

Delicious Fare Awaits at St. Francis

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As someone who frequents central Phoenix restaurants, I'd heard a lot about [St. Francis](#). For instance: their food, atmosphere, and their family-friendly attitude. I just couldn't wait to check it out for myself!

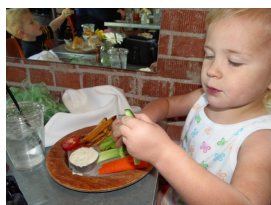


I was impressed off the bat – a valet (love it) for lunch, and a cute outdoor patio as well as lovely indoor seating. Instead of the typical crayons and paper placemat that most restaurants have, St. Francis offers a basket of fun toys. My children were enamored (to say the least) with these – I'm not even sure what they were called, and it really doesn't matter.

St. Francis loves families – it even says so on their menu! Kids eat free all the time, no matter what. Even with just me purchasing one meal for myself, both Jeremiah and Sarah's meals were complementary. Let me tell you – these are not teeny meals, either! I also love that they have healthy, fresh options, instead of the typical 'mac & cheese,' 'chicken fingers,' 'pb&j.'



Jeremiah chose the turkey sandwich with fries, and it was huge! Not only was it big enough for the kids to split, it was delicious – no plain turkey and cheese here. I appreciate restaurants that allow children to try new foods and different tastes.



Sarah (who I sometimes think will be a vegetarian), chose the veggie platter with house-made ranch. That ranch was so delicious; I was dipping my own fingerling potatoes in it. (I had the French onion burger – both fabulous and filling.)



Naturally, you cannot visit a place like St. Francis without getting dessert. I asked our server which would be the best to split, and he suggested the St Francis Brownie, which was delicious and gooey and everything you'd imagine it to be.

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We did have a slight hiccup, which I'm sharing only because I want to highlight how well it was handled by the manager. Mid-dessert, Sarah needed to use the restroom, and, as is the case when it's just me and the kids, I had to take everyone. When we came back to our table, it had been cleared away, including our fabulous dessert. However, the manager was waiting for us and apologized profusely, and brought us a new brownie to take home. When there are so many places that are not as customer-friendly, it felt great to be so well taken care of by [St. Francis](#).

If you're in the neighborhood (or even if you're not!), I think you should stop here for lunch with the family. Trust me; you won't be disappointed by the food or the service!

My recommendations:

If you're going for lunch, go early (11ish), if you can swing it. There's a large business crowd that starts coming in around 1130am, and since everything is made when it's ordered, the wait time for food may increase.

Bring a few dollars for the valet!

It's "Happy Hour" on drinks from 11am-6pm. Their speciality cocktails (normally \$9) are \$5. They have lovely flavors like the St. Francis Lemonade or a Pineapple Mojito. If you're not driving, try one!

St. Francis is located at: 111 E. Camelback Rd in Phoenix, 85012.



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