Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
March 16, 2008

Welcome To
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
2300 Sunridge Heights Parkway
Henderson, NV 89052
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Email: sfa@sfahdnv.org
Website: www.sfahdnv.org

Mass Schedule
Daily, Monday - Saturday:
7:45 am
Saturday Vigils:
4:00 pm and 5:30 pm
Sunday:
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and
6:00 pm Youth Mass
Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction
First Fridays, 8:30am—3:30pm
Confessions
Saturdays, 8:30am

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm
GIFT SHOP:
Monday - Friday, 8:15am - 5:00pm and
Saturday - Sunday after all Masses
(excluding 6:00pm)

Palm Sunday
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

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SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul’s letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us “behold the Lamb of God” before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.
Parish News

**PARISH OFFERINGS**
3/8/08— 3/9/08
1st Collection Sunday Offertory  - $ 24,149.50
2nd Collection-Building Fund  - $  7,369.00

Thank you for your generosity and your good stewardship at Saint Francis of Assisi.

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**Special Collection on Good Friday**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
On Good Friday, all over the U.S., a collection will be taken up in every parish to support our Christian brothers and sisters and maintain the holy shrines in the land of our Lord’s birth, agony, death and glorious resurrection. For many centuries, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem have been charged with the protection of Christians and the care of our holy shrines, including the Tomb of Christ.

Because of continued political unrest, conditions in the Holy Land for Christians are dire, indeed. Now more than ever, our generous support is required to meet the ongoing needs of Christians who are struggling daily to survive. If these “Living Stones” are to remain in the Holy Land, then they need our support now.

May Our Lady of Palestine bless and embrace you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Las Vegas

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**Derby Day Fashion Show & Luncheon!!**
Tickets are now on sale for the 4th annual Derby Day Fashion Show & Luncheon, Friday, May 2, 2008 at 11:00am at the fabulous Four Seasons Hotel hosted by the St. Clare Women’s Guild. Includes complimentary mint julep and champagne reception, hat contest, live auction, silent auction, cash raffle and much more! Spring fashions by custom couture hat designer Aaron Arrington and by Leiber designer handbags located in the Forum Shops. $80.00 per person / guild members $55.00. All proceeds go to the Building Fund.

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**chrism mass at the cathedral**

Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00pm

All are welcome to join in this Mass where Bishop Pepe will bless the holy chrism and oils for the year and all the Priests will renew their vows.

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**Easter Baskets for Catholic Charities**

Our Confirmation classes donated over 100 Easter baskets to Catholic Charities to give to children. Thank you to our teens and their families who so generously donated the materials and gave of their time. God bless the future of our church!

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**Thank you, Parishioners**

St. Padre Pio Circle of the Columbian Squires would like to thank all at St. Francis of Assisi for **35 boxes** of non-perishable and canned food. Catholic Charities was very happy to receive those donations. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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**Pro-Life Rosary Prayer**

Annually, on Good Friday, the Las Vegas Diocese “Nevadans for Life” (Pro-Life) Group pray the Rosary at the Abortion Clinic located at 2900 E. Desert Inn Road for an end to abortion. Hours are from 7am-7pm. If you wish to join us for an hour or so, please contact Sue Hoenninger (263-4709) or Gloria Dennis (260-7169).

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**Divine Mercy Novena**

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday and continue through Divine Mercy Sunday. Pick up a pamphlet or contact the parish office for information.
Parish Organizations

St. Clare of Assisi Women’s Guild
Our purpose is to embrace, support, and encourage the women of our Parish through spiritual development, fundraising, and fellowship. Open to all women of the parish.
Our next general meeting with nominations is April 10th at 6:30 pm.

Rosary Makers
Rosary Makers provide handmade rosaries to missionaries. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 18th at 9:30 am.

