



EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE ALWAYS NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT THE MASS, BUT NEVER GOT AROUND TO ASKING. by Fr. Michael Syjueco

Many of us lifelong Catholics have grown so used to Mass that perhaps we go through the motions without truly experiencing the awesome mystery of the Mass. Because we have gotten so used to the Mass, our minds often wander. We are caught up with the winds no longer with Jesus. It is important, therefore, that we understand what goes on during the Mass, the words we hear and use to respond, the prayers that are used, the parts of the Mass, even the variety of postures that we take during the Eucharistic celebration. Now that I have tackled the fundamentals of the Mass—like why we worship God, how the Mass is the highest form of worship, the general meaning of the Mass, how Mass is uniquely different from the many ways we experience God's presence, what generally happens to the Mass with the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist and its origin, and quite recently the importance of sacred silence—I can now proceed to discuss the details in the Mass and understand in a deeper sense what all the details mean. In this article and in the coming articles that I will write, I will focus on these details with the hope that we will never take the Mass for granted ever again. I will use the book written by Mike Burriel, "The Mass" as my main reference for this purpose.

The first thing that greets us in the Church as we come in for Mass are the Church doors. The doors are great symbols that we often take for granted. In John 10:9, Jesus says, "*I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.*" In the door, therefore, we encounter the first image of Christ. We pass through this door mindful that it is through Jesus (not by any other, not by the world, not by anyone), but only through Jesus, we are saved. The next time we enter through the doors of the Church, therefore, we do well to be conscious about what specifically do I need Christ to save me from at this point in my life?

As we enter the church, we notice a big font of water. The water is blessed, and thus it is considered holy. It was blessed at the Easter Vigil for the purpose of being used to baptized the catechumens. This water reminds us of our own baptism, in which we died to our sin and chose to live for Christ. As we bless ourselves with this sacred water, we might want to ask ourselves, how have I lived my baptismal vows so far?



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Today's Readings

6th Sunday of Easter

Reading I

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Reading II

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel

John 14:23-29

Next Weekend's Readings

7th Sunday of Easter

Reading I

Acts: 7:55-60

Reading II

Revelation 22:12-14,

17, 20

Gospel

John 17:20-26

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 27, 8:30am

Maria Do Thi Nga +

Juan Suizo +

Anna Nguyen +

Tuesday, May 28, 8:30am

Salvador Fernandez +

Krishnan Walsan - SI (health recovery)

Bien Nguyen - SI (health)

Wednesday, May 29, 8:30am

Ling-Yen Dato - SI (birthday)

Thursday, May 30, 8:30am

Trinidad Hilario +

Peter Dong Tran +

Bien Nguyen - SI (health)

Friday, May 31, 8:30am

Lolita Andaya +

Danilo Labarde +

Felicitas Fernando +

Saturday, June 1, 8:30am

Trinidad Ojeda Cadena +

Cadena Family SI

Saturday/Sunday, June 1-2

5:00 Vigil, Chapel

Ty (Tee) Pham +

Dominic Nguyen Van Hoang +

Joseph Monastiere +

8:15am Villages

Henry Julien +

Betty & Frank Wood +

Hank Clark +

8:30am Chapel

For the people of the parish

9:00am Gathering Hall

Josie Dominguez Vigil +

Chris Pacifico +

Rosemarie S. Noza +

9:30am Grange Hall

Chris Pacifico +

10:30am Chapel

Chris Pacifico +

Angelita Quintos Uy +

Dominic Fanelli +

11:00am Gathering Hall

Guise Dong Nguyen +

Chris Pacifico +

Narciso & Felicidad Briones +

12:30pm Chapel

Chris Pacifico +

Tuyen Vu +

2:00pm Spanish Mass

Chris Pacifico +

4:00pm Vietnamese Mass

6:00pm Chapel

Chris Pacifico +

Reflections

**“...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”
(John 14:27)**

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.



