

**Our Vision:** We seek to light the way to Christ as a strong military Catholic community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit and on fire with God's love.

**Our Mission:** We, the Catholic Community of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, serve to advance the spiritual growth and resilience of all bonded by love of Christ, and share experiences of service to country. Guided by our military chaplain, we actively participate in the living Body of Christ and persevere in our Savior's mission. We are grateful stewards of the gifts we have received and eagerly use them to show our love for God and for one another. Jesus' life and teachings direct our lives as Christian disciples.

**IBM-HH Catholic Community**

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**Registration:** [Forms](#) available on website or email the Catholic Coordinator.

**Sacraments and Sponsor Letters:** Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.

**E-Bulletins:** Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday. Please add [@jbmhhcatholicparish.com](mailto:@jbmhhcatholicparish.com) to "safe sender" list. Contact the Catholic Coordinator with registration changes or to Opt Out of receiving the e-bulletin.

**Daily Mass:** M – F, 1200, Blessed Sacrament Chapel **Reconciliation:** T – F, 1130 – 1145, Room 112

Please visit the [website calendar](#) for dates, locations, event details and for schedule updates.

**3 December through 16 December**

SAT & SUN		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>3</b> Socks for the Homeless Project begins 1700 Vigil Mass	<b>4 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 0900 Mass 1030 Rehearsal – Old Post Chapel 1030 Adult Ed, Baptism Class, CRE	<b>5</b> 1000 Living Word 1800 RCIA	<b>6</b> 1100 Bible Study 1900 Finance Committee meeting	<b>7</b> 1130 Daily Mass 1200 Advent Concert   Reflection   Light Lunch	<b>8 Immaculate Conception</b> 1200 Mass 1800 Mass	<b>9</b> 1000 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>10</b> 1600 Children's Christmas Pageant 1700 Vigil Mass 1800 Reception	<b>11 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 0900 Mass 0810 ALP Team meeting 1030 ALP NO CRE classes	<b>12</b> 1000 Living Word 1800 RCIA	<b>13</b> 1100 Bible Study 1900 Penance Service + Confession	<b>14</b> 1130 Daily Mass 1200 Advent Concert   Reflection   Light Lunch	<b>15</b> 1900 Adult Ed	<b>16</b>

Connect with us! In addition to our [website](#), we are on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter @JBMHHCatholics](#)

**Offertory Week 26-27 November**

1700 Vigil Mass: 134 \$1,568.25  
0900 Mass: 220 \$1,953.00  
**354 \$3,521.25**

Please make checks payable to C.T.O.F.

**Next Designated Offering:** 14 April 2017; Holy Land Collection

**Walk from Assisi to Rome**  
Along the Via di Francesco and Via di Roma:  
Through Umbria and Lazio  
May 24-June 6, 2017  
\$2,500 per person (Ground only) \*\*  
Walking Level: 8-16 miles per day \*\*  
Maximum of 8 participants

Join a walking pilgrimage from Assisi to Rome. Along the Way of Francis (Via di Francesco). Accompanied by Fr. Fred Wendel!

**\*Included in Price:**

- Overnight accommodations (lodging based on double occupancy)
- Half Board (breakfast and dinner daily)
- Daily luggage transport service - you carry only your own day pack
- Taxi services (where indicated)
- "The Way of Francis" guide book by Sandy Brown
- Pilgrim's kit with info on the Cammino, packing instructions, training tips
- Pilgrim's credential to obtain the official Testimonium certificate from Vatican
- Airfare, lunch, and optional travel insurance not included

\*\*Please note that this is a hiking pilgrimage; walks vary between 10-16 miles per day on hilly and mountainous terrain, including some steep uphill and downhill trails. Fitness and advance training is necessary.

The Via Francigena was the medieval pilgrimage route that connected Canterbury, England to Rome through France. In the middle ages, Christians from all over Europe set out on foot on walking pilgrimages to reach the tombs of the apostles in Compostela, France, Rome, and beyond. The loosely connected route became known as the Via Francigena.

