

Views from the Pastor—Msgr. Larry Pichard

Now that we presented our Schematic Plan of the new Church, I can make some comments about the design. I will not repeat the information that we gave you last Sunday after Communion, but I will talk about more details.

When we enter through the very front or side-front doors, we find a spacious narthex about the same size as our present one. A narthex is a transition space between the secular world and the spiritual world of the interior of the Church. As such, it should not look like a market with vendors hawking their wares. It should be a space that begins to speak about the sacred. So, we want the central area of the narthex to be free of obstructions, like tables, booths, displays, etc. We plan on having religious images and statues already greeting us in the narthex and gradually preparing us to meet the sacred. The sign-up tables and displays—all the social life of the parish—will be located in our present narthex which we can access before or after Mass. However, the Bride's Room/Parlor can serve for special communications and exchanges.

After passing through the narthex, we enter the baptismal area. In the center is a baptismal font suitable for immersion and sprinkling. This arrangement is very much in line with the ancient Church that built its baptistries either as separate chapels in front of the main Church (like Florence's Il Duomo) or a huge octagonal pool located at the very entrance of the Church to remind us that it was through the sacrament of baptism that we first entered the life of grace. That is why we dip our hands in the baptismal water and sign ourselves, reminding ourselves that we were baptized in the name of the Trinity and are therefore holy people. By the way, I find that some Catholics don't know that "holy water" is baptismal water! Also by the way, we will not have a lot of "holy water fonts"—just one big baptismal font where all of us will meet at the "well" of our spiritual life.

On either side of the baptismal font are spacious shrines for private devotion. We want our 2 great heroes to greet us even before we enter the nave (the body of the Church). On one side will be a statue of our patron St. Francis of Assisi. On the other side will be an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We can visit with them before or after Mass and communicate through our private prayers. The Franciscan orders of priests and nuns have been very instrumental in evangelizing the Americas. Franciscan missionaries from Spain first brought the Catholic faith to the Americas, including what is now the United States of America, even traveling through Texas and preaching to Native Americans. Of course, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico in 1531 and evangelized the indigenous people of Mexico who then spread into what is now Texas. We have been deeply missionized by the spiritual descendents of St. Francis and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and as we enter the nave we want to honor the first Mexican parishioners of Frisco who established the first Catholic presence in Frisco in the mid-1960s.

OK, that's all we have room for today, but we'll have more information next week. By the way, I will be on retreat this week till Friday evening. Please pray for me.

Visiones del Párroco—Msgr. Larry Pichard

Ahora que presentamos nuestro Plan Esquemático de la nueva Iglesia, puedo hacer algunos comentarios acerca del diseño. Yo no voy a repetir la información que nosotros dimos el Domingo después de la Comunión, pero voy a hablar acerca de más detalles.

Cuando nosotros entramos por las puertas de enfrente, encontramos un nártex espacioso aproximadamente del mismo tamaño que el que tenemos ahora. Un nártex es un espacio de transición entre el mundo seglar y el mundo espiritual en el interior de la Iglesia. Por lo tanto, no debe parecer un mercado con vendedores ofreciendo artículos. Este debe ser un espacio que comience a evocar lo sagrado. Así que, nosotros queremos el área central del nártex libre de obstrucciones, como mesas, promociones, etc. Nosotros planeamos tener imágenes religiosas y estatuas que nos den la bienvenida en el nártex y nos prepare de manera gradual para llegar a lo sagrado. Las mesas de registro y promoción-----toda la vida social de la parroquia—estarán localizadas en nuestro actual nártex en el cual tendremos acceso antes o después de Misa. Sin embargo, el cuarto de Novia puede servir para conversar o juntas especiales.

Después de pasar por el nártex, nosotros entramos al área bautismal. En el centro está la fuente bautismal para sumergir y rociar. Ésta característica es en la línea de antiguas Iglesias que construyeron sus bautisterios en capillas separadas en frente de la Iglesia principal (como el Duomo en Florencia) o bien en una enorme fuente octagonal localizada en la entrada de la Iglesia para recordarnos que es a través del sacramento del bautismo que primero alcanzamos la vida de gracia. Eso es el porqué nosotros mojamos nuestras manos en el agua bautismal y nos persignamos, recordándonos que fuimos bautizados en el nombre de la Trinidad y por lo tanto somos personas santas. Por cierto, ¡yo encuentro que algunos Católicos no saben que "el agua bendita" es agua bautismal! Por cierto que también nosotros no tendremos muchas fuentes "de agua bendita"—solo una pila bautismal grande donde todos nosotros encontremos el "manantial" de nuestra vida espiritual.

