

JUBILEE YEAR OF FRANCIS 1226-2026



The Franciscan Center Tampa Celebrations & Programs

Pope Leo, XIV in establishing the Jubilee Year of St. Francis invited the faithful throughout the world to reflect on the life of St. Francis of Assisi, his radical trust in God, his compassion for the poor, and his love for all of creation.

A Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church is a special time of grace, forgiveness, and spiritual renewal.

Bishop Gregory Parkes, Bishop of The Diocese of Saint Petersburg invites the faithful to participate in a diocesan-wide pilgrimage to designated Jubilee sites across our local Church. The following parishes and centers have been named as official pilgrimage sites that are under the patronage of St. Francis of Assisi or those administered by members of Franciscan religious orders:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Seffner

Sacred Heart Parish, Tampa

St. Mary Our Lady of Grace Parish, St. Petersburg

St. Patrick Parish, Tampa

The Franciscan Center, Tampa

The faithful are invited to enter more deeply into the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi during this Jubilee Year. As these sites are visited, Bishop Parkes has encouraged participation in the sacraments, prayer, and study of St. Francis/Franciscan spirituality to unite oneself more closely to Christ and to one another. "May this pilgrimage renew in each of us a deeper appreciation for the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi and a renewed commitment to courageously live the Gospel."

In celebration of the Jubilee Year, Franciscan themed programs and events can provide opportunities for the faithful to pray, and study about the life of St. Francis & his legacy for the Church and the world. Celebration of the Sacraments, especially Eucharist and Reconciliation should be practiced at one's own parish or at the one of the Parish Pilgrimage Sites listed. Not all programs at the Franciscan Center (FC) will provide Mass or Reconciliation; when Mass or Reconciliation is offered as part of the program (e.g. Triduum Retreat, Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year) pilgrims are welcome to participate in the program and attend Mass. On those occasions, Reconciliation may also be available according to the availability of a priest.

Visit www.franciscancentertampa.org for updates



Jubilee Year
of
St. Francis

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THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA CELEBRATIONS AND PROGRAMS

the
Franciscan
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YEARLONG

Francis and His Friends Lithographs displayed in the Center Conference Room

MONTHLY

Franciscan Spirituality & Peacemaking

- Franciscan Crown Rosary (Zoom) Led by Franciscan Sisters of Allegany
- Midday Prayer for Peace (Zoom) Led by a Secular Franciscan

JANUARY 2026

Care for the Earth

- Grounds Cleanup and Planting Day - Partners: Seniors in Service and Operation Veterans Connect

FEBRUARY 2026

Franciscan Spirituality/Tradition

- Feb. 23 - March 23 Walking through the Lenten Season with St. Clare: A Working Women's Retreat Led by Franciscan Sister of Allegany and a Mission Leader/BayCare

MARCH 2026

Franciscan Peacemaking

- March 6 - International Women's Day: Women Of and For Peace
- March 13 - St. Francis of Assisi - His Life Journey and Why He Loves Animals

APRIL 2026

Franciscan Values: Humility Conversion, Vulnerability, Availability, Justice, Hope

- April 2-5 - Triduum Retreat- Journeying Through the Paschal Mystery: Franciscan Perspectives

MAY 2026

Franciscan Values: Living in Right Relationship with God and Others, Compassion

- May 21 - Soul Injury: Healing the Relationship You Have With Yourself Scholarly Study Series*

JUNE 2026

Model of Respectful Encounter & Dialogue

- St. Francis & The Sultan: Scholarly Study Series*

JULY 2026

Care for Creation & Reverence

- July 13-17—Summer Day Camp - Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God

AUGUST 2026

Franciscan Values: Living in Right Relationship with God and Others, Compassion

Soul Injury: Healing the Relationship You Have With Yourself*

SEPTEMBER 2026

"Holy Poverty"

St. Francis: Blessed are the Poor in Spirit - Scholarly Study Series*

SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4, 2026

Care for Creation, Solidarity, Reverence for All Creation

- International Catholic Climate Covenant Observance: Specific Celebrations TBD

OCTOBER 2026

Franciscan Spirituality & Tradition

- October 1 - Blessing of the Animals Co-sponsored by the Franciscan Center & Sacred Heart Parish, 6:00 PM (at the Franciscan Center)
- October 2 - Transitus: Celebration of St. Francis' Passing from earthly life to eternal life Co-sponsored by the Franciscan Center & Sacred Heart Parish, 6:30 PM (at Sacred Heart Church)

