

The Parish of
Saint Francis of Assisi

The Cathedral Church
of The Immaculate
Conception

Historic St. Mary's
Church

Welcome! - Bienvenido! - Mabuhay!

Parish Network Mass Times			
Historic St. Mary's	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	M-F 12:05 PM
St. Francis Delaware Ave	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM 10:30 AM (Spanish)	
St. Francis South End		Sun 10:30 AM	
The Cathedral		Sun 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	

Confession Times	
Historic St. Mary's	Sat: 3:15 PM Mon, Wed, Fri 11:30-11:55 AM Tues & Thurs (after Mass)
St. Francis Delaware Ave	Sat: 3:15 PM Sun: 8:15 AM
St. Francis South End	Before or after Mass (by request)
The Cathedral	Sun: 10:30 AM-10:50 AM 4:00 PM—4:50 PM

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The Cathedral

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Saint Francis of Assisi

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10 Lodge Street,
Albany, New York 12207

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Open daily

Cathedral Church Hours

Sunday: 9:00 AM—6:00 PM
Monday—Saturday: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

The Cathedral and Parish Offices will be closed on National Holidays and other days throughout the year as noted in the bulletin.

Saint James Food Pantry

391 Delaware Ave. (rear), Albany, NY 12209 | 518.414.1929
Monday & Wednesday: 10:00 AM—12:30 PM

Saint John's/Saint Ann's Center

88 Fourth Avenue, Albany, NY 12202 | 518.472.9091
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 10 AM-12 PM; 1 PM -3 PM

WELCOME TABLE

Tuesday and Saturday: 11:30am—1:00pm

St. Mary's Food Pantry

10 Lodge Street, Albany, New York 12207 | 518.462.4357
Tuesday & Friday, 9:00—11:30 am

Holy Hours of Adoration:

At St. Mary's
Thursday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm with The Most Holy Rosary

At the Cathedral (open 9:00 am—4:00 pm)

Thursday 7 am – 7 pm

Fridays 7 am – 9 pm

Saturday 7 am – noon

Sundays 7 am – 5 pm

(except during Mass at 11 am)

**Meet Our New Communications Director
Nicolle Mendoza**



Hi, I'm Nicolle. It's so nice to meet you! For the past seven years, my work has focused on project management and place branding, which is centered on helping communities honor their history, share their identity, and bring meaningful ideas to life. This experience has taught me how to work closely with others and build projects from the ground up through hard work and dedication.

I am truly excited to bring this background to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Historic Saint Mary's, and St. Francis of Assisi. My goal is to work alongside the church community to ensure everyone stays well-informed, while also sharing with the wider world what makes our parishes so special.

To help us do that, we are officially launching our Flocknote platform! I highly encourage everyone to sign up so you can stay fully up-to-date with parish news, upcoming events, and find streamlined opportunities to support our church through online giving.

We have some amazing efforts planned, and I cannot wait to get started. Specifically, I am looking to build out our social media content creation and live stream teams. If you have a passion for these, we would love to have you join our volunteer teams! Feel free to email me at nicolle.mendoza@rcda.org

I look forward to creating collaborative efforts within our community, and I would love for you to be a part of it. I look forward to connecting with you.

Flocknotes Links:

- <https://TheCathedraloftheImmacul.flocknote.com>
- <https://stmaryschurch29.flocknote.com>
- <https://stfrancisofassisialbany.flocknote.com>

Adoration at St Francis (Delaware Ave.) will not be held on either Friday, July 3, or Saturday, July 4, due to the holiday.

Come to Jesus in Adoration!

Jesus thirsts for your love and your time with Him.

Please visit the radiant Heart of Jesus at our Cathedral Adoration Chapel (the left, side-chapel of the tabernacle), where the Eucharistic Christ is exposed.

The Cathedral doors are open 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.; to be trained so that you may enter during other hours of Adoration, please reach out to: albanadoration@gmail.com

- Thursdays** 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Fridays** 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Saturdays** 7 a.m. – noon (No adoration on July 4)
- Sundays** 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. (except during Mass at 11 a.m.)

More information is here: <https://cathedralic.com/adoration-at-the-cathedral/> (at our Cathedral home page, click on "Adoration at the Cathedral").



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Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

JUNE 28, 2026, THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 10:37-39)

Jesus's words may make us feel uneasy because He says we must love Him even more than our parents or children, but God's will is always perfect because God is Love (the Holy Spirit) and perfectly desires what is best for us, whereas our parents' or children's desires for us may not always be perfectly wise or understanding God's plan for us. For example, a young man may feel called to the priesthood, but he does not receive understanding or support from his father. Or a mother may begin going back to church because she desires a deep relationship with Jesus, but she then receives mockery from her husband or child.

Jesus Christ the Lord calls every baptized person to take up our cross and follow Him. Perhaps a pregnant young woman feels pressured to kill her unborn child because none of us reaches out to help her, or a father doesn't bring his children to Mass because we as a society prioritize sports over love for God. If we desire eternal life with the Father, we need to "die to sin" and live totally for God in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:11), for God says, "Be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy," and "I have set you apart from other peoples to be my own" (Leviticus 20:26).