En el otro lado de la pila bautismal hay espaciosos relicarios para una contemplación personal. Nosotros queremos que nuestros 2 grandes héroes nos saluden antes que entremos a la nave (la parte central de la Iglesia). En un lado estará la estatua de nuestro patrón San Francisco de Asís. En el otro lado estará la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Nosotros podremos visitarlos antes y después de misa y conversar a través de oraciones personales. Los sacerdotes y religiosas de la orden de los Franciscanos han sido un instrumento importante en la evangelización de América; misioneros Franciscanos de España trajeron primero la fe a América, incluyendo lo que ahora es Estados Unidos de América, todavía aún viajando a través de Texas y predicando a Nativos Americanos. Por supuesto, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe apareció en México en 1531 y evangelizó a la gente indígena de México quienes después lo llevaron a lo que ahora es Texas. Nosotros hemos sido profundamente misionados por los descendientes espirituales de San Francisco y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, y desde que entremos a la nave queremos honrar a los primeros miembros mexicanos de la parroquia en Frisco quienes establecieron la primera presencia Católica en Frisco a mediados de los años 60's.

Bien, eso es todo el espacio que tenemos, pero tendremos más información la próxima semana. Por cierto, estaré en retiro esta semana hasta el Viernes en la tarde. Por favor pido sus oraciones por mí.

Masses and Activities

Saturday, March 13th**5:00 pm, Mass – (LP)**5:00 pm, *Presentación Motivacional para Jóvenes en Español, Salones A y B*Sunday, March 14th**8:30 am, Mass – † Sr. Mary Rose Dominic (VA)****10:00 am, Mass – † Kaz Ziolkowski (LP)**

10:00 am, Bible Study, Office Reception Area

11:30 am, Mass – George Gano (VA)**1:00 pm, Misa – † Rosario Paredes Gonzalez (LP)**2:00 pm, *Grupo de Jóvenes, Salones C y D*2:00 pm, *Bautismos, Gran Salón*2:00 pm, *Instrumento du Tu Paz, San Damiano*

3:15 pm, Baptisms, Great Hall

6:00 pm, Mass – Dolores Unger (VA)Monday, March 15th**8:30 am, Mass – Kathy Olnick (VA)**

6:00 pm, Boy Scouts, Great Hall

6:30 pm, MOMS, San Damiano

7:00 pm, Bible Study, Room B

7:00 pm, St. Vincent de Paul, Msgr. Duesman Room

7:00 pm, *Grupo de Oración, Salones CyD*Tuesday, March 16th**8:30 am, Mass – † Fr. Joseph Mitchell (LP)**

9:30 am, ESL, Conference Rooms

9:30 am, VBS Volunteers, Youth Room

6:45 pm, Exposition, Chapel till 9:00 pm.

7:00 pm, Catholics Come Home, Great Hall

7:00 pm, *Reincorporandose a la Iglesia, Salón C*

7:00 pm, RCIA, Great Hall

7:00 pm, *RCIA, Salón D*7:00 pm, *RCIC en español, Salón A*

7:00 pm, RCIT, Youth Room

7:00 pm, Stewardship Committee, Room C

Wednesday, March 17th**8:30 am, Mass – † Jack Wiedor (VA)**

9:00 am, Bible Study, Room C

12:00 pm, Faith Formation Commission, Room C

6:30 pm, Adult Choir, Duesman Room

7:00 pm, Finance Council, Room A

7:00 pm, MCN Planning, Room D

7:00 pm, RCIA Team, Room B

8:15 pm, Schola Choir, Duesman Room

Thursday, March 18th**8:30 am, Mass – Michael Sivinski (LP)**

9:00 am, MOMS, San Damiano Room

9:30 am, ESL, Conference Rooms

6:00 pm: Reconciliation, Chapel

6:30 pm, Contemporary Choir, Great Hall

7:00 pm, Vocations Group, Room A

7:00 pm, WoSF, Rooms C&D

7:00 pm, *Práctica Coro Hispano, Msgr. Duesman*Friday, March 19th**8:30 am, Mass – † Lloyd Manjeot (VA)**

