



# Franciscan Sisters Celebrate!

St Francis of Assisi Parishioners in Sacramento celebrated their first mass in the church in April of 1898. In July of 1898, the first Secular Franciscans in the parish were professed. Three years later, in 1901, the Sisters of St Francis of Penance and Christian Charity came to California from Stella Niagara, New York, to teach at St. Francis Parish School for a stipend of \$120 a year per Sister – that was over a hundred years ago!

In 2026, the Franciscan Sisters celebrate 125 continuous years of ministry on the West Coast, and it all started here in Sacramento at St. Francis of Assisi Parish!! Come and join us for two 125th anniversary events for a year of jubilee and celebration!

## **February 8, 2026: Celebrating Alumnae, Family, and Friends**

On Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, join us for a Mass at 9:30 AM with Father Anthony Garibaldi, OFM, an alum of Grace Day Home and Holy Angels Elementary, as well as former Franciscan pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. After Mass, join us in Brunsman Hall for a continental breakfast reception.

Come join us to hear the Sisters share their stories about their Franciscan life here, and maybe even share one of your own! Alumnae, former sisters, parents, friends, and family are all invited for a get-together celebrating our Franciscan lives over the decades!!



Our planning committee will provide beverages and basics for the continental breakfast. We ask you to please sign up to share a breakfast dish. Sign up for your potluck item using the QR code or at <http://www.perfectpotluck.com/BPTQ3839> or by emailing [debbie@clingingsmith.org](mailto:debbie@clingingsmith.org)

## **May 3, 2026: Celebrating Franciscan Life in Sacramento Then and Now**

On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bishop Jaime Soto will celebrate the 9:30 AM. Join us in Brunsman Hall for continental breakfast after Mass for a deep dive into Franciscan life in Sacramento and how it has changed over the years. Celebrate the sisters' ministries *Then – and Now!*



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**All are invited to these two parish events! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Debbie Clingingsmith by email ([debbie@clingingsmith.org](mailto:debbie@clingingsmith.org)) or phone (805.574.0441). Come and celebrate our Franciscan heritage!!**