This is my last Sunday with you as your parish priest, as on July 1 I will start my next assignment at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, as a spiritual director of seminarians. Thank you for your inspiring example of faith and devotion to Jesus and His Bride, the Church. I will keep you all in my prayers, and I ask you to pray for me and our seminarians, especially during the Sacrifice of the Mass and Holy Communion, and during Eucharistic Adoration.

Peace in Jesus
through Mary,

"From today on, my own will does not exist...From today on, I do the Will of God everywhere, always, and in everything."
(St. Faustina, *Diary*, n. 372-374)

Address for Fr. Rendell Torres after July 1:

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**Join Fr. Rendell Torres
On A Spiritual Pilgrimage in Mexico**

Fr. Rendell Torres will be leading a spiritual pilgrimage-retreat to Our Lady of Guadalupe's Shrine in Mexico City, along with other important spiritual sites this October 19-24.

Trip cost is \$2699 with travel included from Albany to Newark Airport. Limited to 33 pilgrims. For more information see www.nativitypilgrimage.com/fr-rendell. If you need help, contact Mary: mmkeniry@gmail.com.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 28 June 2026

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

391 DELAWARE AVE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Santa Misa: Domingo 10:30 AM

Confesiones: Domingo 10:00 AM

Primer Domingo del mes: Bendición a todos los niños y jóvenes al final de la Santa Misa

- **Hora Santa: Todos los primeros Sábados de cada mes a las 5:15pm.**

Readings for the Week of June 28, 2026

- Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
- Monday:** *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/
Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13,
16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday:** Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
- Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 9:14-17
- Next Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Please Support Our 2026 Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal is coming to an end for this year on June 30, 2026. Our donations to the Diocesan Appeal are restricted to support important, charitable work and will not go toward the CVA settlement. I have already contributed to our Diocesan Appeal for this year and invite you to do the same.

The Diocesan Appeal funds the important and necessary work that we cannot do as individual parishes, so we can focus on spiritual ministry rather than administration. Nearly 30 specialty departments serve each parish. For example,

- ◆ Nearly 1/3 of the Diocesan Appeal revenue pays for the education expenses of the seminarians (deacons and priests) who currently are 40 in number.
- ◆ The Vocations Office helps people to discern their calling from God.
- ◆ Our Marriage Tribunal and Office for Family Ministries help form couples for healthy marriages.
- ◆ The Finance Office helps us navigate human resources and legal requirements for our financial processes.
- ◆ The Diocesan Appeal supports our 4 Diocesan high schools
- ◆ Catholic Charities programs like CC MOVE and the Emergency Assistance Program.

Thank you for joining me and other Catholics in our parishes for supporting the common work that we do with our Diocese.

Below is a table showing our parish goals and the amounts collected so far. —Fr. Rendell Torres

Parish	Goal	Raised as of 6/1/26
Cathedral	\$35,848.00	\$20,914.20
St. Mary's	\$90,549.00	\$41,798.24
St. Francis	\$49,557.00	\$17,769.50

STEWARDSHIP

**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Monthly Offering—April, 2026**

Regular Offertory	\$16,733.19
Average Monthly Need	\$34,000.00
SHORTFALL	(\$17,266.81)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses 2025

**Historic St. Mary
Monthly Offering—April, 2026**

Regular Offertory	\$29,770.00
Average Monthly Need	\$33,000.00
SHORTFALL	(\$3,230.00)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses (2024-2025)

**St. Francis of Assisi
Monthly Offering—April, 2026**

Regular Offertory	\$14,222.00
Average Monthly Need	\$27,000.00
SHORTFALL	(\$12,778.00)

The average weekly need is based on Total Expenses 2025

Thank you for your generous support!

If you would like to make a financial contribution to your parish through your smartphone, please use the QR code below. camera at the QR codes below and tap the link.



The Cathedral



St. Francis



Historic St. Mary's

New Appointments in July

As announced previously, my mission at our three parishes is concluding on June 30, as I was asked by my former seminary (where I attended 2005-2010) to become a spiritual director of seminarians at Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA. This request was a complete surprise to me and to Bishop Mark, and we are both sensitive to the need for priests and for parishes to feel stable. However, after much prayer, reflection, and discernment with my spiritual director, I believe that it is God's will, as does Bishop Mark. We all have to do God's will peacefully and with trust, because God's will is always for the best for the world. Jesus will provide priest shepherds for our parishes; in fact, Bishop Mark is working on bringing 8 priests into our Diocese, so that more priests can serve our people. In our own "Historic Albany Parish Network" of four churches, *I will be succeeded by two priests.* Beginning July 1, **Father Daniel Vallejo** will serve as Pastor at the two churches of the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Albany, and **Father Jay Atherton** will serve as Rector at the Cathedral and Parochial Vicar at Historic St. Mary's (although Father Jay will begin offering Mass on July 18). I thank God and you for the opportunity to serve our parishes; I ask you to forgive me for my failings; and I assure you of my prayers, especially in Eucharistic Adoration, that we always do God's will, as did Jesus and Mary.



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