

Pope Francis

Pope Francis has been hospitalized. For years, we have become familiarized with Pope Francis using a cane or a wheelchair to get around due to knee pain. Now he is in hospital. Part of his right lung has been missing since his youth, and he has been known to suffer from influenza and bronchitis. Please, pray for him.

Pope Francis is the leader of 1.4 million Catholics worldwide. But, really, who is Pope Francis? Well, he was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 17, 1936. He is the son of Italian immigrants and the big brother of five other siblings. His first language is Spanish, and his baptismal name is Jorge Mario Bergoglio.

He was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1969 and became the bishop of Buenos Aires in 1992. On February 21, 2001 he was created a cardinal by St. John Paul II.

In 2005 cardinal Bergoglio was nearly elected Pope at the conclave that saw cardinal Joseph Ratzinger elected as Pope Benedict XVI, reportedly having received the second-most votes. On March 13, 2013, he was elected pope, and now, at the age of 88, he is the second oldest pope in history.

(The oldest pope to die was Leo XIII in 1903)

As a rule, Jesuits don't become popes, but he is the first to become one. Pope Francis is the 266th pope in history of the Catholic Church and the first pope originating from the Americas, as well as the first pope from outside of Europe in 1272 years.

Here are some of his words:

'I would like a church that is unsettled, always closer to the abandoned, the forgotten, the imperfect. I desire a happy church with the face of a mother who understands, accompanies, caresses.'

Ash Wednesday

March 5th is Ash Wednesday.

We will have Masses at 9:00 am Portuguese, 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm in English.

Income Tax Receipts

As announced last week, all tax receipts have been mailed. In case you do not receive your receipt, please contact the office.

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Baptism—Sundays

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages

Please contact the priest **12 months** in advance

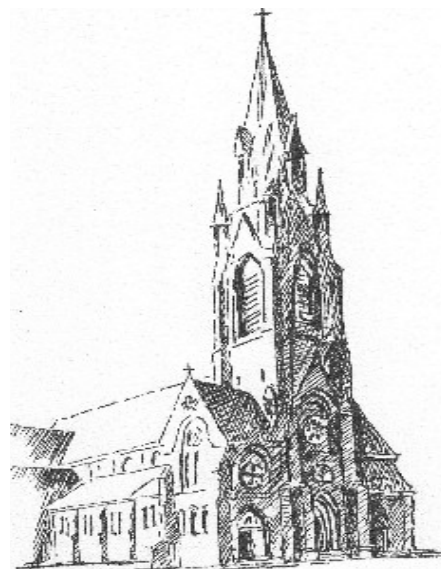
Confessions

Every day **before** Mass, except on Sunday

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon.— Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00

Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese

10:00 am Portuguese

11:30 am English

1:00 pm English

Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English



VII Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

The First Reading is a little bit of wisdom poetry. It contrasts the wicked who trust in human beings and the righteous who trust in God. The former are compared to a barren desert shrub; the latter to a fruitful tree planted beside a flowing river. This prepares us for the Gospel, where Jesus declares the poor blessed. The poor are the ‘little ones’ who have no one to trust in but God.

Psalm: *Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.*

The beatitudes echo the program Jesus announced in the synagogue at Nazareth. Whereas Matthew has nine Beatitudes, Luke has only four, with, however, four corresponding ‘woes’.

For this and the following two Sundays we will be reading from Luke’s ‘Sermon on the Plain’ which parallels Matthew’s ‘Sermon on the Mount’.



The Liturgy

Sing A New Song

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

All That We Have

**All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need,
All done in his name.**

Some would rely on their power,
Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Savior,
Whose faithfulness never grows old.

Sometimes the road may be lonesome,
Often we may lose our way;
Take courage and always remember
Love isn't just for a day.

Sometimes when troubles are many,
Life can seem empty, it's true,
But look at the life of the Master,
Who lovingly suffered for you.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!**

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, February 22

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado, parents, siblings—
Albertina Gaspar—Jonas Veiga—Intention of Jerry
Guerra—Manuel & António Faria—Victor Palacios

Sunday, February 23

8:30 am. Francelina & Manuel Mendonça

10:00 am. Community—Santo Cristo Association—
António José Braga—António Pimentel—Maria de
Fátima Tavares Melo—Rolando Moniz, parents & in-
laws—João & Angelina Rodrigues

11:30 am. Andrew Graham—José & Angelo
Medeiros—Ana Carvalho

1:00 pm. 64th Wedding Anniversary of Maria &
Mariano da Mota

Monday, February 24

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. For Pope Francis

Tuesday, February 25

9:00 am. Irmãos de Carlos Arruda

6:00 pm. For the sick of our parish

Wednesday, February 26

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. Manuel Pereira

Thursday, February 27

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. Maria José & António Medeiros & family

Friday, February 28

9:00 am.

6:00 pm.

Saturday, March 1

5:00 pm.