



SAINT FRANCES of ROME
Foundress
1384 – 1440
Patron Saint of Benedictine Oblates
Feast Day – March 9th

Frances (or Francesca) was the daughter of devout nobles. From her mother she inherited a quiet manner and a pious devotion to God. She longed to enter religious life but accepted an arranged marriage to Lorenzo Ponziano when she was thirteen. She was to have three children with him.

Frances was drawn to a life of regular prayer and works of mercy. Her partner in this was Lorenza's sister-in-law Vanozza. Though they remained devoted wives, both women worked assiduously to relieve the wants of the poor. In 1402 and again in 1410, Frances met the ravages of pandemic with a tireless effort to nurse the sick and beg for food. When firewood ran scarce, Frances harvested it from her vineyards, carrying the logs to the poor herself.

Frances knew many sufferings within her family. During the wars that beset Rome at this time, her husband was severely injured and later forced into hiding, and her young son was captured. Later, the same son married a difficult woman who often softened after Frances nursed her during a grave illness.

After many years of selfless service to the poor, Lorenzo released Francis from her duties as a wife. She founded a congregation of Benedictine oblates, who pursued prayer, penance and charity. Living among them, she intensified her fasts and received many consolations and visions. She often saw her guardian angel. Frances fell ill in 1440 and died soon afterward.



If parishioners would like to contact Fr. Patrick with suggestions or concerns, you can contact him via email at: pmontgomery@rcdcl.org

“The Catechism in a Year “ with Fr. Mike Schmitz
 An Ascension Podcast began on January 1st. The program is presented by Ascension Press. To Learn about the podcast go to : www.ascensionpress.com

Our Parish Mission — ‘Nuestra Senora de La Luz’ (Our Lady of the Light) is a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.



Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Weekend Masses:
Saturday Evening: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am - Rosary recited before Mass
Communion Service: Monday & Wednesday, & Friday at 8:30am
Weekday Masses: Tuesday, & Thursday at 9:00am
Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays after the 9:00 am morning Mass
Anointing of the Sick: 1st Friday of the month after the 9:00am morning Mass.

Mass Intentions
Sat: + Stacy Miller by Mom & Tina +Paul Strunk
Sun: + Tex Marak by his wife.
Mon: Communion Service
Tues: For the sick of the Parish
Wed.: Communion Service
Thurs: + For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri: Communion Service
Sat: + Bessie & Ismael Sanchez by their family.

Nuestra Señora de La Luz
Our Lady of the Light
Catholic Church
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 Carleen Moquin
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 Kathy Burnett
Food Bank: 434-9460



2nd Sunday of Lent
March 5th, 2023

Altar Servers - C. Garcia (575) 446-2129
 Feb. 25 - Victor
 Feb. 26 - Joseph & Jacob
 Mar. 4 - Victor
 Mar. 5 - Joshua & Joseph

Lectors - Carol Garcia (575) - 446-2129)
 Mar. 4 - T. Lozano
 Mar. 5 - T. Wiley & F. Pacheco
 Mar. 11 - T. & C. McGinn
 Mar. 12 - M. Granados & D. Chelgren

Eucharistic Ministers—Carol Garcia
 Mar. 4 - D. & T. Lozano, T. McGinn
 Mar. 5 - D. & V. Chelgren, K. Burnett
 Mar. 11 - N. Kline, M. Diaz, & M. Engelhardt
 Mar. 12 - S. & C. Moquin, H. Sanchez

March Church Cleaners: Frances De Wijn & Janet Baca If you can't make your assigned date, or you need to get into the church to clean, please contact Carol Garcia at (575- 446-2129).

****Parish Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Closed on Wednesdays & Fridays & Major Holidays.
Parish Office phone: (575) 434-9460
(www.ourladyofthelight.org)
Email: olofthelt@hotmail.com



Enchilada Dinner

Friday, March 10th
Noon - 7:00pm
\$10.00 per plate

*with Egg \$1.00 extra

(Includes Enchiladas, beans, rice, small salad, beverage, & dessert)
OLOL Parish Hall
Eat in or Take-out

* Donations of desserts would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please sign the sign-up sheet on the back table of the church.



