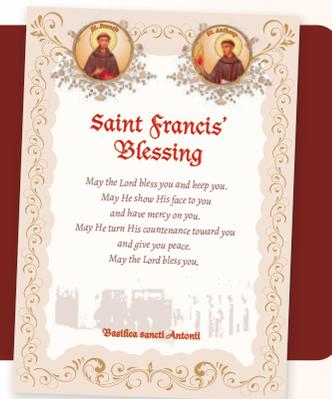




Saint Francis "The Poor Man of Assisi in Prayer"
Church at the Little School

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BY SAINT FRANCIS FOR BROTHER LEO
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From the Decree of the APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY:

«His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Minister of our faith and our joy, establishes that, from 10 January 2026, coinciding with the closing of the Ordinary Jubilee, until 10 January 2027, a special Year of Saint Francis shall be proclaimed, in which every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, shall become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace.

[...] the Apostolic Penitentiary... grants a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) ... to all the faithful without distinction who, with a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church».

Please help us continue St. Anthony's mission!

We friars work throughout the world to spread the Good News of the Gospel and to bring hope and comfort to people in need.

We are asking you to join us so that our commitment to the needy may bear fruit and reach as many people as possible. Please help us bring food for the body and nourishment for the soul to these people, and to enlighten their lives with St Anthony's message of love and hope. Thank you!

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FOR THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GLORIOUS PASSING
OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



**THE BASILICA OF SAINT ANTHONY WELCOMES YOU
TO A SHORT SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF FAITH**

Brothers and Disciples of Jesus

1

The Tomb of Saint Anthony

We begin our journey by drawing near to Saint Anthony, a friar who loved and walked with Francis of Assisi on their common road of Christian discipleship. To them we entrust our prayers, that the desire to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus may be rekindled within us.



Let us pray, using Saint Francis' own words:
The rule and life of these brothers is this: namely to live in obedience, in chastity, and without anything of their own – and to follow the teaching and footprints of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Earlier Rule, ch. I)

Virgin Made Church

2

Chapel of Blessed Luke Belludi

In the central painting, we see Francis of Assisi, Saint Anthony and other Franciscan saints gathered around Mary and the Child Jesus. Francis often referred to Mary as the Virgin Made Church, because for him she is the model for every Christian who responds faithfully to God's grace.



Let us pray, using Saint Francis' own words:
Hail, O Lady, holy Queen, holy Mother of God, Mary, who are the Virgin Made Church, chosen by the most holy Father of heaven, whom He consecrated with His most holy beloved Son and with the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; in whom there was and is all fullness of grace and every good. Hail, His palace! Hail, His tabernacle! Hail, His dwelling! Hail, His garment! Hail, His handmaid! Hail, His Mother! (A Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

The Word of God

3

Chapel of Saint Joseph

In this chapel dedicated to Saint Joseph, we remember how he never speaks a word in Scripture – yet his entire life was shaped by the Word of God: heard, received, and obeyed. Here in this chapel, a passage from the Word of God is entrusted to all who enter. Like Francis of Assisi, who had a profound love and deep reverence for God's Word, keep it forever close to your heart.

Let us pray, using Saint Francis' own words:
Because whoever belongs to God hears the words of God... I, therefore, admonish all my brothers and encourage them in Christ to venerate, as best they can, the divine written words wherever they find them... honoring in the words the Lord Who spoke them. (A Letter to the Entire Order)

Breathing the Spirit of the Lord

4

Chapel of Saint Francis – Relic of Saint Francis

Among the scenes depicted in this chapel, one portrays Francis of Assisi handing a note to Saint Anthony. In it, Francis grants Anthony permission to teach Sacred Theology provided that the spirit of holy prayer and devotion would never be extinguished within him. Anthony lived this advice with every breath of his life.

Let us pray, using Saint Francis' own words:
Let us therefore love God and adore Him with a pure heart and a pure mind. (Second Letter to the Faithful).

Finding Mercy

5

Hall of Confessions

The Pardon of Assisi, celebrated each year on August 2, is the forerunner of every Jubilee Year. These sacred times invite us to be transformed by the grace of the Lord's mercy. For this reason, we approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation with trust as we seek to better know and do God's will.

Let us pray, using Saint Francis' own words:
Almighty, eternal, just, and merciful God, grant us the grace to do for You alone, what we know You want us to do, and always to desire what pleases You. Inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened, and inflamed by the fire of Your Holy Spirit, may we be able to follow in the footprints of Your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. And by Your grace alone, may we make our way to You Most High." (A Letter to the Entire Order)

Becoming Thanksgiving

6

Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament

Francis of Assisi had a profound love for the Eucharist. Like him, you may wish to remain for a time before the Blessed Sacrament, offering thanks to the Lord for the grace and mercy received and for His call into His presence.



Let us pray, using Saint Francis' own words:
O wonderful humility! O humble sublimity! That the Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under the little form of bread! Look at the humility of God, and pour out your hearts before Him; humble yourselves, that you may be exalted by Him. Therefore, hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves, so that He who gives Himself totally to you may receive you totally. (A Letter to the Entire Order)

Brothers and Sisters All

7

Chapel of Saint Clare

Saint Clare was among the first to be drawn into the spiritual experience of Francis of Assisi. In the fresco on the right, the lifeless body of the Poverello is brought before Clare and the Poor Sisters, surrounded by fellow friars. Francis' witness gave rise to countless stories of holiness, all woven together in the same Gospel spirit.



Let us pray, using Saint Francis' own words:
And wherever the brothers (and sisters) may be, they should show themselves members of the same family. Let each one confidently make known his need to the other, for if a mother loves and cares for her son according to the flesh, how much more diligently must someone love and care for his brother (or sister) according to the Spirit. (Later Rule, ch. VI)

Blessing of St. Francis

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