

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](http://www.franciscancentertampa.org) for updates



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of
St. Francis

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THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA CELEBRATIONS AND PROGRAMS

the
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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

MAY 2026

Franciscan Film Fest

- Friday, May 8th, at 7 pm evening show at Sacred Heart North Campus *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*



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*

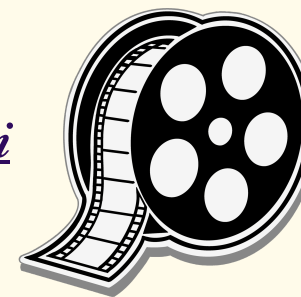
JULY 2026

Care for Creation & Reverence

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

Franciscan Film Fest

- Sunday, July 19, at 2 pm matinee at Franciscan Center *St. Clare of Assisi*



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*

THE FRANCISCAN CENTER TAMPA
CELEBRATIONS & PROGRAMS

Franciscan Film Fest

- Friday, Sept. 11, at 7 pm evening show at Sacred Heart North Campus *The Sultan and the Saint*



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)

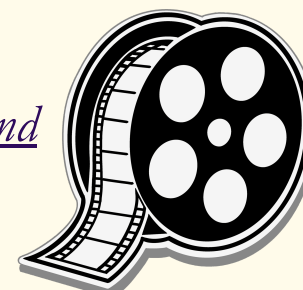
NOVEMBER 2026

Franciscan Symbols & Meaning

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

Franciscan Film Fest

- Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 pm matinee show at Franciscan Center *The Assisi Underground*



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.