



Fr. The Desk of Deacon Willy

"Be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful."

(Luke 6:36)

The face of God is MERCY. The Gospels are full of stories and parables depicting how Jesus manifested God's unending mercy to all mankind, most especially to the sick, the suffering, the sinners and the marginalized of society. God assumed human flesh to show us that we have a merciful and forgiving God who loves us all unconditionally. We are all sinners who have experienced God's mercy and forgiveness. In return we are asked to show mercy and to forgive others.

We are so fortunate to live in a time where the Pope constantly expresses God's mercy. Pope Francis chose as *"miserando atque eligendo"* his episcopal motto upon his election which freely translated means *"with eyes of mercy."* At the first Angelus as Pope on March 17, 2013, he stated *"Feeling mercy, that this word changes everything. This is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."* At the Angelus on January 11, 2015, he stated: *"There is so much need of mercy today, and it is important that the lay faithful live it and bring it into different social environments. Go forth! We are living in the age of mercy; this is the age of mercy."* Then, in his 2015 Lenten Message, the Holy Father expressed: *"How greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!"* On the second anniversary of his election as Pope, he announced that he is declaring a **"Jubilee Year of Mercy"** to run from December 8, 2015, to November 20, 2016. What Pope Francis was doing by calling for this Jubilee Year of Mercy was to offer to all Christians the blessing of obtaining mercy by having and showing mercy to others.

But, can we be as merciful as God is? We know that we can never even approximate our mercy with God's love and mercy. Our mercy will always be limited and finite! However when Jesus beckons us to be just as merciful and his Father, he asks us, his followers, as Pope Francis says, *"to become signs, channels, and witnesses of his mercy."*

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SPEAK TO ME



Today's Readings

Readings

2nd Sunday of Easter

Reading I

Acts 5:12-16

Reading II

Revelation 1:9-11a,
12-13, 17-19

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Next Weekend's

Readings

3rd Sunday of Easter

Reading I

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Reading II

Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel

John 21:1-19



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 29, 8:30am

Stacey Cortez - SI (illness)

Carmen Yzaguirre +

Claire Toussaint - SI (health)

Tuesday, April 30, 8:30am

Conchita Si +

Emerito Suson +

Nellie Barber Militante +

Wednesday, May 1, 8:30am

Trang Nguyen - SI (birthday)

Socorro Barramenda +

Melhanie Pena +

Thursday May 2, 8:30am

Eduard Aguilar +

Bien Nguyen - SI (illness)

Friday May 3, 8:30am

Pete Casanova-Healing

Paul Schreiber +

Joseph Tien Tran +

Saturday, May 4, 8:30am

Leonardo Garcia Flores +

Perfecto Santiago +

Billy & Theresa - SI (blessings for wedding)

Saturday/Sunday, May 4-5

5:00 Vigil, Chapel

Ty (Tee) Pham +

Rey San Antonio +

Michael & Virginia Conway +

8:15am Villages

8:30am Chapel

For the people of the parish

9:00am Gathering Hall

Rosemarie S. Noza +

Ben Guevara +

Felissa Tan +

9:30am Grange Hall

Mary Moss + and Paul Niedert +

10:30am Chapel

Thanksgiving Prayers for ADA Donors

Angelita Quintos Uy +

Amelyn Penaflor - SI (birthday)

11:00am Gathering Hall

Guise Dong Nguyen +

Fortunata Soriano +

Souls in purgatory +

12:30pm Chapel

Juana & Roque Lu +

Angel Rivera +

2:00pm Spanish Mass

Crescenciano Hernandez +

4:00pm Vietnamese Mass

Bach-Huong Nguyen - SI (birthday)

Lucia Phan Thi Khay +

6:00pm Chapel

James Zito +

Rolando Cordero +

Sinforosa Juson +

Reflections

**"Jesus said to them again,
'Peace be with you. As the
Father has sent me, so I
send you.'" (John 20:21)**

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.