**“... No dejes que tu corazón se turbe o tenga miedo.”
(JUAN 14:27)**

Nuestra limitada comprensión humana no puede ni comenzar a entender el inmenso poder de Dios. En lugar de confiar en Dios, creemos que podemos controlar cada resultado. ¿Quieres hacer reír a Dios? ¡Cuéntale tus planes! La próxima vez, que la preocupación, la ansiedad o el miedo te arrastren, agradece a Dios por todo lo que Él te ha dado y confía en que Él tiene un mejor plan para ti.



May 11 and 12 (376 envelopes)

Offertory	\$16,153.00
Mortgage	\$ 1,120.00
Misc. 1	\$ 200.00
Priest Retiremen	\$10,042.00

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June 2, 2019

Ascension of the Lord

Chapel

5:00pm – Fr. Syjueco (Vigil)

8:30am – Fr. Vu

10:30am – Msgr. Cilia

12:30pm – Fr. Stanley

2:00pm (Spanish) – Fr. Kim

4:00pm (Vietnamese) – Fr. Vu

6:00pm – Fr. Syjueco

Gathering Hall

9:00am – Msgr. Cilia

11:00am – Fr. Stanley

Ecclesial Communities

8:15am (Villages) – Msgr. Mitchell

9:30am (Grange) – Msgr. Mitchell

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR, FR. MATTHEW STANLEY

STEWARSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT -



APRIL 2019

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of April.

Our average weekly collection was \$24,158. You also generously donated to various important causes in our March Second Collections in the amount of \$30,114.

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 10 months (40 weeks) at \$800,000 and received \$857,000. This additional income helps us to pay-down our \$2.5 million 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – SECOND COLLECTION –



MORTGAGE DEBT REDUCTION

Next Sunday, there will be a second collection to reduce our \$2.5 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 Moltner, 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. The sooner we pay off this debt, the more funds we will have available to support other vital services in our growing parish. Thank you for your generosity.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



As of September 1999, the Bishops of the Dioceses in the Western part of the United States permanently transferred this Feast of the Ascension to the 7th Sunday of Easter which this year is next Sunday, June 2nd.

FINANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS



The Finance Advisory Council (FAC) is a consultative body to the pastor. It has the mission and duty of being good stewards—overseeing and advising the Pastor in regards to the treasure entrusted to him on behalf of us all. It meets every other month. We are currently on the look-out for a few new members. The basic qualifications are: 1) Regis-



tered and active member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish; 2) A willingness to make recommendations for the good of the whole community without recourse to any special interest group; 3) One who has demonstrated the ability to work well within a group. Please submit an email to Fr. Matt (mstanley@dsj.org). Deadline is June 30, 2019.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – MAY 27



Holy Mass at 8:30am
Followed by Memorial Day Service and Raising of New Flag.

Parish Office will be Closed
Please pray for all those who made the ultimate sacrifice

For our freedom and democracy.

"HAND IN HAND IN MINISTRY"

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

Parish Goal: \$350,000; Pledged: \$259,500; Pledges: 572;
Average Pledge: \$454

We need only 180 more gifts of \$500 to reach our Parish Goal.

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.

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 or vespinoza@dsj.org), 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

SUNDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

MEMORIAL DAY MASS 2019

Our duty as citizens is to remember. Our response as a parish is to commemorate. **Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th**, is the day we pause to recall the tremendous sacrifices offered by so many that we may be what we are today. We can only express our gratitude for a debt we can never fully repay. Please join us as we celebrate our legacy as a nation:

TIME: 9:15am (following the 8:30am Mass)

This will mark our 19th annual Memorial Day Service. All are welcome, especially the young who deserve to understand the contributions of their family and neighbors. If you are a military veteran, please attend in uniform if you are able. If you are a friend or family member of a veteran, please attend to honor his or her service. Following the ceremony light refreshments will be available along with the opportunity to share our thoughts with each other.

GOLF CART NEEDED. The parish office is in need of a Golf Cart. If you have one that you would like to donate, please contact Phil 408.223.1770 x313 pmcallister@dsj.org

BOOK GROUP Please join us as we read 'Yellow Crocus' by Laila Ibrahim for our next meeting on June 2. For info, call Donna 408 238 6681.