NOVEMBER 2026

Franciscan Symbols & Meaning

San Damiano Cross, Tau, Stigmata, Habit/Cord Belt/Sandals - Scholarly Study Series*

DECEMBER 2026

Franciscan Spirituality & Tradition

- December 10 - Blessing of the Crèche, Co-sponsored by the Franciscan Center & Sacred Heart Parish, 6 pm (at the Franciscan Center)

JANUARY 2027



- January 11 @ 11 am - Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year (at the Franciscan Center)

* Continuing Education Points (CEUs) will be offered.

IN PERSON & ZOOM PROGRAMS

2026 - MARCH CALENDAR

3010 NORTH PERRY AVENUE
TAMPA, FL 33603-5345

 813-229-2695 

More Information & to register
www.franciscancentertampa.org

Walking through the Lenten Season with St. Clare: A Working Women's Retreat
Mondays, February 23- March 23, 2026 - from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - **Via Zoom** Fee: \$45.00

With: Colleen Walters, MA & Sister Maria Dos Santos, OSF

Please join us for interactive one-hour Zoom sessions exploring the life of St. Clare and drawing parallels to the life of working women as a reflective activity.



Cat in the Hat Bingo Game - In Person

Tues, March 3 @ 12 p.m. Lunch - \$5 donation
1:00 p.m. Bingo Games

Join us to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Delicious lunch, free prizes, lots of fun!

A Three Week Zoom Book Club: The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World by Robin Wall Kimmerer- With: Maureen Connors, Ph.D.

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 2026 2:00- 4:00 p.m. - **Via Zoom** Fee: \$35.00

Quiet Days at the Franciscan Center - In Person

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. With: Bettina Schuller Fee: \$25.00

A Time Apart. Be still and know that I am God. —Psalm 46:10 Most of all, we trust that the day will be what you and God need it to be! Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

The Crown Rosary - Every First Friday at 10:00 a.m. - Via Zoom Fee: Donations

With Sister Anne Martin Robonie, OSF and The Franciscan Sisters of Allegany

International Women's Day: Women Of and For Peace - In Person

Friday, March 6 2026 - 12 pm to 1:30 pm Fee: \$ 20 suggested donation at the event

Join us as we celebrate women, honor spiritual unity, and gain strength as a community towards a nation of peace. The service will include prayers, sacred readings from various faiths, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Catholicism, Islam, the Baha'i Faith, and Protestantism, as well as music. Light refreshments will be served. **Please RSVP by March 5th.**

St. Camillus Co-Ed Retreat: Selfish Self-Centeredness, the Root of our addiction- In Person

March 6-8, 2026 Friday, 3:00 p.m. - Sunday, 11:30 a.m. With: Fr. Roc O'Connor

Selfish - Self-Centeredness! That we think is the root of our troubles. [Big Book] I propose that the Steps effect a turn-around where what wrecked us becomes a means to recovery.

Fee: Single \$280.00; Shared \$260.00 per person; \$180 Commuter (includes meals)

Register with a non-refundable deposit of \$125.00 **Optional Thursday check-in for additional \$75. (meals not included)
For info: Marlon D. mankerman@aol.com, Rick B. algamus@aol.com, Paul A. prachief@gmail.com

Centering Prayer 2nd Tuesday, March 10 & 4th Tuesday, March 24- Via Zoom

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST - Led by: Rev Mardie Chapman **Fee: Donation**

Monthly Enneagram - Via Zoom

Tues, March 10 7:00 p.m to 8:30 p.m. Facilitated by: Tim Flood **Fee: \$15**

St. Francis of Assisi - His Life Journey and Why He Loves Animals - Via Zoom Fee: \$20.00

Friday, March 13, 2026 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. With: Carol Breland, OFS, MPH, RRT

Explore the life journey of a young 13th-century Italian poet, singer, songwriter, soldier, and mystic - Francis of Assisi. We'll accompany him on his conversion journey and explore how St. Francis shared his experience of God's overwhelming mercy with others, forming 3 separate Orders that still flourish worldwide 800 years later. During breakout sessions & workshop activities, we'll explore our own journey of purpose in today's world.