Knights of Columbus
We are a service organization of Catholic men and their families founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We provide volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families, and young people.
Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting:
First Tuesday of the Month

Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Columbus
Open to the wives, widows, and daughters of the Knights, providing sociability and assisting Knights with various projects. We help to support the church’s building fund and help needy women.
Meets the same evening as the Knights, 1st Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm

Respect Life Ministry
Respect Life Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.
Attention Rosary Prayers! Holy Rosary prayed to end abortion after Wed. Mass at corner of Wigwam & Green Valley Pkwy. Will you commit to praying a Rosary a day, week or month? Together, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we can end abortion.

Choirs are practicing, join our Music Ministry! Rehearsals times are as follows:
Adult Choir - Mondays 7:15, open to adult parishioners
Children’s Choir - Mondays 6:30, open to all children, elementary—junior high

Alcoholics Anonymous
Meetings are every Monday, 7:00pm in the Santo Nino Cry Room

Holy Name Society
We promote honor and glory to the Holy Name of God/of Jesus Christ and sanctification of its members through reception of the sacraments, outreach services, sharing of the Word, retreats, worship, and work assigned by the pastor. Open to all parishioners.
Holy Name Society’s Monthly Mass & Corporate Communion is the 2nd Saturday of the Month, 5:30 PM. Parish Rosary prayer begins at 5:00PM.

San Lorenzo Ruiz Guild
We foster knowledge of and devotion to San Lorenzo Ruiz, serve the parish in various ministries and fund raising, and keep alive relevant Philippine religious customs and traditions. Monthly meeting:
Last Thursday of the month, 5:30pm

Hospitality — Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Water and Doughnuts are served by our hospitality volunteers each Sunday.
Hospitality Volunteers needed after all Masses. Please call Angie at 407-0626 if you would like to volunteer.

Homebound Visitors
If you cannot leave your home, we have parishioners ready to visit and bring Holy Communion. Call the parish office for more details.

There are many ways to serve at St. Francis of Assisi. Please inquire at the Parish Office for more information.

Contact Numbers

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Parish Office & Calendars

CLERGY:
Father Marc Howes, Parish Administrator
Father Clarence Savial, Parochial Vicar

PARISH STAFF:
Office Manager—Brenda Woodburn
Administrative Assistant — Nancy Sedler
Receptionist—Patty Snyder
Morning Receptionist — Florence Lockwood
Bulletin Editor— Kristi Mayers

Coordinator of Faith Formation—Craig King
Faith Formation Assistant — Kristi Mayers

Maintenance Coordinator — Frank Nigos
Maintenance Assistant — Carlito Aguilar
Maintenance Assistant—Roberto Castaneda

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\text{Saturday, Mar. 15} & 7:45 am & Helen Nicksic + & Jennifer Sheridan & Fr. Marc Howes \\
& 4:00 pm & Gerry Grey + & Aljun & Fr. Clarence Savial \\
& 5:30 pm & Pro Populo for the Parishoners of St. Francis of Assisi & Fr. Clarence Savial \\
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\text{Sunday, Mar. 16} & 7:30 am & Mary Margaret Lajewski + & Carole Moreno & Fr. Marc Howes \\
& 9:30 am & Romeo T. Luz Sr. + & Noli & Fr. Marc Howes \\
& 11:30 am & Ray Kerschner & Kim Arden & Fr. Clarence Savial \\
& 6:00 pm & Dan Mortac + & Mary K. Simmons & Fr. Marc Howes \\
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\text{Monday, Mar. 17} & 7:45 am & Thomas La Rocco + & Jim & Fr. Marc Howes \\
& 7:45 am & Larry Davis & MaryLou Davis & Fr. Marc Howes \\
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\text{Tuesday, Mar. 18} & 7:45 am & Jesse Lopez + & The Lopez Family & Fr. Clarence Savial \\
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\text{Wednesday, Mar. 19} & 7:00 pm & Wilfredo Bigornia + & The Nigos Family & Fr. Marc & Fr. Clarence \\
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\text{Thursday, Mar. 20} & 7:00 pm & Edgar H. Sarte + & The Gustillo Family & Fr. Marc & Fr. Clarence \\
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\text{Saturday, Mar. 22} & 7:30 am & Romeo G. Naluz & The Aguas Family & Fr. Marc Howes \\
& 9:30 am & Pro Populo for the Parishoners of St. Francis of Assisi & Fr. Marc Howes \\
& 11:30 am & Michael Gancayco + & Melanie & Fr. Clarence Savial \\
& 6:00 pm & Lorraine Sozesnik & Robert, Stephan, & Fr. Marc Howes \\
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It is our intention to follow the above schedule for presiders. However, please note that in some instances the presider may change.
Catechism & Confirmation

