

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

Pet Blessing



Celebrating the Feast of Saint Francis

Wednesday, October 1, 2014



3:30 Pet Blessing
4:10 Snack
4:30 Adoration

Bring them on leashes or in cages at 3:30 and celebrate the joy of your best friends!

Pet blessings are a way for humans to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, embodying his love of animals and all mankind. St. Francis, patron saint of animals and the environment, was born in 1181 and founded the Franciscan order. He wrote *The Canticle of the Creatures* (*Canticle of the Sun*) - an affirmation of how he lived, often referring to animals as brothers and sisters to mankind.



"preach the gospel always, use words if necessary"

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St. Francis of Assisi