



March 10, 2024 4th Sunday of Lent

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:
 27th St. Church
 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.*

 Tuesday:
 27th St. Church
 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

 Saturday:
 27th St. Church
 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

*Except on Holy Saturday—No Confessions

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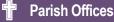


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Splendid India Tour 4

fter lunch at my oldest brother's house, we walked over to my uncle's house, and then back to my family home, where my brother demonstrated how to peel a coconut that he'd picked from a tree in the backyard.

I explained the three "eyes" of the coconut and how the main eye can easily be opened to empty the water. Then I cut it open to expose its "meat." We use every part of the coconut tree—nothing goes to waste. We have a lot of coconut trees in the state—in fact, the name Kerala means "the land of the coconut." My brother then pulled up a tapioca plant to show its roots—which is called *kappa* or tapioca.

Next, we walked over the backyard of my family home to see turmeric, ginger, black pepper, nutmeg, cashew, coffee, jackfruit and mango trees. Then we tasted various jackfruit and tapioca preparations, such as *vattayappam*, *achappam*, *kozhalappam*, *halva*, and banana chips.

After that, we visited another uncle's house, the elementary school that I attended, and the parish church where I was baptized, received 1st Communion, Confirmation, and my Priestly Ordination. However, the old church where I received all these sacraments was demolished, and a beautiful new church was built in its place three years ago.

From there, we made our way to the Vettikattu Plaza Hotel for dinner where my brother works and which was only a mile away. The guests were served drinks as we waited for the rest of my family to join us.

Then all the guests were ceremoniously and traditionally welcomed by sprinkling them with *panineer* (scented water), applying sandalwood paste on the forehead, and putting a *punnada* (a special piece of garment) on each one.

After we were seated and dinner was served, the girls' dance team from the local school—including my cousins' children—performed three



dances to the delight of all the guests. One was a "prayer dance," and another was a "hip hop."

The third dance was the *Margamkali*—a ritual folk-art dance from the Syrian Christians of the Kottayam and Thrissur districts, in which a dozen dancers sing and dance around a lighted-wick lamp, and wearing the traditional white *dhoti* and sporting a peacock feather on their turbans to add a touch of color. This is an allegorical enactment—with the lamp representing Christ—and the performers His Disciples. The performance is usually held in two parts and begins with songs and dances narrating the life of St. Thomas, the Apostle. These songs date back to a period much before the Portuguese invasion.

After the dances, I introduced all of my extended family to the guests. And then as we were having dinner, three singers from the church entertained us. The guests couldn't resist the temptation of getting up to dance to the tunes—and soon most of us were dancing.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and be-fore the guests had left, they were each given a *Nilavilakku* as a gift from my family. This is an oil lamp that is very special to the State of Kerala.

We welcome any family member's guests as part of the family with open arms, and I'm very appreciative of the way my extended family made everyone in the tour group to feel as if they were a part of it. And, thus, after a very special day with my family, we drove back to the hotel to rest.



NEXT WEEK: The final day of our Splendid India Tour and my cousin's wedding.

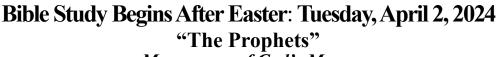
—Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE Saturday, March 9th 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:	:14-21	<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	FOR St. Francis Parish (L)	REQUESTED BY Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
Sunday, March 10th 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21	(Spanish Mass)	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Stanislaw Tajchman (D) Elda Difiore (D) Lorenzo Lemus (D) Rich Morehead (D)	The Fawcett Family Craig & Gina Minnis Maria Morales Sue Rosa
Monday, March 11th Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54		7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Thomas E. Hynes (D) Shirley Buswell (D)	Mary Anne Guice Bob & Margie Pollack
Tuesday, March 12th Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16		7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Daniel McGlone (D) Maureen Ann Woodstrom (D)	Dcn. Steve & Mary McGlone Patricia M. Cappy
Wednesday, March 13th Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30	(School Mass)	7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Angela Hynes (D) SVdP Volunteers (L) Annie Spencer (D)	Mary Anne Guice St. Francis Parish Carmen Spencer
Thursday, March 14th Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47		7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Fr. Steve Garza (L) Frank Rosa (L)	Patricia M. Cappy Sue Rosa
Friday, March 15th Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30		7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	The Souls in Purgatory Marciana Garcia (D)	Pamela Van Eikeren Jose Orozco
Saturday, March 16th Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53		8:00 a.m.	Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil (L)	Patricia M. Cappy