Mar. 16 & 17—Regular Classes
Mar. 23 & 24—No classes, Happy Easter!
Mar. 30 & 31—Regular Classes
Apr. 6 & 7—Regular Classes

PARENTS:
Protecting God’s Children “Touching Safety Curriculum”
A letter went out a few weeks ago to all parents of children enrolled in Catechism classes regarding the Touching Safety Curriculum. Your child’s teachers will be covering these required lessons before the end of the year, some have already done them. As noted in the letter, if you wish your child to “opt out” please pick up a form from the Faith Formation office. Stop by if you’d like to read over the lessons.

Catholic Adult Formation Series
Join us!
Join us for a video series on the Catechism of the Catholic Church by Fr. John Corapi followed by a group discussion time.
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm
or
Thursday mornings at 8:30 am

Registration is now open for our
High School Summer Youth Conference:
“Steubenville, San Diego”
July 25-27, 2008 in San Diego, CA
There are talks, skits, lots of music, games, prayer, and meeting other teens from all over!
A $75 non-refundable deposit is due with registration.
Space is limited, registration is first come, first serve.
Stop by the Faith Formation office for more info and a registration form.

SPRING 2008 SACRAMENTS
SCHEDULE & IMPORTANT DATES

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Please contact the Faith Formation office with any questions

Moms Group
For mothers with children ages 0-18 yrs.
Our next Moms meeting will be Tuesday,
March 25th at 6:30pm in the St. Clare room.
(note: at this time, we are unable to offer childcare)
Park Days: Drop in 10am-1pm, bring lunch if you’d like
Wed., March 19: Arroyo Grande Sports Complex,
298 Arroyo Grande Blvd. **Easter Egg Hunt at
11:30am, bring 10 filled eggs per child to join in!
Wed., March 26: Anthem Hills Park, 2256 Reunion Dr.

Questions? call Kristi in the Faith Formation
Office, 914-3529 or email mayers@sfahdnv.org.

Our RCIA Process is well underway. While we cannot begin anyone new in the
RCIA process, we do invite anyone who would like to simply learn more
about the Catholic Faith to sit in on these
sessions Wednesdays at 6:30pm:
Mar. 19—Church Tour
Mar. 20—Holy Thursday
Mar. 21—Good Friday
Mar. 22—Retreat, 9am –1:30pm
Easter Vigil, 7:00pm
Parish Sacramental Information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)
Saturdays at 8:30 am, or during the week M-F by appointment at the Parish Office. Please call.

PARISH MARRIAGE POLICY: In conformity with diocesan policy, couples are asked to make arrangements with the priest at least six months in anticipation of a wedding date. Nuptial Masses are celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Our next Pre Cana is Saturday, May 3, 2008 and will be here at our Parish Center.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Call the Parish Office at any time if you or a family member seeks the sacrament.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD
If you are interested in learning more about joining the priesthood, contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Mugagga Lule at 735-3500 x2223.

PARISH BAPTISM POLICY: Parents and godparents are asked to participate in one pre-baptismal catechesis offered on the third Thursday of each month, at 6:30PM in the St. Clare classroom. Parents are kindly requested to make arrangements for the date of baptism one month prior with Nancy at the parish office. The next Pre-Baptism Catechesis will be Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 PM. There will be no Baptism class offered in March due to Holy Thursday.

Around the Diocese and the Church Universal

St. Anne Elementary School is accepting registration for grades Pre-K through Eighth. For info please call the school office at 735-2586 between 7:30-3:00.

