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Memo

To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators and Parish Secretaries

From: Chantal LeFevre, Vice-Chancellor

Date: May 26, 2026

Re: Year of St. Francis

In honor of the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo XIV has declared January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027 as the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis.

In the Diocese of Sacramento, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento has planned a series of Spiritual Itineraries for the Jubilee Year. Spiritual Itineraries will involve receiving plenary indulgences, visiting the parish gardens, the shrine of St. Francis, and the church during specified Saturdays from 8:30 am -12:00 pm.

Please see the attached fliers for those dates and more information.



Pilgrim Days

Join us for a series of Spiritual Itineraries for the St. Francis of Assisi Jubilee Year at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Sacramento. Spiritual Itineraries will involve receiving plenary indulgences, visiting the parish gardens, our shrine of St. Francis, and our beautiful church during the following Saturdays from 8:30 am -12:00 pm.

Saturday, April **04**

Saturday, May **30**

Saturday, June **27**

Saturday, July **18**

Saturday, August **22**

Saturday, September **26**

Saturday, October **3-4**

Saturday, November **21**

Saturday, December **12**

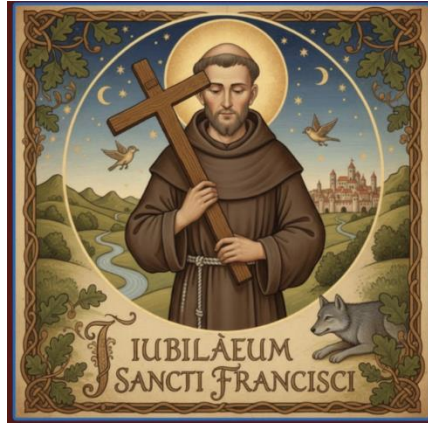


Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has proclaimed a Special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi. The year takes place from January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027, commemorating the 800th anniversary of the death of our beloved St. Francis. St. Francis was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone in 1182 or 1183 and he was an Italian mystic, poet, and Catholic friar who founded the religious order of the Franciscans.



During this blessed Jubilee year, the entire Church is invited to look once again to St. Francis of Assisi, the Poverello, and to follow his shining example of holiness, humility, peace, simplicity, and love for all creation.



The Apostolic Penitentiary has granted a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, to all the faithful who participate devoutly in the jubilee celebrations.

As a parish proudly bearing the name of St. Francis of Assisi, this Jubilee holds special meaning for our parish. We are blessed to be a place of pilgrimage, where the faithful can encounter God's mercy, renew their faith, and grow in charity.

The grace of this Jubilee is open to everyone:

- Members of the Franciscan family and all religious inspired by Franciscan spirituality.

- All the faithful who, free from attachment to sin, make a pilgrimage to a Franciscan church or a church dedicated to St. Francis.
- The elderly, the sick, and those unable to travel, may share in the indulgence by spiritually uniting themselves to the Jubilee and offering their prayers and sufferings to God.



This Jubilee Year is a providential time of renewal and sanctification, calling us to transform our faith into concrete acts of love, mercy, and peace, and to become joyful witnesses of the Gospel in today's world.

May this Jubilee Year of St. Francis be for all a time of profound grace,

renewed faith, and joyful missionary witness—all for the glory of God and the good of the whole Church.



This historic Roman Catholic community, was established 136 years ago through the collaboration between the Diocese of Sacramento and the Province of Our

Lady of Guadalupe's Franciscan Friars. Our church is modeled after the Old Mission Santa Barbara and it features over 40 stained-glass windows, beautiful murals, and a 1915 pipe organ. In 2016, there was a pastoral transition from the Franciscan Friars to the Diocese of Sacramento. Our parish continues to serve as a spirited community of faith, committed to spiritual growth, healing, and serving the poor.

Our St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church has many ministries to serve the community, parish, and school. These ministries include:

- Liturgical Ministries such as lectors; eucharistic ministers; altar servers; acolytes, music and worship; and sacramental preparation.
- Religious education and catechesis for children and adults.
- Social Justice Ministries such as Pathways for Justice, and St. Vincent de Paul Conference to address community needs through outreach and advocacy.
- Parishioners are also very actively engaged in many other ministries such as St. Clare's Communion Visitation; pastoral and finance councils; and hospitality.



Under the leadership of Fr. Amer Awad, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a spirited and welcoming community. We earnestly invite you to our church and look forward to worshiping with you at Mass. Check

our church website often for a listing of Jubilee events.

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