

**JUBILEE YEAR OF  
SAINT FRANCIS**



**1226 - 2026**



**THE RESURRECTION  
& THE LIFE**

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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## Location of the Church

**100 West 21st Street  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404**

## PARISH OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

**200 West 20th St.  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404  
Telephone: (561) 842-2482  
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## PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Father Ambrose Kadambukatt  
Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Father Alexis Joseph  
Priest in Residence  
Deacon Gregory Quinn  
—o—  
Music Director: David Cotton

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses: 8:00 AM  
(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday)  
Thursday 8:00 AM: Prayer Service  
and Holy Communion  
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Bulletin March 22, 2026

## DEVOTION

Second Friday of the month at 7:00 PM  
Divine Mercy and Blessed Sacrament

## CONFESSION

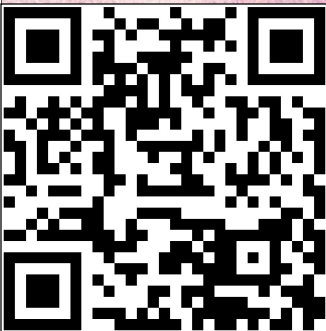
Saturday: 3:15 PM  
or by Appointment

## BAPTISM

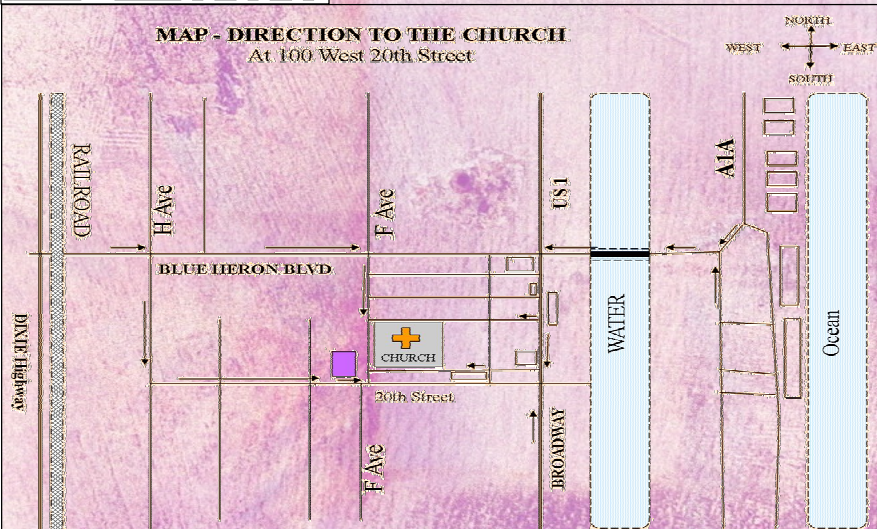
Please make arrangement a month in  
advance; baptismal preparation for  
parents required.

## MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Office six  
months in advance.



**MAP - DIRECTION TO THE CHURCH**  
At 100 West 20th Street



## *Prayer for the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi*

Saint Francis, our brother,  
you who eight hundred years ago  
went to meet Sister Death  
as a man at peace,  
intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace  
in the Crucifix of San Damiano,  
teach us to seek in Him  
the source of all reconciliation  
that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of  
war and misunderstanding,  
give us the courage to build bridges  
where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict  
and division,  
intercede for us so that  
we may become peacemakers:  
unarmed and disarming witnesses of  
the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

*written by Pope Leo XIV*

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 21</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Michael Tiedt (+) by Family
<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>Confession</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Gary Coleman (+) by Bob & Bonnie Papes
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 22</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Jody DiStasio (+) by Peggy Starzman
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Neil Mahoney (+) by Lucille Mahoney
<b>11:00 AM</b>	John & Marleen Babiec (L) by Edward & Eirene Cowern
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 23</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 24</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 26</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 27</b> ABSTINENCE
<b>8:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 28</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish Silent Retreat ( <i>all are welcome</i> ) by Stella Maris Lay Carmelite Community WPB
<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>Confession</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 31 - Holy Tuesday</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Chrism Mass at the Cathedral</b>

March 22, 2026 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Living life to the full

It may feel a bit unusual to hear this Gospel on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. At first glance, it seems to focus on resurrection, yet we are still in the midst of Lent and must pass through Good Friday before reaching Easter. So what is happening here? Have the Church's liturgical planners made a mistake?