St. Francis himself was often a pilgrim on the road. He walked the roads of Italy and Europe going as far as the Holy Land in the East to Santiago de Compostela in the west. He never could have known that one day his own beloved city of Assisi would become a great pilgrimage destination. Yet, by the 13th century, because of the plenary indulgence granted to the Portiuncula (and the fame of his own tomb), Umbria was forever enshrined on the pilgrimage map. But the majority of pilgrims had as their destination the caput mundi: the head of the world - Rome. Their goal was to visit the basilica built over the tomb of St. Peter, in the necropolis of the Vatican hill.

Now the "Way of Francis" has been "re-paved" for those who wish to re-trace the footsteps of Francis as he walked from Assisi to Rieti and then to Rome.

Immerse yourself in this experience of a lifetime walking the Way of Francis - a Cammino rich in faith, nature, and culture.

Itinerary, registration form, terms and conditions inside.  
For more information, contact Bret Thomas at:  
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[Walk from Assisi to Rome with Fr. Fred - May 2017](#)

Visit the website by clicking either on the flyer or on the link. For an information packet in PDF, please email Pam at [info@jbmhhcatholicparish.com](mailto:info@jbmhhcatholicparish.com)



**Readings for the weekend of 3-4 December**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The prophet Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. Despite the political unrest of that period, he looked forward to a kingdom so wonderful that even nature is at peace. This perfect world would be ruled by a descendent of King David. (As you listen to this reading, it helps to know that "Jesse" is the name of David's father.)

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.*

Psalm 72

**Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

In the early days of the Church, some Jewish converts to Christianity continued to practice their Jewish traditions. Many of them were members of the Church in Rome, along with others who were Gentiles. They sometimes found it hard to get along. As Paul nears the end of his letter to them, he encourages them to live in harmony by drawing upon the Scriptures they had in common – what we have called the "Old Testament."

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...**

...for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

**Deployed:** FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps, Kevin Voelker, DoD; Harold Miller, Jr., DoD; Deborah & Panakkal David, Foreign Service

**Healing:** Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Jack Doyle, Bill Hoh, Virginia Hoh, Jeff Lepak, Al and Marilyn Hanson, Russell Plaisance, Warren Krug, Warren Efting, Barbara Nestro, Joe Franklin, Bill Daknis, Bob Daknis, Maria Miani, Richard W. Kalb, Fran DeLoatche, Babs Clare, Finian Lalime, John Bian, Lina Czubas

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Knights of Columbus' "**Socks for the Homeless**" project begins this weekend. Knights will distribute bags after the Masses. Please see the bulletin insert for more information about this charitable project.

Thursday, **8 December** is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** and is a holy day of obligation. There are two noon Masses – one at Memorial Chapel and the other at Ft. McNair; the evening Mass is at 1800 at Memorial Chapel.

Wednesday lunchtime **Advent Concerts - 7 December** and **14 December**. Music begin at 1200, followed by a reflection and a light lunch in Fellowship Hall. On these two Wednesdays only, daily Mass will be celebrated at 1130.

**Volunteers needed to host reception** - The annual Christmas Pageant will be Saturday, **10 December** at 1600. Please contact Ivan Pierce at [cre@jbmhhcatholicparish.com](mailto:cre@jbmhhcatholicparish.com) if you can assist with the reception, which begins after the vigil mass. Volunteers are asked to bring dishes and assist with set up at 1530. Clean up will begin 30 minutes after the end of mass.

**Advent Penance Service** is Tuesday, **13 December**, Memorial Chapel, at 1900. Several priests are participating, allowing for the chance of individual confession. Whether it's been a long or short time since you've been to confession, plan to be present.

The **World Religions** class continues its study of Ancient Asian Religions: Taoism, Confucianism, and Shintoism on **December 15** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the chapel Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Arimathean Training:** The Arimathean Ministry is looking for volunteers to function as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for Catholic funerals at Old Post Chapel. Volunteers participate in one to two services per month. Training will be held on a Saturday in January 2017. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, please contact Neal Collins at [USPHS@mac.com](mailto:USPHS@mac.com) or call (562) 528-6263.