: 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.

This Sunday, January 28, our Pastor Fr. Jose Thomas celebrates his Ordination to the Priesthood. Congratulations on your 22 years, Father!

Palms to Ashes



The collection of old palms will be this weekend and the weekend of February 3rd/4th. Designated palm containers are in the narthex and at the Parish Office.

Taize

The Taize Choir of Central Oregon invites you to participate in an hour of meditative non-denominational Taize music, prayer, and silence at our monthly ecumenical service on **Thursday**, **February 1st**, at 7 **p.m.**, at Trinity Episcopal Church (St. Helens Hall), 231 NW Idaho, Bend. For more information, please call (541) 815-5574 or email <u>taizebend@gmail.com</u>.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Friday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord when Christ our Light entered the temple.
On that day at the 7 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses, we bless all the candles that will be used in the liturgy throughout the year. You can bring candles



from home to Mass and have them blessed as well. That is why this day is also known as "Candlemas."

Memorial of St. Blaise



On Saturday, February 3rd, we will celebrate the Memorial of St. Blaise of Sebaste with the "Blessing of the Throats" at the 8 a.m. Mass at the 27th St. Church.

CCC Collection

There will be a second collection **next weekend**, **February 3rd/4th** to collect the Cathedral Conservation Collection envelopes. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Next Sunday, February 4th, those fabulous Knights of Columbus chefs are once again cooking breakfast for us after the **7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses.** (A free-will donation of \$10 per person is greatly appreciated.)

Prayer Requests for Vocations

Please pray for vocations to the priest-hood and religious life. You can do that in a very special way by being willing to host the <u>Pilgrim Vocation Cross</u> in your home for one week only by picking up the cross after the announcements before the Mass is ended. It is returned in a week to the working sacristy before or after Mass.



To schedule a week of your choosing, please contact **Sandy McJunkin** at (541) 389-3844 or email her at: <u>rogerandsandy@bendbroadband.com</u>. Or, call the Parish Office and **Sandy** will be contacted for you.

St. Francis Church Library

Now is the time to check out books that you want to read during the Lenten season. Our church library has a great selection of Catholic books.

Some very new books by well-known Catholic authors have been donated recently.

Visit the library and check out your books anytime during Parish Office hours Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Happy Wedding Anniversary!



Will you and your spouse celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th Wedding Anniversary in 2024? If so, I would like to know about it!

Please send an e-mail to me at: frjose@stfrancisbend.org with your

Names, the Anniversary Date, and where the wedding occurred. Or you may drop off the information at the Parish Office.

Adoration Needs

If you can commit to one of these hours, please contact **Judy Kennedy** at: (541) 389-5964 or send an email to: judyekennedy@icloud.com.

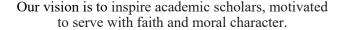
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Vigil of Reparation

St. Francis of Assisi Church in the St. Clare Chapel First Friday, February 2nd / First Saturday, February 3rd

† Friday: Family Holy Hour Adoration from 6 to 7 p.m.—

then Silent Adoration for all from 7 to 8 p.m.

The Vigil will begin at 8 p.m. with a Scriptural Rosary, Adoration, and Scriptural Meditations through the night

🕆 Saturday: A 20-decade Rosary begins at 6:20 a.m.

Benediction is at 7:45 a.m.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is at 8 a.m.

Confessions begin at 8:30 a.m.

Please consider spending an hour, or more, of adoration with Our Lord in this vigil offered in atonement for the sins of mankind so grievously offending the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is a simple, yet powerful, evening.

For more information, contact Abraham Hernandez at hernandez.abraham12@yahoo.com.

Inviting Young Adults, 18–39: Diocesan Lenten Retreat

"Sacrificial Love: The Redemption of Suffering" February 17–18, 2024*

Come begin your Lenten journey with engaging speakers (including Bishop Liam Cary, Sr. Ignacia Carrillo, FMA, Fr. Caleb Cunningham), Eucharistic Adoration with an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (with Bp. Cary, Fr. Mena, or Fr. Cunningham), time for personal prayer and reflection, small group fellowship, and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop Cary at the beautiful, peaceful Cascade View Retreat Center, Powell Butte. For more info, or to register, visit DioceseofBaker.org.

*early/late arrival/departure available by request.

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

For some, it seems like their abortion is an event totally left in the past, yet vast evidence and personal testimonies show that abortion has long-lasting, life-altering affects in the lives of women and men who have experienced it. To feel, deal, and heal from abortion(s), attend a life-changing Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. For the **February 17-19** Portland retreat, contact **Karen** at (541) 350-8126 or portland@project-aurora.org.

Diocese of Baker Men's Conference in English and Spanish!

Join Catholic men from around the diocese for talks that inspire, conversations that give strength, and prayer that will help us become the husbands, fathers, and brothers God is calling us to be. Join us:

In SPANISH: February 24th in The Dalles or In ENGLISH: March 16th in Redmond.

For more info & to register: dioceseofbaker.org/mens-conference or call **Bryce** at (541) 388-4004.

2024 Stewardship of Giving Weekly Offering Weekly Needed Difference YTD Offering Date January 20-21, 2024 \$17,447 \$25,853 (\$8,406)95,795 January 13-14, 2024 \$18,080 \$25,853 78,348 (\$7,773)January 06-07, 2024 \$60,268 \$25.853 60,268 \$34.415 December 30-31, 2023 \$22,225 \$22,756 (\$ 531) \$1,283,035

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