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St. Francis of Assisi, Yona Guam Island Fiesta Tour

Father Alvin St, Yona (Open Lot, Near Buenas Store)
Sunday, October 9, 2022 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

<u> Itinerary</u>

1:00 pm Guest Arrive

1:15 pm Opening remarks from Mayor Bill Quenga National Anthem Guam Hym Bendision

1:30 pm Blessing of the food and opening of the table

2:00 pm Dance floor opens Entertainment by local band

3:00 pm Depart<mark>ure of Guest</mark>

CHamoru Activities: Weaving, Kamyu, Sling and Talaya throwing

WHAT IS A FIESTA?

The Spanish missionaries introduced the system in which individual saints were honored and recognized on their patron feast date. This system was easily adapted into the Chamorro social celebrations at each of the villages. Fiestas have become an occasion to get together with families and friends from around the island to give thanks and celebrate. Many Chamorros are known for devotion to their patron saints. A nobena (special rosary) is held for nine days, culminating with the traditional village procession and festal masses. Devotes from around the island attend the village procession and festal masses in order to fulfill their promesa, or special devotion to a saint. (www. guampedia.com

ST. FRANCIS, CELEBRATED SAINT



St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and environment could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation.

THE VILLAGE OF YONA

Yona is the first southern village on the eastern side of Guam. Its boundaries stretch for six miles, for the south side of Pago Bay to the north side of the bridge at Jeff's Pirates cove in Ipan, Talo'fo'fo. The village also extends west on Route 17, or cross Island Road, from Route 4, or Chalan Kanton Tasi, to Tarzan Falls, near the Naval Magazine overlook.



MAYOR BILL QUENGA

Mayor Quenga was sworn into office November 20, 2020 to serve the people of Yona. Mayor Quenga and his staff are dedicated to the work of the Yona Mayors Office.



