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Several Churches in Diocese of Dallas Observe Feast of St. Francis By offering Blessings for Pets

In observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all creatures and nature, people will have the opportunity to take their pets to be blessed at several churches in the Diocese of Dallas on Saturday, October 1 and Tuesday, October 4. The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is officially observed on October 4th.

St. Francis was born at Assisi in Umbria in 1181. After a care-free youth, he turned his back on inherited wealth and committed himself to God. Like many early saints, he lived a very simple life of poverty, and in so doing, gained a reputation of being a friend to animals and a lover of nature. He is the founder of all Franciscan orders and the patron saint of animals, ecologists and merchants.

The following are a few of the churches that invite animal lovers to bring their pets to a special Blessing of the Animals service. Please visit <https://www.cathdal.org/calendar-blessingoftheanimals> for a complete list of churches and addresses offering the blessing.

[Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3826 Gilbert Avenue, Dallas](#)

Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 a.m. on the church patio.

[St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 8000 Eldorado Parkway, Frisco](#)

Saturday, October 1 at 9:15 a.m. in the church courtyard.

[St. Monica Catholic Church, 9933 Midway Road, Dallas](#)

Tuesday, October 4, 4:15 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. in the courtyard with the statue of Mary.

[St. Bernard Catholic Church, 1404 Old Gate Lane, Dallas](#)

Tuesday, October 4 at 8 a.m. in the parking lot behind the church. (Spanish speakers available)

[St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, 3741 Abrams Road, Dallas](#)

Tuesday, October 4 at 10 a.m.

[Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 5605 Bernal Avenue, Dallas](#)

Tuesday, October 4 at 8:00 p.m. outside the front steps of the church. (Spanish speakers available)

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