



## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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### November 18-19 2017 Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgies for the Coming Week:  
Thursday, November 23—NO Mass  
Friday, November 24—NO Mass  
Saturday, November 25—4:30 pm—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
Sunday, November 26—8:00 am—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Sacrament of Reconciliation ..... Sat. 3:45 pm, Thurs. & Fri. 11:30 am, or by Appointment  
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**Pastoral Council:** Lynore Arrington, Gilberto Ayala, Gloria Clift, Albert Galvan (co-chair), Martha Graf, Temple Guler, David King, Manuel Ortiz, Dan Shanahan (co-chair), Jack Shanahan (youth).

**Finance Council:** Donna Allgauer, Mary Lou Denis, Brenda Maus, John McKenna, Cindy Turpin

*Please contact the parish office if anyone you know is ill and would like to receive communion.  
If there is a death in your family or in the parish family, please contact the parish office or pastoral  
emergency contact number as soon as possible. We want to be of service.*

## Liturgies and Events

Nov 18	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass—Ordinary 33
Nov 19	Sun	8:00 am	Mass—Ordinary 33
		9:10 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	K of C Pancake Breakfast
Nov 20, 21, 22	Mon Tue Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/LOH
		9:30 am	Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet
			<b><i>This schedule is for all three days.</i></b>
Nov 23	Thu	11:30 am	Rosary for Life
		NO	No Noon Mass
		NO	No Casa de Oración
Nov 24	Fri	NO	No Noon Mass
Nov 25	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass—Christ the King
Nov 26	Sun	8:00 am	Mass—Christ the King
		NO	No Religious Education
Nov 27, 28, 29	Mon Tue Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/LOH
		9:30 am	Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet
			<b><i>This schedule is for all three days.</i></b>
Nov 30	Thu	11:30 am	Rosary for Life
		12:00 pm	Mass
		6:30 pm	Casa de Oración
Dec 1	Fri	10-11:50	1st Friday Adoration
		12:00 pm	Mass
		6-8 pm	1st Friday Adoration
Dec 2	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass—First Sunday of Advent
Dec 3	Sun	8:00 am	Mass—First Sunday of Advent
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	K of C Pancake Breakfast

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard in English or Spanish on Thursday and Friday at 11:30am or on Saturday at 3:45pm. An appointment is necessary for any other time.

## Readings, November 25-26, 2017

### *Christ the King*

First Reading.....	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading.....	I Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel.....	Matthew 25:31-46

## Ministries, November 25-26, 2017

	4:30 pm	8:00 am
Lectors:	C. Forbes L. Bezy	J. Vadase D. King
Ushers:	C. Gaubatz R. Long	B. Bannan C. Gaubatz
Greeters:	B. Meyer	M. Cortes M. Lopez
Linens:	J. Vadase	

## St. Francis of Assisi Altar Servers

**Altar server Coordinator:** Jack Shanahan

**Captains:** Andrew Long, Mickey Shanahan, Christian Escobar, Zach Harpin.

**Servers:** Eduardo Escobar, Jose & Omar Lozano, Tommy Nguyen, Tony Nguyen, Jonathan Castaneda, Paul Garcia, Eduardo Cruz, Arturo Garcia, Allen Castaneda, Venesa Tamona, Alex & Josh Harpin.

## Mass Intentions

Thursday, November 23, 2017 at 12:00 pm

*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.*

Friday, November 24, 2017 at 12:00 pm

*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.*

Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 4:30 pm

*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.*

Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 8:00 am

*For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.*

## Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

*Special Prayers for those in Texas affected by the church shooting.*

## Faithful Departed

Ozell Ayers	Paul Eames
Barbara Beckwith	Helen Scarfe
Margaret Buford	Bobby Young
Frank Domkowski	Frank Young