9:00 am, Exposition of the Eucharist, Great Hall

6:00 pm, Meager Meal, Conference Rooms

6:30 pm, *Talleres de Oración y Vida, Duesman*

7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation, Great Hall

7:00 pm, Children's Stations of the Cross, San Damiano

8:00 pm, *Vía Crucis en Español y Reconciliación, Gran Salón*8:00 pm, *Vía Crucis para niños, San Damiano*Saturday, March 20th**8:30 am, Mass – † Anthony Perrotto (LP)**

3:30 pm, Reconciliation, Chapel

5:00 pm, Mass – (VA)7:00 pm, *Encuentro Matrimonial, Salones C y D*Sunday, March 21st**8:30 am, Mass (LP)****10:00 am, Mass (VA)****11:30 am, Mass (LP)****1:00 pm, Misa en español (VA)****6:00 pm, Mass (LP)**

Please Pray For

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish: Delia Herrera, Daniel Covarrubias, Abelicio Quintero, Dolores Unger, Helen Kerler, Rose Munro, Nadir Aziz, Nicolasa Matehuala, Lexi Henderson, Carlos Mesta, Florencia Angeles, Eva Bifolc, Bertha Gallegos, Vicky Martinez, and Martin Sandoval.

Please pray for the recently deceased: Maria Del Carmen Castellano, Ella Renae Cardenas, Coralia Boff, Angelo Boff, Esmeralda Miguel, Jesús Cano, Ana Bastida, Raquel Wehber, Julia Herrera, Fernando Guzman, Teofilo Mesta, Margaret Quigley, Elaine Simmonson, Leandra Abeyta, Alma Reinhart, and Aurora Gomez.

Please call the office to add or remove someone from this list. Names will be listed for four weeks and then will be transferred to our Book of Intentions.

Our Parish Staff

Tracy Brown, Business Manager, Ext. 226
 Mark Smith, Director of Development, Ext. 351
 Nathan Byers, Associate Development Dir., Ext. 352
 Anneliese Rivera, Liturgy Director, Ext. 237
 Kevin Shelley, Music Director, Ext. 313
 Laura Marquez, Hispanic Ministry Director, Ext. 241
 David Utsler, Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 247
 Diana Elwell, Children's Ministry, Ext. 229
 Kathy Deschaw, FF Administrative Assistant, Ext. 232
 Tammy Weber, Youth Ministry Director, Ext. 358
 Lauren Harbour, KDO Director, Ext. 235
 Noel Johnston, Facilities Director, Ext. 231
 Ginny Milich, Safe Environment Coordinator, Ext. 228
 Kyle Cupp, Executive Administrator, Ext. 225
 Buddy Rives, Reception, Ext. 221
 Alma Geller, Reception, Ext. 221

WEEK	March 7, 2010
Attendance	5664
Weekly Gift of Treasure Goal	\$33,141.75
Actual Gift of Treasure	\$41,924.44
Building Fund	\$13,869.22

Fr. Vincent would like to take any college age male parishioner who wants to learn more about the priesthood and seminary life to a St. Andrew Dinner with the Bishop Kevin Farrell on April 22, 5:00 to 7:30PM at Holy Trinity Seminary. Please contact Fr. Vincent Anyama before March 23rd @ 972-712-2645.

Ministerios de la Comisión Hispana

Misa de Confirmación. Todos los jóvenes que van a recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación el **Sábado 20 de Marzo** en la misa de 10:00 a.m. deberán presentarse a las 9:00 a.m. y los de la misa de 1:00 p.m. deberán presentarse a las 12:00 p.m., en los **salones del 1 al 8 en el área de formación**. Una vez que concluya la ceremonia deberán pasar nuevamente a los salones (1 a 8) a recoger su certificado de Confirmación.

Continuando con la Cuaresma. Recuerden que toda la comunidad está invitada a reflexionar todos los Viernes de Cuaresma con el **Vía Crucis** para adultos en el Gran Salón y para niños en el Salón San Damiano a las **8:00 p.m.** También están invitados a compartir una comida sencilla a las 6:00 p.m. **Durante el Vía Crucis hay confesiones en Español.** – Hay guardería disponible–.

Estarán dirigiendo el Vía Crucis:

Viernes Marzo 19. Caballeros de Colón, RICA, Grupos de Liturgia

Viernes Marzo 26. Formación de Fe y Grupos de Jóvenes

Ambiente Seguro en Español. El próximo **Domingo 21 de Marzo a las 2:30 p.m.** en los salones A/B

ESL. Clases de Inglés. Las inscripciones serán el **Martes 30 de Marzo del 2010** de 9:00 a 11:30 a.m. El primer día de clase será el **martes 06 de Abril del 2010**. Los días de clase serán los martes y jueves de 9:30 a 11:45 a.m. Para mayor información llamar al Sr. Tony Sánchez al (214)957-3573

Pláticas de preparación para convalidación matrimonial. Los matrimonios que desean convalidar su matrimonio las pláticas serán el **Domingo 11, 18 y 25 de Abril de 10:00 a 12:00 hrs.** Para mayor información llamar a las oficinas 972.712.2645 Ext. 241.

