

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am



WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday – Friday at 9:00 am



KERALA ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Celebrated by Fr. Stephen Gilbert
Sunday at 5:30 p.m.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 pm
or by appointment.



PRAYER NETWORK

Call parish office to request prayers



FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES

Please call the parish office.

— OUR PARISH TEAM —



Pastor:

Fr. Stephen Gilbert
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Mrs. Terrienne Moulton



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Mrs. Amanda Michaels



Building Manager:

Mr. Lazaro Escobar



Asst. Building Mgr.:

Mr. Gary Howell



PARISH OFFICE

Monday – Friday

8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm



*“We are a Christ-centered faith community
seeking to be instruments of God’s peace.”*



July 26th, 2026 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. July 27: **Rev. Paul Niesiobedzki**

Tues. July 28: **Rev. Francis Hubilla**

Wed. July 29: **School Sisters of Notre Dame, S.S.N.D.**

Thu. July 30: **Engaged Couples**

Fri. July 31: **Very Rev. Ian Duffy**

Sat. Aug. 1: **Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos**

Stewardship Report – July 11th/12th

Envelope & Loose	\$3,050.00
Automatic Withdrawal	\$1,348.75
Total Collection Last Week	\$4,398.75
2026 Total Collection	\$154,392.25
2026 Budget	\$304,099.95

To make a donation online, scan the QR code. (note: under “Donation”, select “Other” from the drop down and enter \$0 to avoid paying donation fee).



What’s Happening this Week?

Monday

Senior Gentle Exercise (H)

1:15 pm & 2:30 pm

OEA (H)

7:00 pm

Wednesday

Sacrament of the Sick

9:30 am

Senior Gentle Exercise (H)

2:30 pm

Mass Intentions –July 28th – August 2nd

Tuesday July 28th - Ferial

9:00 AM - **Int. Ronnie Lowery** – *Joan & Jim O'Doherty*

Wednesday July 29th - Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

9:00 AM - **+Mario Alzira Eugenio** – *Ilda Claro*

Int. Henry Henningham – *Jan & Julian Gillis*

Thursday July 30th - Ferial

9:00 AM - **+Angela Chow** – *Sandy Milne*

Friday July 31st - St. Ignatius of Loyola

9:00 AM – **+Ildebrando Silveira** – *Maria Silveira*

Saturday August 1st - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM – **+David O'Farrell** – *Michelle Krulicki*

Int. Maria Ferreira & Family

+Boute Nemes Sande – *The Sande Family*

Int. Vic & Collette Thibeault

Sunday August 2nd – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

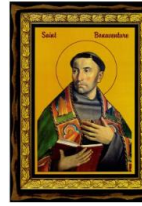
9:00 AM – **For Parishioners of St. Francis**

11:00 AM – **Int. Linda Carmichael** – *Helen Shantz*

St. Francis of Assisi Summer Corner

Saints With a Connection to St. Francis

St. Bonaventure: "The Second Founder"



St. Bonaventure was born in 1221 in central Italy, and given the name "John." As a very young child, he had a serious childhood disease, and his mother begged St. Francis of Assisi for his intercession. After successfully praying over "John", he was healed. It was said that St. Francis could intuit peoples' character; and he prophesized about St. Bonaventure's future greatness, crying "O Buona Ventura" ("O good fortune"), upon curing him. Thus forever changing John's name to Bonaventure. Moved by the Franciscan charism, St. Bonaventure went on to become a brilliant 13th-century theologian. St Bonaventure entered the Order of Friars Minor at age 22. He eventually became the Minister General.

St. Bonaventure is widely considered the "second founder" of the Franciscan Order because his leadership saved the rapidly growing movement from collapsing due to extreme internal divisions. At the age of 36, he became Minister General. By then the order was deeply fractured over how strictly to follow St. Francis's vow of absolute poverty. Bonaventure's strategic governance permanently shaped the structure, intellectual identity, and survival of the Franciscans.

The order was split into two hostile factions: the *Spirituals*, who demanded absolute poverty and no property ownership, and the *Conventuals*, who favored relaxed rules to accommodate growth. Bonaventure successfully navigated a middle path:

- **Legal Poverty:** He codified the concept that the Holy See (the Pope) owned all Franciscan property, while the friars merely had the "use" of it.
- **Balanced Moderation:** He enforced strict discipline against luxury while ensuring friars had the necessary food, clothing, and shelter to function.

Inspired, the Franciscan community commissioned Bonaventure to write the definitive account of the founder's life. His work, known as ***The Major Legend (Legenda Major)***, became the official biography used by the Church.

He famously built upon the Franciscan vision that all of creation reflects the beauty and goodness of God. He wisely said, "To know much and taste nothing — of what use is that?" His words remind us that knowledge finds its greatest purpose when it is lived with faith, compassion and service to others.

St. Bonaventure's Feast Day is celebrated on July 15

Sacrament of the Sick

This coming Wednesday July 29th, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick after the 9 a.m. Mass. This special sacrament is celebrated on the last Wednesday of every month, after the 9 a.m. Mass, providing an opportunity for individuals and families to approach the Sacrament in their illness and before surgery. It continues to be a misunderstood (and unused) Sacrament, as many still see it as 'Last Rites'. Its name and its theology proclaims it is for the sick, for healing, and to be celebrated in family/community

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (WDGE) 2026 will be celebrated THIS Sunday, July 26, 2026, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.

The theme for this year is: **"I will never forget you"** (Is 49:15). Let us take this opportunity to honour grandparents and the elderly, recognizing them as a blessing and an important part of our faith communities.



This day offers a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate with their grandparents, elderly relatives, and neighbours. To see a message from His Holiness Leo XIV, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4224cw7e>