## In Need of Prayer

Catie Altice	Joyce Franklin
Penelope Clark	Marianne Iozzino
Albert Galvan	Steve Judge
Bernie Galvin	David William Latchford
Bud & Nancy Goehring	Bud & Jacquie Meyer
Ana L. Gonzalez Martinez	Ed Nute
Josephine Graf	Michelle Sanchez
Sara Griffith	Kari Slusser
Oliver Harpin and Family	Mic Stan
Ashley Bena Hoffman	Jason Whitlow
Bernadette Hussey	Joe Williams

## Home Bound

Terry Coates (Home)	Ann Syminink (Home)
Leigh Doninger (Red Oak Manor)	Dorothy Weiss (Home) (Franklin Health)

## US Military

Lt. Col. Timothy Carey	James Manning
Noah Davis	Capt. K Raine Maus
Brennan Dopp	Francheska J. Remmert
Brandon Furrow	Jason Presley
John J. Griffio III	
Joseph Lyons	



### **33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time:**

Today, the final Sunday in Ordinary Time before Christ the King, the Gospel is the well-known parable of the talents. This parable is about the kingdom of heaven, and who is in and who is out. One could incor-

rectly get the sense from this parable that what we do with the gifts God gives us determines our entry into the kingdom of heaven. Yet, the parable is not about us earning our salvation, but rather about how responsible we are with all our generous God gives us. God calls us to imitate his generosity to the best of our ability, for in doing so we accept his invitation to share the Master's joy.

**Advent Vespers & Talks:** Mark your calendars for **Advent Sunday Vespers**. We will study John 3 in detail. Four Sundays: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 & 17, at 4:30 pm at St. Joseph's in Martinsville. We start on Christ the King Sunday this year.

**Religious Education:** There will be NO religious education classes on Sunday, November 26 for Thanksgiving break.

**Adult Faith Formation at St. Francis of Assisi:** In response to those of you who have inquired about adult faith formation classes here at St. Francis of Assisi, we are happy to inform you that this parish will soon initiate a program which will give participants an opportunity to grow in their faith and enrich their sense of community.

The program, known as the Growing In Faith Together (or GIFT) program, will offer a range of classes including traditional bible study. Its function shall be to promote understanding of Church teachings, as well as personal faith growth. The format of classes will involve DVD's on particular subjects with associated readings and group discussions. The initial class will be a multi-part series on a number of Saints and scholars emphasizing how they set an example for us. It is hosted by Bishop Robert Barron. We intend to meet two times a month for a total of 13 sessions on a weeknight to be determined by your feedback. The website for the initial class is

[www.pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org](http://www.pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org).

If you are interested, please contact Tony Patriarco at 540-365-2899, or at [apatriarco@centurylink.net](mailto:apatriarco@centurylink.net).

Any suggestions or help would be welcomed and appreciated!

**Giving Tree:** The Thanksgiving Giving Tree is in the Commons. Please take a tag, purchase the item and return the item by this Sunday, November 19th so the food can be distributed before Thanksgiving. Please put any refrigerated items in the fridge in the Commons. Thanks for your continued generosity.

**Bake Sale/Raffle:** Followers of Francis will be holding a Bake Sale and a Raffle for an Amazon Fire HD 8: tablet and case. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale in the Commons beginning this weekend. Ticket prices are \$5 each. The drawing will be held on Nov. 19 at about 10:00 am. All proceeds go to the church. We will have delicious cakes, pies, cookies and other baked goods to purchase for your Thanksgiving dinner.

**Attention all Bakers:** The Followers of Francis are requesting donations of baked goods for their Bake Sale on Nov. 18-19. We need cakes, pies, cookies, brownies or any other item you would like to bake. Please bring to the Commons before Mass on either Saturday or Sunday. Thank you.

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:** Join the Knights of Columbus for a Pancake and Taco breakfast on Sunday, November 19 after the 9am Mass. Don't miss out on good food and fellowship.