Attention Prayerful Single Men! The Holy Trinity Trappist Monastery in Huntsville, UT will be hosting two exciting “Live-In Experience” vocational retreats soon. Work and pray with the monks on their 2000 acre farm and enjoy the vocational talks. April 2-6th and June 11-15th. There is no cost, but space is limited. Call 1-800-221-1807.

Considering being a Secular Franciscan? The St. Margaret of Cortona Fraternity of Las Vegas will begin their Inquiry Period on Sun., April 27 at 12:30pm at Bartlett House at 1420 Bartlett Ave. For more info call Madge at 453-2417, Ann at 362-7989, or Gwen at 457-1560, in the evenings. We look forward to seeing you!

Adoption Services Needed? Let Catholic Charities’ experienced and caring staff help with adoption planning for an unplanned pregnancy. Confidential inquiries ~no cost ~no obligation. Call 385-3351 for more information.

Come and Join the First Las Vegas AFCCPC Conference! (Alliance of Filipino Catholic Charismatic Prayer communities) March 28, 29, & 30th at the Hampton Inn Tropicana. Joyful Festival of Praise, Daily Eucharistic Celebration, Anointed Preaching, Powerful Healing Service & Inter-Active Youth Track! Call Val or Leoni Kiamco at 448-5626 or 476-3435.

Parish Gift Shop

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Portiuncula Gift shop (Portiuncula: petite portion)

Gift Shop Hours
MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM
SATURDAY 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
SUNDAY 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM
(CLOSED ALL HOLIDAYS OBSERVED BY THE DIOCESE)

Gifts for all your Special Occasions
Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, Birthdays, Anniversaries, any many more…..
LARGE SELECTION OF BOOKS AND RELIGIOUS

Gift Certificates Available

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Portiuncula Gift Shop
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POPE BENEDICT’S
+ MARCH PRAYER INTENTIONS +

General Intention — That all may understand the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples and that the Church may spread Christ’s love.

Mission Intention — That Christians who are persecuted because of the Gospel may be sustained by the Holy Spirit and continue to bear witness to the Word of God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21; Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

EWTN — IS CATECHESIS IN YOUR HOMES!
The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, and the Franciscan Friars of the Eternal Word Television Network, EWTN, offers 24 hours of exceptional Catholic programming! Channel 349 on digital cable and also via satellite. If you have any questions, call Thomas and Gigi Maher at 614-6939.

Parish Registration

Don’t forget to register! Parish registration, which you can do through our bulletin (see the form below), is a very important way for us to build community, to stay in contact with each other, and to work together more effectively. Thank you all for becoming part of our growing St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family!

WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
If you are new to our parish and have not yet registered, please complete the registration form below. Registration is especially important at the time of the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony or at the time of sickness or death. Please return in collection basket or by mail to our parish office at 2300 Sunridge Heights Parkway, Henderson, NV 89052.

Please check one

☐ New Registration  ☐ Change of address /phone  ☐ Moving, Please remove from Parish Mailing List

DATE ______________

FAMILY LAST NAME: __________________ Married ___ Single ___ Widowed ___ Divorced ___ Other ______

MALE __________________ Date of Birth________ Religion _______ Baptized ___ Confirmed ___ Married By Priest ___
(Full Name) __________________

FEMALE __________________ Date of Birth________ Religion _______ Baptized ___ Confirmed ___ Married By Priest ___
(Full Name) __________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________ UNIT #____________

CITY: ___________________ STATE: _________ ZIP: __________ HOME PHONE: __________________

Would you like to Receive weekly Contribution envelopes? Yes _______ No _____  CELL PHONE/ALTERNATE # __________________

CHILDREN
Under age 18 yrs of age only – (Young Adults 18 yrs or older should register separately)

NAME ___________________ SEX ____ DOB __________ BAPTIZED ____ FIRST COMMUNION ____ CONFIRMATION ____
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Read the instructions below to see what people shouted as Jesus rode through the city of Jerusalem.

They even laid their coats down so Jesus would ride over them.

It meant they adored him!