FAITH & MENTAL HEALTH



"Keep the Faith." This counsel holds true for physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health and well-being. How come? In keeping the faith, we find meaning and trust in

Someone Greater than ourselves. In participating a faith community—a church—we find we are not alone, we belong, we count, and we connect with others who regard us with love and care. Moreover, through our parish, we often find shared purpose in helping out. For example, we bring fruit for the Wednesday Breakfast, we sort bread in the parish kitchen, we collate papers for the JOY group, we visit a parishioner who is ill, and we share Scripture and Eucharist. In addition, we sing with the faith community on Sunday, "making a joyful noise to the Lord" while exercising our brain at the same time! Mother Teresa counseled "Do small things with great love." By belonging to a faith community—a church—you help another and also help yourself with a greater sense of belonging and well-being and shared purpose. "Keep the Faith"—it's good for you spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally.

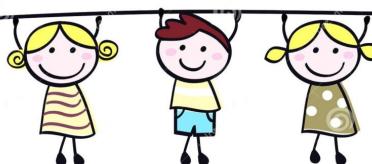
Vacation Bible School is a two week summer program for children grades PreK to 5th grade. It is a safe environment where kids can be introduced to



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

VBS 2019 will take place June 17 - 28. Our program is Monday-Friday, 9am- 1pm. For more information, and to register, visit our web page at www.sfoasj.com

SFOA preschool is now accepting students for 2019-2020. For more information, contact us at 408.223.1770 x309



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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Mass Wednesday, 7pm, Chapel

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



Congratulations to the following children who have received the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist this month. Please pray that they continue to grow in their Christian faith:

- † Liam Agreda
- † Jesus-Marco Alfaro
- † Alyhanna Anonuevo
- † Julianna Anonuevo
- † Sophia Anonuevo
- † Ethan Beltran
- † Noah Cabanayan
- † Zachary Casem
- † Andrew De Guzman
- † Jude Dela Cruz
- † Lara Leanne Derecho
- † Lea Laurene Derecho
- † Courtmae Dimabuyu
- † Michael Do
- † Rahul Dorairaj
- † Jarren Fadrilan
- † Aiden Flores
- † Alexsys Funtanilla
- † Emma Garcia
- † Sebastian Garcia
- † Evelyn Gonzalez
- † Kaia Grasso
- † Alejandro Gutierrez
- † Jacqueline Gutierrez
- † Gabrielle Ho
- † Tristan Ho
- † Ean Huang
- † Andre Joson
- † Lia Joson
- † Arianne Casanova Lam
- † Arius Casanova Lam
- † Maria Landaverde
- † Thomas Landaverde
- † Timothy Lau
- † Jayden Le
- † Kyle Lee
- † Ayla Lim
- † Santiago Lopez
- † Morgan Ly
- † Cianne Magpayo
- † Kyle Magpayo
- † Cynthia Mai
- † John Mendez
- † Elijah Mendoza
- † Isaiah Mendoza
- † Jeremiah Mendoza
- † Maleia Miguel
- † Nicolas Moore
- † Jake Navarro
- † Charlize Navales
- † Isaac Ngo
- † Anna Nguyen
- † Erin Nguyen
- † Andrew Orozco
- † Austin Palermo
- † Azlyn Pasco
- † Alexander Pascua
- † Christian Paual
- † Kady Peterson
- † Larry Pham
- † Annette Rahardja
- † Gwen Salcedo
- † Julian Salcedo
- † Sienna Sanchez
- † Malakai Seto
- † Mason Seto
- † Marley Shirakawa
- † Naveyah Shirakawa
- † Riley Sol
- † Kaya Tandon
- † Nell Tandon
- † Harmony Tran
- † Nevaeh Tran
- † Peyton Tran
- † Taylor Tran
- † Tyvin Tran
- † Stephen Trang
- † Cesalie Truong
- † Andrew Von Bochert
- † Sophia Weber
- † Isaac Yap
- † Troy Yap
- † Layla Zamarron