"Jesús les dijo otra vez: 'La paz esté con ustedes. Como el Padre me envió, también yo los envío a ustedes.'"
(JUAN 20:21)

Paz - el primer regalo del Señor resucitado. Así como Jesús envió a los apóstoles al mundo, Él también nos envía a nosotros. Como discípulos de Jesús, estamos llamados a ser agradecidos y generosos. Busca oportunidades para compartir su paz, no solo dentro de los límites de nuestra parroquia, sino también fuera de ella. Al dar, recibimos la paz de Jesucristo.

stewardship

April 6-7 (544 envelopes)

Offertory	\$20,633.90
Mortgage	\$ 685.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 2,862.00
Easter	\$ 858.00
St. Francis Fund	\$ 60.00
Second Collection	\$ 4,731.00
Other	\$ 146.00

If you are interested in donating on-line, please visit our webpage at www.sfoasj.com and click on

Online Giving

Or scan



to get started with this convenient giving option.

**Thank you in advance
for your generous giving.**

May 5, 2019

**Third Sunday of Easter
Chapel**

5:00pm – Msgr. Cilia (Vigil)

8:30am – Msgr. Mitchell

10:30am – Fr. Stanley

12:30pm – Fr. Stanley

2:00pm (Spanish) – Fr. Stanley

4:00pm (Vietnamese) – Fr. Vu

6:00pm – Msgr. Cilia

Gathering Hall

9:00am – Fr. Syjueco

11:00am - Fr. Syjueco

Ecclesial Communities

8:15am (Villages) – Fr. Vu

9:30am (Grange) – Fr. Vu

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR, FR. MATTHEW STANLEY

Thank you for your generosity in this year's Easter collection. We assure you that the love which these gifts represent will enable us to continue the work which we must undertake here at St. Francis of Assisi. If you were not prepared for our Easter collection, we encourage you still to make your gift. We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of our parish may continue to impact the lives of so many. We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" you have received.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!

First Sunday of the Month - Second Collection - Mortgage Debt Reduction



Next Sunday, there will be a second collection to reduce our \$2.7 million-dollar parish debt. Yes, that number is right. Our debt has gone down by \$875,000! A very generous and loving parishioner,

Ella Mary Molter, left a large sum of money to the parish to reduce the debt that was incurred in building our chapel and hall. This gift encourages all of us to consider including St. Francis of Assisi as a beneficiary when managing our estate planning.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 28



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

We will have a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 2pm. We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm and conclude with Benediction. Please join us in the Gathering Hall this Sunday.

Stewardship of Treasure Report - March 2019



Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of March. Our average weekly collection was \$21,711. You also generously



donated to various important causes in our March Second Collections in the amount of \$34,712!

Our parish needs \$20,000 a week for us to meet many of our financial responsibilities. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for the first 9 months (39 weeks) at \$780,000 and received \$824,000. This additional income helps us to pay-down our \$2.7 mil-

lion debt. As you know, we are totally dependent upon you all our parishioners for our livelihood. We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of St. Francis of Assisi Parish may continue to impact the lives of so many.

This year our cash collection on Ash Wednesday will be shared with four local charities. **St. Juan Diego Women's Center**: a place where women are not outcast for choosing LIFE for their unborn, and are given support through Birth and Beyond. **NAMI Santa Clara County**: offers practical experience, support, education, comfort and understanding to anyone concerned about mental illnesses and their treatment. **Sacred Heart Community Service**: strives to create a community free from poverty by creating hope, opportunity, and action. **Bill Wilson Center**: supports and strengthens the community by serving youth and families through counseling, housing, education, and advocacy. Thank you for Lenten charity!

Easter Flowers - A Season of 50 Days!



Remembering a loved one during Easter is always foremost in our minds. So why not express that love by donating toward the Easter flowers as special intention or in memory of a deceased family member or friend? Special Easter Flower envelopes will be available in the Chapel and Gathering Hall.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes & Paybee Electronic Giving



We encourage our parishioners who don't use envelopes to consider electronic online giving. The parish has recently engaged the services of Paybee.io to facilitate this process. It is extremely easy to use. Please visit paybee.io to begin using this service. Please contact our Business Manager, Victor Espinoza (408.223.1770 x302), if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the programs and ministries of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER

BOOK GROUP



Please join us in reading 'Educated: a Memoir' by Tara Westover for our next meeting on Tuesday, May 7. For more info, call Donna at 408-238-6681.

SUNDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS



Please submit all bulletin items for consideration to ROLivas@dsj.org

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH



AWARENESS

month. Join us for these FREE events on Mental Health:

Wednesday, May 15, 7pm-9pm, Presentation High School Auditorium: *Angst* - Documentary and panel discussion on anxiety & depression among youth, teens, & young adults. Panelists include high school counselor, therapist specializing in youth, teens, & trauma & Clinical Psychologist specializing in substance abuse. Presentation High School, Auditorium, 2281 Plummer Ave, San Jose, 95125. FREE

Saturday, May 18, 10am-12noon, SFOA Fireside Room: *Break the Silence* - a panel discussion on Mental Illness by teens and young adults for teens and young adults. Young people describe their own experience with mental illness, experiencing stigma, and choosing to tell their stories to end the Silence about depression, anxiety and other mental health conditions among youth, teens; and young adults. Presented with NAMI of Santa Clara County. FREE

For information on these events, contact Barbarazahner1@mac.com

Spiritual Book Club

The book for the month of May is "*The Holy Longing*" by Fr. Ronald Rohlheiser. We will meet Thursday, May 16 at 10:00am in Garden Room A. For any questions, please contact Lisa at Lnakamura@dsj.org or 408-223-1770 x316

NEXT MONTHLY DOCTORS' MASS, prior to Summer Break, is Saturday May 5: All



medical doctors are invited to attend this monthly Mass specifically dedicated to physicians and their work throughout our San Jose Diocese.

Mass is scheduled for Saturday May 5th at 7am at St. Frances Cabrini Church in San Jose. This will be the last monthly Mass before the summer break. Come give your medical vocation some extra spiritual attention. Mass is followed by a light breakfast and fellowship with colleagues. For more information contact Dr. Steve Bui at 408-972-6846 or steve-khoi.bui@kp.org

MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!! A



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1-50 years, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: May 17-19 in San Jose and Aug 9-11, in San Francisco. For more info and/or to register for a Weekend, visit sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at 408-782-1413 or applications@sanjosewwme.org

What's Happening

DAILY:

Rosary-Monday-Saturday, 8AM, Chapel

Divine Mercy-Monday-Saturday, 7:50AM Chapel

WEEKLY:

AA-Mondays, 7PM

Fireside Room

Adoration First Friday, Chapel, 9am-5pm, All other Fridays in Garden Rooms, 9am-5pm

Legion of Mary (English)

Wednesday, 7PM, Fireside Room

Legion of Mary (Español)

Wednesday, 7PM, Evergreen 2

SFOA Lectio Divina

Wednesdays, 10AM, Chapel

Marian Intercessory

Prayer Group

Thursdays, 9:15AM, Chapel

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thursdays, 4PM, Fireside Room

MONTHLY:

13th of Month Rosary Group

One complete Rosary after

8:30 AM Mass each month

Book Group, First Tuesday,

7:30PM Garden Rooms B-C

Filipino Ministry Team (FMT)

Third Thursday, 6pm, Gathering Hall

Holy Family Institute

First Saturday, 2-4PM, EV1-EV2

Ministry of Consolation and

Bereavement : Third Wednesday of the month, 3:30PM, EV1

Spanish Ministry :

First Monday, 7PM, EV1

Social Justice:

Fourth Monday, 7PM, Garden Rooms

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER



MIDDLE SCHOOL DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE

WHEN: August 5-8, 2019

FOR: Incoming 6th-8th Graders

Registration for Middle School participants & High School
Leaders in Training (LITs) To Be Announced



Diocese of
San Jose

"Hand in Hand in Ministry"

PARISH GOAL	\$350,000
Pledged:	\$258,307
Pledges:	569
Average Pledge:	\$ 454

Every dollar pledged and paid from here on out, will directly benefit our outdoor pavilion project. **We need 184 pledges (\$500 each) to meet our parish goal.** We need the support of all of our parish families. Would you consider making a pledge? Use your Visa or MasterCard, make an Electronic Funds Transfer from your checking account, or donate online at dsj.org. **Thank you for your support.**



Most Holy Trinity Catholic School is now accepting application for Kindergarten—8th grade for the 2019-2020 Academic School year.