**Bella Sorrentino Blog:** Bella is a parishioner who is on a mission to several countries over nine months. Bella's World Race Gap Year Mission has been made possible by contributions of many parishioners. To date, she has gone to Colombia and Ecuador. Bella has a blog chronicling her mission. <http://bellasorrentino.theworldrace.org>

**Diocesan Collection for the Campaign for Human Development:** The Diocese has decided to not participate in the Campaign for Human Development collection this year. In place of this collection, we have been asked to once again help our brothers and sisters that have been affected by the recent earthquake in Mexico and the recent hurricane Maria. So, the collection for this weekend, November 18-19 will be for Catholic Charities to help with these recent natural disasters. If you would like to use the envelope that was intended for Human Development, that's okay and will be accepted. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Hurricane Maria and Mexico Earthquakes Funds:** In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria and multiple earthquakes in Mexico, the Office of National Collections has set up funds for both disasters to receive any contributions dioceses, parishes, or individuals wish to make. Contributed funds will be used to support the reconstruction and pastoral needs of the Church as well as humanitarian and recovery assistance through Catholic Charities USA (Hurricane Maria) and Catholic Relief Services (Mexico Earthquake). Proceeds will be sent to the diocesan finance office. The Diocese will remit all received funds directly to the USCCB with memo portion of check to "Hurricane Maria Fund" or "Mexico Earthquakes Fund." Do not hesitate to call if you have questions regarding these collections. This information is also available on the USCCB website here: <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/emergency-collections-and-disaster-relief.cfm>. At St. Francis of Assisi, this collection will be on November 18-19.

*"All, however, cannot attain to the same degree of sacrifice. There are chosen souls whom God has raised above the ordinary callings of life, who, true to their vocation, show their love for God in heroic self-denial, in total surrender to His will, exulting in the use of all their powers to spread His kingdom. But regardless of disparity of calling, all can be led by the same spirit. It is the spirit, not the measure, of sacrifice that will decide our eternity."*

—John A. Kane

## Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal .....	\$3,500
Nov. 11-12, 2017 .....	\$3,053
Weekly shortfall .....	\$447
<b>November total to date.....</b>	<b>\$6,593</b>



*Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. ~ Deuteronomy 15:10*

## Local and Regional News

**“Festival of Lessons and Carols”:** Roanoke Catholic School invites you to celebrate the start of Advent with a “Festival of Lessons and Carols” on Sunday, Dec. 3, at St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, with performances at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Featuring the RCS Celtic Singers, Band and Drama Club, the service celebrates the start of Advent by telling the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus through nine Scripture readings interspersed with Christmas hymns and anthems. The 6:00 pm service will include prelude music starting at 5:30 pm by RCS lower school grades. Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Michael Hemphill, 540-982-3532 or [mhemphill@roanokecatholic.com](mailto:mhemphill@roanokecatholic.com).

**#GivingTuesday:** Celebrated around the world on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season. Since it’s inaugural year in 2012, #GivingTuesday has become a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy. Learn more on CCC’s Facebook page.

### Job Opportunity:

Roanoke Catholic School invites qualified and licensed school counselors to apply for an immediate opening in our regional PK-12 Catholic school within the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Qualified candidates will possess a Virginia Department of Education license in Guidance K-12 and may have additional endorsements on their active license.

A job description is available.

All resumes and letters of interest should be directed to [ppatterson@roanokecatholic.com](mailto:ppatterson@roanokecatholic.com) or mailed to:

Director of Guidance and School Counseling Search Committee  
Patrick W. Patterson, Principal and Head of School  
Roanoke Catholic School  
[621 North Jefferson Street](http://621NorthJeffersonStreet.com)  
Roanoke, VA 24016

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Learn how to humble ourselves for our spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Nov 10-12, 2017 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC and Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-690-1369.

## Español

**Vísperas de Adviento y Charlas:** Marque sus calendarios para las Vísperas del Domingo de Adviento. Estudiaremos Juan 3 en detalle. Cuatro domingos: 26 de noviembre, 3, 10 y 17 de diciembre, a las 4:30 de la tarde en St. José en Martinsville. Comenzamos en Cristo Rey el domingo de este año.

**Educación religiosa:** NO habrá clases de educación religiosa el domingo 26 de noviembre para el descanso de Acción de Gracias.