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Invites You

16 and Over ONLY

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

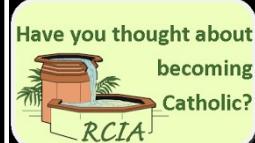


Jivin' to the 70's Party

**Friday, June 21, 2019
Gathering Hall**

Doors Open at 5:30pm
R.S.V.P. to ggriffis@dsj.org or
408-223-1562 by June 10

PEACE LOVE



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

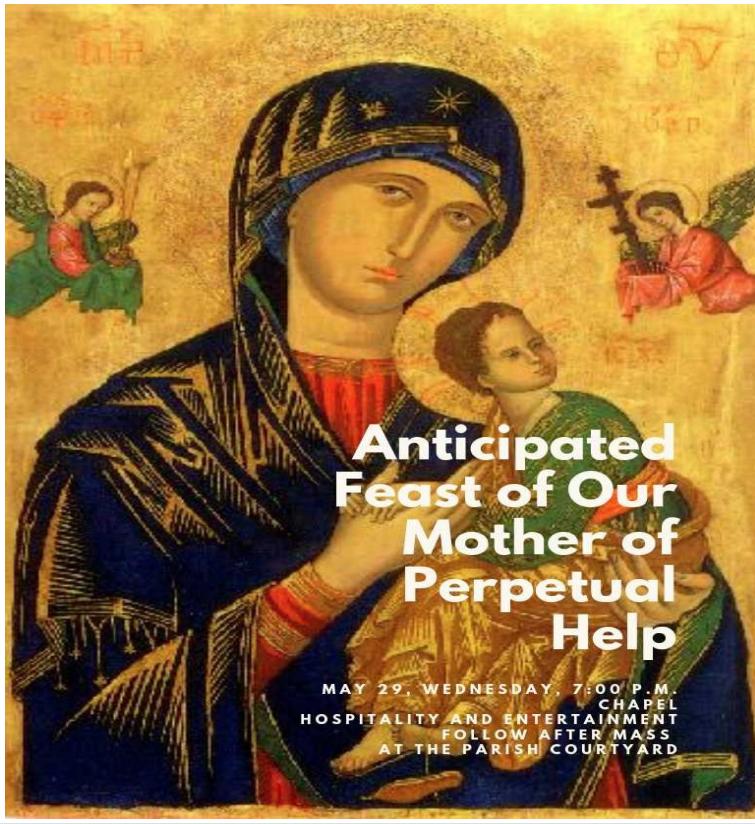
Have you ever wondered Why was I born to live in this time and place? Would you like to find peace and a sense of Joy in belonging? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process in which you can come to know God and learn about the Catholic Faith. It is also a place for those who may have been baptized as an infant but would like to complete their sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Perhaps you are a Catholic parent but have children who were not baptized as an infant. This is the process for you. If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, contact Lisa Nakamura at 223-1770 x 316 or Lnakamura@dsj.org.

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In the church we encounter the sacred presence of God. The church is not a social hall. It is not a country club either where we

gather and chat with each other and catch up with the latest news of people. The church is a sacred place where *we talk to God*. We walk into the church to pray the greatest prayer, and to do the highest form of worship—the Mass. Mindful of this, therefore, the tabernacle ought to be the first to which we are to direct our eyes after we dip our fingers in the holy water. The tabernacle, as we all know it, houses the Blessed Sacrament—the real presence of the true Body of Jesus Christ in the form of bread. So, what we do before we enter into the rows where we will sit is to genuflect towards Christ the King, giving him the due honor He deserves. Genuflecting is an act of adoration. That very act already helps bring our mind to the presence of God. Unfortunately, however, most of the time we enter our church hearing all the noise and chatters with people catching up with their friends. We ought to first direct our eyes to the tabernacle. What if Mass will be celebrated not in a church but in a social hall? That should not take away our attention that as we enter that Hall for Mass, it does not change the fact that we are likewise about to pray the greatest prayer and the highest form of worship—the Mass. Such consciousness must still be there. I've talked about the im-



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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

ALL NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

June 22 (Saturday), 6:00 p.m.
through
June 23 (Sunday), 8:00 a.m.
(Chapel)
Concludes with Benediction at
8:00 a.m. June 23, Sunday

"Could you not keep
watch with me for an
hour?"

Mt. 26:40