Our Lenten Journey

Lent should be a time of prayer, fasting and giving alms. As a Parish, we can do all three.

Stations of the Cross - Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00pm on Fridays of Lent followed by a meatless soup supper. There will not be a Soup Supper this Friday due to the Enchilada Dinner.

Rice Bowls - This year again parishioners will have an opportunity to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl Campaign. You can participate by giving alms to the poor in other countries. The Rice Bowls can be found at the back of the church.

Weekend Collection

Reg. Collection - \$3,020.64
2nd Collection— For the Church in Central & Eastern Europe— \$308.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Prayer List

David Kellar
Martha Kellar
Bob Kellar
Marie Black
Tilly Telles
Bill Gayso
Erlinda Garcia
Sandra Carrillo
Bobby Granados
Amber Cuellar-Town
Carmen Guitard
Martha Walters
Gabriel Silva
Becky Chavez
Rob Williams
Robert & Karen Lee
Stephane Ebner
Dick & Pat Antram
Betty Luevano
Ernestine Rodriguez
Leo Samora
Eric Wolffe
Isidro Garcia
Joe Garcia
Terry Tomke
Cheryl Kline
Ramona Garcia
Ethel Vigil Abner
Horace Cordova
Micky Stumpf

Please pray for those serving in our military

Major Paul Weaver (USAF)
Jeremiah Williams (USAF)
Eric Gayso - (Army)
Blaine Gayso - (USAF)
SSgt. Eliza Granados (USAF)
Tec. Sgt. Robert Seaburgh (USAF)
Markie Campbell
Raul Martinez Jr. (USAF)
Ralaya Martinez (USAF)
Capt. Amanda Armijo
Katherine Agnew (Army)
John Gill - (USAF)
Clinton Caleb Muncy (Marines)
Victor Baray (Marines)
Tec. Sgt. Veronica C.de Baca
Tec. Sgt. Matt Leal (Air Force)
Mario Gallegos (Marines)
Christopher Garcia (USAF)
Vincent L. Amasula - (Army)



Our Lady of the Light Food Pantry

Last week the pantry served 116 families with 313 individuals in those families. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays (except for the 1st Tuesday of the Month) from 10:00am - 2:00pm and is open on the first Saturday of the month (from 10:00 – noon.) We want to sincerely thank the pantry volunteers and all who have contributed food and given monetary donations this year. God bless you all.



Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council will hold a Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, March 11th at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. From 9:00am—2:00pm. Food and Drinks will be sold by the Council members. For more information Contact Dave Lozano at 575-491-3818.

Holy Cross Upcoming Retreats

Holy Cross Retreat Center has prepared three upcoming retreats for your enrichment. A Silent Midweek Retreat on March 13-15 during Lent. For more information, please call 575-524-3811.

- Fr. Tom Smith OFM Conv. Director.

**2nd Week of Lent
"Resurrection Eyes"**

"Jesus took Peter, James & John his brother and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes become white as light." – Matthew 17-12

Who really changed? One can imagine Jesus walking along the dusty roads of Palestine, shining like the sun, but folks didn't notice. They only saw the carpenter's son. We see what we expect to see. Maybe what happened up on that mountain is that the eyes of the disciples were opened to see Jesus as he was all the time. For a moment they were given "resurrection eyes". This week, let's ask God to help us see others without the dark filters of resentment or negative expectations. Then we might see each other as we really are - full of light.

- from Catholic Update - A Lenten Guide.

To Keep our Church Safe

Please remember to leave the pew kneeler down and place the Missal/Hymnal on the pew after Mass. So that we can sanitize the pews.

During the Lenten Season

Remember

Fasting (age 18-59) - 2 small meals not equal or exceed your 1 large meal.

Abstinence (age 14 and over) - Refrain from eating meat and meat products.

Fast & Abstinence: Ash

Wednesday & Good Friday

Abstinence: Fridays of Lent

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE

All new and existing volunteers must be Safe Environment compliant. A background check must be conducted and participation in the online, Protecting God's Children workshop, is required. (In-person trainings are no longer offered). To accomplish this, log in to: www.virtusonline.org. For questions contact your Virtus Local Administrator at your parish, or Mary Garcia at the diocese, mgarcia@redlc.org

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