(D) = Deceased ♦ (L) = Living

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Messengers of God's Mercy

<u>Why study the Prophets</u>? Books by the Prophets equal, approximately, the size of the entire New Testament! Their message is as important to us today as it was during the time of the Old Testament. This study is part of the "Great Adventure Bible Timeline" series.

Discover who the prophets were, what their message was, and why they are important to us now.

➤ Discover how "the prophets afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted," calling us (and the tribes of Israel in the Old Testament) to return to our covenant relationship with God.

Schedule: 10 consecutive Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m., April 2nd through June 4th, in a

room across from St. Clare's Chapel, at the 27th St. Church.

Format: View DVD in first half hour; 1-hour class discussion based on workbook questions.

Registration: In Class—Show up with your workbook.

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Questions? Call Vergie Ries (541) 797-6322 or email vergiebend@gmail.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. Contact Mary McGlone: (253) 232-6789 or mlhmcglone@gmail.com.

20-Decade Rosary

Come and pray the 20-decade rosary every Saturday at 6:20 a.m. in the St. Clare Chapel.

For more information, please call **Judy Kennedy** at (541) 389-5964.

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.

Grief Ministry Classes

We have started another series of **Grief Educational Classes** for those who have had a spouse, family member, or friend pass away. The group offers an experience for people to learn, heal, grow, and move toward restructuring their lives, while meeting others in a similar situation. We meet in a room across from St. Clare's Chapel. Call **Mary McGlone** to register at (253) 232-6789, or send an email to: griefministry@stfrancisbend.org or mlhmcglone@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Music Ministry

The Adult Choir and Children's Choir (Grades 2–5) are open to all, and we welcome new members. Rehearsals for **Holy Week and Easter are now under way.** For more information, contact Music Director **Stephanie Mowery** at music@stfrancisbend.org or call (541) 382-3631, ext. 114.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, contact **Benjamin** at: bcowan@stfrancisbend.org.

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 send an email to Sherry Rice at: srice@bendbroadband.com.



Remembrance Mass & Candle Lighting Ceremony

You, your family, and friends are invited to our Mass of Remembrance with Fr. Jose and Dcn. Steve that includes a candle-lighting ceremony, and a sandwich luncheon provided by the St. Francis Grief Ministry on Thursday, March 14th, at 9:30 a.m. in the 27th St. Church. Please! You need to RSVP!

You can bring a small, framed picture of your beloved and register for the ceremony and lunch with **Mary McGlone** at (253) 232-6789.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner!

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Prineville is having the Annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, March 17th, from 12 to 5 p.m.** Tickets are: Adults \$12, Children (6–12) \$8, and Family (2 Adults/2 Children) \$35. Please join us!

Soup Dinner / Stations of the Cross

► March 15th: 5:30 p.m. Soup Dinner in the Community Center
7:00 p.m. Shadow Stations—Youth in the Community Center

► March 22nd: 5:30 p.m. Soup Dinner in the Community Center 7:00 p.m. Pro Life—Traditional

Chrism Mass / Daily Mass Schedule

The Chrism Mass is on Thursday, March 21st, at 11 a.m., at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City. There will be no 7 a.m. Masses on Wednesday or Thursday, March 20th/21st. Only the 12:15 p.m. Masses will be held along with Adoration. The daily Mass schedule will resume on Friday, March 22nd, with the 7 a.m. Mass.

Lenten Confession Night SCHEDULE CHANGE

Our Lenten Confession Night with visiting priests has been rescheduled from Tuesday, March 19th, to **Monday, March 25th.** Priests will be available to hear confessions from 3–4:30 p.m. and again from 6–7:30 p.m.