Most Holy Trinity is located at
1940 Cunningham Avenue, San Jose 95112.

For more information, contact Principal Jamie McIntyre at Jamie.McIntyre@dsj.org or 408.729.3431



Coming this Summer to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish...



SFOA Summer Enrichment Program Monday, July 8-Friday, July 26

AGES

2.9 potty-trained to 6 years' old.
Your child can be entering kindergarten or
graduating to first grade

To reserve your spot

Registration is \$50.00

(Registration is not included in monthly fee)

Days and Times

Monday-Friday

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM \$600

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM \$500

Tuesday/Thursday

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM \$400

If you are interested in the program,
please contact
Rochelle Leggett At 408.223.1770 x 309



Vacation Bible School is a two week summer program for children grades PreK to 5th grade. It is a safe environment where kids can be introduced to God

through fun filled activities such as crafts, music, theme, games, and snacks.

Our program is Monday-Friday, 9am- 1pm.

VBS 2019 will take place June 17 - 28

For more information, and to register, visit our web page at www.sfoasj.com

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER



St. Francis of Assisi Winter Homeless Shelter Program 2019

In the spirit of St. Francis, and with the support of our pastor **Fr. Matt**, parishioners implemented for the 4th time a winter shelter program for up to 15 homeless men. This season we collaborated with Most Holy Trinity Parish and Evergreen Valley United Methodist Church and rotated our services on a weekly basis for 14 weeks. Here is what we were able to accomplish:

- ✚ We sheltered up to 11 men on a nightly basis during 52 shelter evenings.
- ✚ Over 150 volunteers participated in the program: helping with shelter setup; greeting and doing intake; preparing and serving food; supervising our guests in the evening; organizing and preparing donated supplies. The estimated number of hours that these volunteers spent on the program was **1,008 hours**.
- ✚ Many parishioners donated hygiene supplies, clothing, bedding and other items for our guests. Also, a total of \$19,725 was received from parishioners to support this ministry. This was especially important because, with MHT's St. Vincent de Paul Society, we were able to hire a Security Guard who worked every evening from 10pm to 6am.
- ✚ Project WeHOPE provided their "*Dignity on Wheels*" service twice a week so our guests could shower and wash their clothes.
- ✚ Evergreen Valley United Methodist Church was able to host/shelter our guests one evening when neither MHT's nor our facility was available.
- ✚ The 110 dinners and breakfasts that were prepared by our volunteers (*with friends from other parts of*

the Valley) were delicious and varied culturally as well.

- ✚ The parish facilities staff put in extra work to do all that was necessary to ensure that our guests' accommodations were always ready for them, cleaned up and restored to parish use afterwards. Special thanks to **Phil McAllister**!
- ✚ The parish staff communicated with the shelter team concerning all donations, safe environment training, and scheduling. Thanks to **Gillian Griffis, Rosie Olivas, Rebecca Mitz** and **Victor Espinoza**!
- ✚ Medical Social Workers of the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program at Alexian Clinic screened and referred all our guests, a total of 24. This enabled us to serve a total of 15 unduplicated individuals. They and staff from PATH also provided case management services to our guests to help them in various ways.
- ✚ Every evening the guests and the volunteers experienced a real sense of community as we shared dinner. Our guests were always very appreciative of what our volunteers did for them. They expressed this constantly and in the satisfaction survey they filled out.
- ✚ We celebrated our work together with a potluck dinner for all the guests and volunteers on Saturday, March 23rd.

Thanks a million to the members of the **Shelter Leadership Team**: Ferdie Angel, Bob Dolci, Marcos Herrera, Leona Karayan, Phil McAllister, Fr. Matt Stanley, Deepa Palamuttam and Tom Ricci.

Finally, thanks to all who participated in this most meaningful ministry with your time, donations and love!