Women's Poetry Circle: Pondering Women Poets and Our Own Verses - Via Zoom

Monday, March 23, 2026 2:00-4:00 p.m. With: Maureen Connors, Ph.D. and Carole Ganim, Ph.D. **Fee: \$15**

Our Women's Poetry Circle will invite a current woman poet to join us each time as we explore their poetry and also that of our favorite women poets. Join us to discover both current and recent women poets.

Conscious Contact 12 Step Retreat with Fr. Tom Weston, SJ - A Weekend with Friends in Recovery

March 26-29, 2026 Thursday, 4:00 pm- Sunday, 11:00 am - **In Person**

Fee: \$440.00 Single; \$410.00 Shared (per person); \$280.00 Commuter (includes all meals)

Register with a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$150.00 Balance due by: March 16, 2025

A fifteen-minute Midday Prayer for Peace Fourth Wednesday, March 25 - Via Zoom

@ 12:00 p.m. With: Br. Louis Canter, OEF - **Fee: FREE**



The Triduum

Journeying Through
The Paschal Mystery
Franciscan Perspective

APRIL 2, 2026 (THUR) THRU
APRIL 5, 2026 (SUN)

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With: Br. Louis Cantor, OEF, Sister Colleen Brady, OSF, Sister Jo Streva, OSF, Fr. Charles, OFM, Bonnie Whitehurst- Music

"Step into Holy Week and let the Paschal Mystery reshape your heart — walking with Christ through suffering, love and new life, guided by the gentle, hope-filled wisdom of the Franciscan Way."

Fee: Single \$410; Shared \$385; Commuter \$265; Religious: Single \$360; Commuter \$190

Summer Camp 2026 - Rainforest Falls

For Children Pre 2 & 4 yrs through 3rd Grade (Completed May 2026)

Registration and Waiver Release Form

\$200 for one child — \$375 for two - Bring your own lunch

Start Date: Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17, 2026

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Franciscan Center Tampa

3010 North Perry Avenue

Tampa, FL 33603

(813) 299-2885

Email or return form by June 28, 2026



Please complete one form for each child in the family participating in the Summer Camp.

Child's Name (Last, First)	Birthdate	Last Grade Completed

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent email address(es) _____

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA allowing the above child(ren) to participate in SUMMER CAMP Rainforest Falls activities, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively herein the "CENTER") from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the above child(ren) while involved in SUMMER CAMP Rainforest Falls. Furthermore, on behalf of my minor child(ren), I hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense as a result of participation in activities involved therein. As well as releasing the child(ren), for transportation to and from the SUMMER CAMP location to the TBA field trip, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury in the process of transportation.

MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION: I authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and in the advice of any physician or dentist licensed as the medical staff of a licensed hospital or emergency care facility. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all cost and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the above mentioned child(ren) pursuant to this authorization.

PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSION: I DO / DO NOT (please circle one) give my consent to THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA to use photo or video images taken of my child(ren) in Center brochures, advertisements for the Center, on the website, in social media, and in other Center publications as they see fit. I agree to hold harmless THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA from any liability which may result from the use of said picture(s). This form will apply throughout my child(ren)'s tenure at THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA's Summer Camp. **None of the photos will be for personal use.**

ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES & FIELD TRIP PERMISSION:

Thereby give permission for my child(ren) to participate in Summer Camp activities at THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA and a one-day field trip to TBA the week of July 13, 2026 to July 17, 2026 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM ON THE OTHER SIDE



Tampa Bay Bible School Registration and Waiver Release Form (page 2)

All information will remain confidential to Franciscan Center staff.

Child's Name _____ Medical Insurance YES ___ NO ___

Insurance Company _____ Policy/Group ID# _____

Allergies, Medications, and/or Medical Conditions _____

Activity restrictions _____

Parent/Guardian phone number(s) _____

Emergency Contact: person(s) & phone numbers in case parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Name _____

Phone _____

People authorized to pick up my child _____

Please return all completed Registration/Permission/Waiver forms by June 28, 2026 to:

THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA

3010 North Perry Avenue

Tampa, FL 33603

Or email to Lily Hagboom at:

lily@franciscancentertampa.org

For more information contact Lily at (813) 299-2885 Ext. 102