¿Qué es el Censo 2010? Como miembros de la comunidad creyente de *St. Francis* y de la comunidad en donde vivimos con nuestra familia y donde trabajamos debemos tener la seguridad y certeza que el Censo 2010 que cada 10 años se lleva a cabo en el país NO está vinculada de ninguna manera con el Departamento de Migración (*la migra*). El censo ayuda a contar cuántos somos en cada área y de esta manera el gobierno federal otorga los fondos necesarios al gobierno local para recibir más servicios solo de acuerdo al número de personas que vivimos en cada lugar. No debemos tener miedo sobre nuestro estatus migratorio. Al contrario el tener un número real de cuántos somos otorgará mayores beneficios a tu familia, a la comunidad y a la ciudad.

Deben tener la tranquilidad que no tiene ningún efecto migratorio; el cuestionario es muy corto son sólo 10 preguntas, algunas de éstas son: número de personas que habitan el lugar donde viven, indicar si el lugar donde viven es rentado, eres dueño o lo está pagando, nombre, apellido, edad, género, fecha de nacimiento, raza, si alguno de los miembros temporalmente vive en otro lugar; universidad, militar, etc. No proporcionaremos datos de seguro social, cuentas bancarias, tarjetas, ciudadanía o estatus migratorio. Pueden consultar el formato en Español en la página web <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/language/spanishla.php> la cual les ayudará a completar el formato en Inglés.

El cuestionario llegará a su domicilio y deberán devolverlo por correo antes del 1 de Abril, de esta manera podremos ahorrar y recibir el beneficio del presupuesto que se asigna a las personas que asisten casa por casa para realizar el censo. Si no envías tu cuestionario con el censo, entonces una persona tocará tu puerta para realizar el censo. Esta persona permanecerá en la puerta, realizará las preguntas del cuestionario y deberá retirarse del lugar donde viven.

Vivimos en un área que está creciendo rápido y durante los próximos 10 años requerimos fondos para generar empleos, escuelas, instituciones de salud, centros infantiles. Si el gobierno no sabe cuantos somos no podrá asignar el presupuesto que necesitamos. ¡Que te cuenten a ti y a tu familia! Si tienes más preguntas puedes llamar a la oficina 972-712-2645 Ext. 241.

Faith Formation Commission

No Class Reminder: There are no Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12) classes Sunday, March 14th and Wednesday March 17th. Have a great Spring Break.

Children's Ministry No Class Reminder: This year, Spring Break is followed closely by Holy Week and Easter. As a result, there will be a long break. There will be no Children's Ministry classes from March 14 through April 8. Classes will resume the week of April 11.

Mesquite Rodeo Children's Ministry Night: Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 24 – Mesquite Championship Rodeo Children's Ministry Night. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All inclusive tickets (\$9 for children and \$15 for adults) include entrance to the rodeo, BBQ sandwich, chips and soda and entrance to the Real Texas Festival which includes a concert by Cross Canadian Ragweed. The deadline for ordering tickets is April 9. Contact Allison at (972) 285-8777 or at amelson@mesquiterodeo.com to purchase tickets and be sure to mention you are a member of St. Francis.

Liturgy Commission

EM Refresher Training: There will be a short refresher for *EXISTING* Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion on Monday March 22 6:30 to 7:30. If you feel a little uneasy about serving or just need a few reminders, come by and we will run through the lining up and the positions where to stand.

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist on March 30th Cancelled: Due to the Chrism Mass being held at the Cathedral on Tuesday evening, March 30th, Exposition of the

Holy Eucharist will not be held. You are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral at 6:30 p.m.

Stewardship Committee

Steward of the Week: Kimberly Walerczyk for her service on the RCIA team the past two years. Thank you!

Responsabilidad Parroquial (Steward) de la semana: Kimberly Walerczyk por su servicio en el equipo de RCIA en los últimos dos años.