**Formación de fe adulta en San Francisco de Asís:** En respuesta a los que han preguntado sobre las clases de formación de fe para adultos aquí en San Francisco de Asís, estamos felices informarles que esta parroquia pronto iniciará un programa que les ofrecerá una oportunidad para crecer en su fe y enriquecer su sentido de comunidad. El programa, conocido como Growing In Faith Together (o GIFT), ofrecerá una variedad de clases, incluyendo el estudio bíblico tradicional. Su función será promover la comprensión de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, así como el crecimiento de la fe personal. El formato de las clases incluirá DVD sobre temas particulares con lecturas asociadas y discusiones de grupo. La clase inicial será una serie de varias partes sobre una cantidad de Santos y eruditos enfatizando cómo ellos nos dan un ejemplo. Está alojado por el Obispo Robert Barron. Nuestra intención es reunirnos dos veces al mes para un total de 13 sesiones en una noche de la semana que se determinarán por sus comentarios. El sitio web para la clase inicial es [www.pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org](http://www.pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org). Si está interesado, comuníquese con Tony Patriarco al 540-365-2899, o en [apatriarco@centurylink.net](mailto:apatriarco@centurylink.net). ¡Cualquier sugerencia o ayuda sería bienvenida y apreciada!

**Colección Diocesana para la Campaña para el Desarrollo Humano:** La Diócesis ha decidido no participar en la Campaña por el Desarrollo Humano este año. En lugar de esta colección, **nos ha pedido que ayudemos una vez más a nuestros hermanos que han sido afectados por el reciente terremoto en México y el reciente huracán María.** Por lo tanto, la segunda colección del fin de semana del 18 al 19 de noviembre será para Catholic Charities para ayudar con estos recientes desastres naturales. Si desea utilizar el sobre destinado al Desarrollo Humano, será aceptado y aprobado. Gracias por su generosidad.

**Árbol de Ayuda:** El Árbol de Ayuda para el día de Acción de Gracias está en la sala común. Por favor, tome una etiqueta, compre el artículo y devuelva el artículo antes de este domingo 19 de noviembre para que se puede distribuir la comida antes del Día de Acción de Gracias. No se olvide de poner los artículos refrigerados en la nevera en los comunes. Gracias por su generosidad.

**Venta de pasteles/rifa:** Los seguidores de Francis llevarán a cabo una venta de pasteles y una rifa para una tableta y estuche Amazon Fire HD 8. Las entradas para el sorteo estarán a la venta en la sala común a partir de este fin de semana. Los precios de los boletos son de \$5 cada uno. El sorteo se llevará a cabo el 19 de noviembre a aproximadamente las 10:00 am. Todos los ingresos van a la iglesia. Tendremos deliciosos pasteles, tartas, galletas y otros productos horneados para comprar para su cena de Acción de Gracias.

**Atención, todos los panaderos:** los seguidores de Francis están solicitando donaciones de productos horneados para su venta de pasteles el 18 y 19 de noviembre. Necesitamos pasteles, tartas, galletas, brownies o cualquier otro artículo que desee hornear. Por favor traiga a los Comunes antes de la misa el sábado o el domingo. Gracias.

**Desayuno de Panqueques de Caballeros de Colón:** Únase a Caballeros de Colón para un desayuno de Panqueque y Tacos después de misa el 19 de noviembre a las 9. No se pierda la buena comida y la comunión.

**Posadas:** Diciembre es el mes de las posadas. El horario de las posadas es: 16 a las 5:30 p.m., 17 a las 5 p.m., 18-21 a las 6:30 p.m., 22 a las 7 p.m., 23 a las 5:30 p.m., y 24 a las 6 p.m. El arrollamiento del niño Jesús será después de la posada del 24. Esperamos verlos!

La persona que va a llevar a cabo la posada del 19 de diciembre esta buscando gente que la acompañe. Si puedes ayudar habla con Esther Araiza después de misa.