Perhaps this passage is actually more about death than resurrection. After all, Lazarus is not still walking among us today. He eventually died again. In that sense, the story may be less about the final resurrection and more about the reality of life and death as we experience them now. There will be plenty of time to reflect on the resurrection when Easter Sunday arrives and during the weeks of celebration that follow.

When reading a particular Gospel passage we should put ourselves in the place of each character in turn and use our imagination to see how we would feel in those circumstances. This can be a most revealing exercise. How about putting myself in the place of Lazarus? I am dead to everything and then I hear a voice: 'Come out, Lazarus.' There I am, lying in a tomb swathed in bandages and surrounded by darkness. If we wonder how we would feel in this situation, the answer would be different for everyone but I think many might say Thanks Lord, but I'd prefer to stay where I am.

While attempting to put ourselves imaginatively in Lazarus's place we might become aware of how tomb-like our present way of life is, and rekindle a longing for freedom which has perhaps been buried for years. Putting ourselves into the place of a character from scripture can awake all kinds of thoughts within us and lead us to turn to God in prayer with new words on our lips. Yet it is something so simple that we are surprised that we never thought about it ourselves. This Gospel features here in Lent to help us come to live life to the full. For often it is only in the face of death that we are shocked into this realization. This can happen to us in all sorts of ways on the occasion of a loss or bereavement. It is amazing how often it takes overcoming a negative experience to make us realize afresh how much there is that is truly positive and makes life worth living.

**Next Weekend, Holy Week  
begins with**



## *Donation for Easter Flowers*



For the beauty and glory of the Risen Lord we celebrate at Easter, our parish is in need of your support for liturgical decorations and flowers.

You may also make your offering in memory of your deceased loved ones.

Please pick up an Easter Flower envelope and return your donation in the collection basket.

We are truly grateful for your support.

-Father Ambrose Kadambukatt



Following the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, we worship God with acts of Charity, and we love our neighbors with faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior

## REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

NO PRAYER IS MORE PLEASING TO GOD THAN THE PRAYER OFFERED BY THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST IN THE HOLY MASS - FILL THE CHURCH CALENDAR WITH YOUR **MASS INTENTIONS**.

**Stations of the Cross**  
every Friday during Lent  
at 4:00 PM



"We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.  
For by the Holy Cross,  
you have redeemed the world."

## The Jubilee Year of St. Francis

January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027

Follow the example of  
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**Lenten reflection and Confession**  
Penance Service on  
Saturday March 28, 2026  
at 3:15 PM



### Special Appeal for Parish Repairs

We are currently addressing two maintenance issues in our parish:

- Repair of the **church flat roof**
- **Gas line leak repair** in the parish hall

These repairs are essential to keep our facilities safe and usable for worship and parish activities. If you are able to assist, please consider making a donation toward these repairs.

Your generosity helps care for the home of our parish community.  
Thank you for your prayers and support.



We are now accepting  
**DONATIONS** for our  
Bazaar fundraiser!

Please call  
561 312 4533 or 561 512 0312

### SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH MINISTRY



The Outreach Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi provides ongoing support to families in need throughout the year. We are currently seeking donations of canned goods, other non-perishable food items, as well as cash or check donations.

The bin is at the right side of the altar.

Contact Parish Office: 561 842-2482 for more information.

Please take some time to remember the following in your prayers:

#### For the Healing of DIANE RACHUBA

LUCILLE MAHONEY - COURTNEY KNOWLES  
PHIL PAVONA - SHELLEY DILAURO  
TOM COUGHLIN - ROBERT PAPES  
FRANCIS SEARLES - MICHAEL RYAN  
LOU VISPOLI - JOHN LICARI  
PATSY McKENNA - GLORIA VANVALKENBURGH  
MAE & THOMAS SCARPACI

#### For Eternal life of

RICHARD SMRCKA DENNIS MAHONEY RICHARD LYLES  
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DICK MONTEZON DIANE LAFERIERE  
MARIE E. ST. JOUR JOAQUIM DESOUSA  
MARC DE SANCTIS FRANK LEWIS

### PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory of March 14-15, 2026: \$ 4,039.00

Easter Flowers Donations to date: \$ 425.00

**Thank you** for mailing your contributions and donations to the church.

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