Outreach Commission

SVdP Experiences 70% Increase In Calls For Help & Needs Your Help! The St. Vincent de Paul Conference is experiencing an upsurge in calls for help from the area's needy and poor. SVdP assisted 24 clients in the first two months of 2010, a 70% increase over the last two months of 2009. Average assistance provided per client: \$196, not including Walmart gift cards valued at \$25 each. Money is used primarily to pay for rent and utilities. Area families are facing a multitude of financial problems and many risk losing their homes, while others are already living without electricity and heat. SVdP needs your help in many ways. We must raise more money to meet the ongoing calls for help. You can donate online at the St. Francis Web site: <http://tinyurl.com/yagwrw7> or with your church envelope. SVdP invites all parishioners to join our general membership meeting on Mondays at 7 p.m. Join our fundraising or marketing or client advocate committees. Also join us for frequent social gatherings: our ministry is not just about caring for the poor and needy, but also caring for our members. Get updates about SVdP at www.svdpfrisco.org. We need members who are bilingual to help us meet with our clients. You will find that SVdP is a gratifying and rewarding ministry -- our members gain much more than we give. Those we help are ever-grateful to SVdP and the St. Francis community. For more information contact John Hayes at 214-403-6555.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP
MSGR. DUESMAN ROOM

2:00-4:00 PM March 21, 2010

Updates on Neurological Diseases

Speaker, Trent Nguyen, Ph.D,

Associate Professor, Biology Department

Collin County Community College District

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<http://www.stfoafrisco.org/caregivers.asp>

Community Life Commission

The PrimeTimers will hold their March meeting on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 6:00PM at St. Francis in Rooms A/B. We will celebrate Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph. The PrimeTimers normally meet the third Sunday of the month at St. Francis. We have also planned some activities offsite. We would like to have some new members join us. If you are 55+, married, single, widowed or divorced, please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. If you have any questions or would like more information about our organization,

please call Donna at 214-469-1043. We look forward to having you join us.

M.O.M.S Family Fun Night @ Strikz! Grab your green and head to Strikz in Frisco (8789 Lebanon Rd.) for a St. Patty's Day celebration! Join us on Wednesday, March 17th from 4:00 - 8:00PM for bowling and games and great company. It is guaranteed to get you through the spring break ho-hums! This event will benefit our M.O.M.S. (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) Ministry here at St. Francis!

Women of St. Francis

- Our next **General Meeting** will be Thursday, **March 18th at 7:00pm**

- The Women of St. Francis are hosting a **Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 27th** from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Our speaker will be Christian recording artist, Jenny Klement. Jenny lives in Coppell with her husband and five children. In addition to her musical gifts, she enjoys speaking to women about the dignity of womanhood and their unique call to the world today. The theme of the retreat is "Lord, Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary". The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Please contact Connie Moffett at tcssconnie@sbcglobal.net or 972-377-2818 for a reservation. For more information on Jenny, go to www.jennyklement.com. Seats are limited so register today!

Do you need a rosary for 1st Communion? It's time to order! See our order form online at www.wosf.org, in the parish office, or contact Marla Johnston at marla-jane2@att.net or 214-794-5621.

Save the Date for The Women of St. Francis' 8th Annual Luncheon, Fashion Show & Silent Auction on Tuesday, May 4th 11:00am at the Stonebriar Country Club.

Tickets are \$40 and space is limited so make your reservations early! Please contact Connie Moffett for reservations at tcssconnie@sbcglobal.net or 972-377-2818.

This year a raffle for a quilt will be included in the day's events at the Fashion Show and Auction. Winner need not be present. This beautiful twin sized quilt features embroidered Flowers of the Months. "Botanicals" will make a great Mother's Day gift and can be yours for only \$2.00 per ticket. Email vashortino@gmail.com for more information.

The Women of St. Francis Annual Fashion Show is just around the corner and we are collecting gift items or gift certificates for the Fashion Show's Silent Auction. If you would like to donate a new item, please drop it off at the church office and label it "WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS". For any questions about the Silent Auction please contact Judy Kimpel at 469-633-0919 or e-mail at jakimpel@tx.rr.com.

Knights of Columbus

3RD ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT: Everyone is welcome to join the 3rd Annual St. Francis of Assisi Fellowship Golf Tournament & Buffet Dinner, on Friday, April 23rd, 1:00pm at Frisco Lakes Golf Club. This is a co-ed scramble-style tournament and it is open to non-parishioners ...so invite your friends, neighbors & co-workers. Sign up early to receive a discount on your entry fee and note, the giveaways alone, offset your cost to play!!