Please Return to Mass!

We'd like to invite people back to Mass during this time of Eucharistic Revival. If you know of anyone who has not returned to Mass after the Pandemic, let **Dcn. Phil** know at: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org or drop the information into the Offertory basket.

—Fr. Jose Thomas

Holy Week / Easter Mass Schedule









The Sacred Paschal Triduum—
Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and
Easter Vigil—are the three most solemn
holy days of the liturgical year
when we celebrate the Paschal Mystery:
First, the Passion, suffering, and
death of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
followed by His Resurrection—the
triumph of the Holy Cross—and His
decisive victory over sin and death.

Palm Sunday, March 24th:

Normal Mass Schedule. (All Masses are at the 27th St. Church unless otherwise noted.)

Holy Thursday, March 28th:

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (No daily Masses) Evening Masses are as follows:

7 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual) 8–12 p.m.: Adoration (in St. Clare's Chapel)

Good Friday, March 29th:

Celebration of the Lord's Passion (No daily Masses)

12 p.m.: Stations of the Cross (at Pilot Butte)

12–3 p.m.: Devotions

12 p.m.: Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)

1 p.m.: Chaplet of Divine Mercy

2 p.m.: Private Devotions

3 p.m.: Celebration of the Lord's Passion,

including Veneration of the Cross and Communion (Bilingual)

Holy Saturday, March 30th:

Easter Vigil (No Daily Mass and No Confessions)

8 p.m.: Easter Vigil Liturgy (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday, March 31st:

7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

3:00 p.m.

(No 4:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)

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Contact: <u>development@saintfrancisschool.net</u>

For more information about working for St. Francis School or to apply, please send an email to: <a href="https://hittor.com/hitten/mainten/mai



We couldn't be prouder! Our 8th-Graders presented the "Living Stations of the Cross" on Thursday, February 29th, for our students, and then on Friday, March 1st, for the parish. They were amazing!



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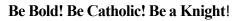
"Knights Corner"

The February monthly winners are: Knight of the Month went to **Inocente Sanchez Gonzalez Orea**, the Family of the Month went to the **St. Francis Maintenance Crew**, and the Lady of the Month went to **Sarah Schimmoller**. Congratulations to all!



Please keep those Oregon redeemable bottles and cans coming! And thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus.

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.



—Pat Burrus, Grand Knight



Adoration Needs

Please contact **Judy Kennedy** at: (541) 389-5964 or <u>judyekennedy@icloud.com</u> to commit to one of the holy hours below:

Mondays: 9–10 a.m. **†** 1−2 p.m.

Thursdays: 10–11 a.m. † 5–6 p.m.

Fridays: 9–10 a.m. † 10–11 a.m. † 11 a.m.–12 p.m. † 3–4 p.m.

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Bishop Cary and The Legacy of Faith Foundation, on behalf of the Canney Family, are looking for a High School Senior with a GPA: 2.0+ requiring financial assistance to attend College or Trade School. Approximate value is \$2,500 per year up to two years.

Applications are due March 31st!

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For more information and application, scan the QR code at right, or go to <u>dioceseofbaker.org/canney-scholarship</u> or send an email to **Mark French** at: Mark@DioceseofBaker.org.



2024 Stewardship of Giving

Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering
March 2-3, 2024	\$19,317	\$25,853	(\$ 6,536)	\$304,037
February 24–25, 2024	\$24,149	\$25,853	(\$ 1,704)	\$284,720
February 17-18, 2024	\$47,342	\$25,853	\$21,489	\$260,571
February 10-11, 2024	\$27,125	\$25,853	\$ 1,272	\$213,229

Scholarship Fund Balance: \$340,379

Historic Church Renovation Funds Raised to Date: \$2,091,854 ◆ Funds Spent: \$1,328,141 2024 YTD Budget: \$222,677 ◆ YTD Actual: \$304,037 ◆ Variance: \$81,360



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