



From the Desk of Kevin Bernaga

For our youth ministry, the summer season always proves to be the most eventful. Beginning in June, programs and retreats such as the Diocesan Youth Retreat, Vacation Bible School, and Summer Youth Program definitely keep our summer jammed packed. The last event that marked the official close of summer for us this year was

the Middle School Diocesan Youth Retreat (MSDYR) held by the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adults. This four-day retreat held in Scotts Valley was created to cater to the middle school youth of our Diocese. This retreat's "older sibling", the Diocesan Youth Retreat, has been ongoing for 24 years now, and never fails to reach more than 250 youth every summer. MSDYR, on the other hand, is still in its infancy as we participated in its second year being held. We were blessed with 105 youth from all around San Jose and around 60 high school and adult leaders. It was a very humbling experience to be able to co-coordinate this retreat for the greater Diocese. It was also amazing to see many of our youth and young adult leaders from St. Francis serving on the Board of Directors, planning for months in preparation for MSDYR.

From our parish, we had:

Megan Fabriquer, Director of Activities, Leslie Legacion, Director of Music, Jennyrose Jalique, Director of Marketing/Publicity, Ryan Bao, Director of Liturgy, Cedric Pacifico, Director of Tech, Ethan Bao, Director of Skits

This retreat really brought out the many charisms from our leaders in the parish, and reaffirmed how blessed our community and ministry is! Thank you all for your continued support of our youth, and please pray for our ministry!



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Today's Readings
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I
Amos 8:4-7

Reading II
1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel
Luke 16:1-13

Next Weekend's Readings
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I
Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Reading II
1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel
Luke 16:19-31



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*******Mass Intentions*******

Monday, September 23, 8:30am

Jothi Louis - SI (birthday)

Eugenia D. Apostol +

Dominic Bien Nguyen +

Tuesday, September 24, 8:30am

Carmelita Duran +

Dominic Bien Nguyen +

Ignatius "Bud" LoMonaco+

Wednesday, September 25, 8:30am

John Bui +

Norma Magistrado deLima SI (Healing and Comfort)

Michael Rohan Subhash SI (Health)

Thursday, September 26, 8:30am

John Bui +

Jose Dato - SI (thanksgiving)

Dominic Bien Nguyen +

Friday, September 27, 8:30am

Maria Do Thi Nga +

Luisita Romero Uminga+

Carlo Magno+

Saturday, September 28 8:30am

Joseph Theophilus Tran - SI (birthday)

Steven Justin Parcutilo +

Paulina Parcutilo +

Saturday/Sunday, September 28-29

5:00 Vigil, Chapel

Ty (Tee) Pham +

John Bui +

Jack Mirch+ (Birthday)

8:30am Chapel

Mell and Christine De Jesus (Anniversary)

Juan Torres+

Amelita Aranda+

9:00am Gathering Hall

Emy Castuela +

Juan Torres+

Emiliano and Felisa deJesus+

9:30am Grange Hall

Juan Torres+

10:30am Chapel

John Bui +

Ben Relos +

Teofilo Medrano+

11:00am Gathering Hall

Juan Torres+

Rafael Reyes+

Francisco Llanera+

Anthony Vu+

12:30pm Chapel

Bibiana & Teodoro Mendoza +

Juan Torres+

John Sorci +

2:00pm Spanish Mass

Eva Aguiniga - SI (birthday)

Juan Torres+

4:00pm Vietnamese Mass

Ignacio Pham Van Tuong+

Anna-Maria Vu Thi Thuoc+

6:00pm Chapel

John Bui +

Juan Torres+

Reflections

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." Luke 16:13

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

No One Can Serve 2 Masters



Luke 16:1-13

"Ningún sirviente puede servir a dos amos. Odiará a uno y amará al otro, o se dedicará a uno y descuidará al otro. No puedes servir a Dios y a las riquezas". (LUCAS 16:13)

¿Es el dinero un "dios" que pones ante Dios? Dar dinero para apoyar a la Iglesia y a otras organizaciones de caridad es un pilar de nuestra fe, como asistir a misa todos los domingos y participar en el ministerio parroquial. Dar dinero nos libera de ser esclavos del dinero. Aumenta nuestra dependencia de Dios y nuestra confianza en que Dios proporcionará todo lo que necesitamos.

stewardship

September 7-8 (460 envelopes)

Offertory \$17,332.61

Mortgage \$ 379.00

Catholic Education \$ 5,440.00

St. Francis Fund \$ 50.00

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.

September 29, 2019

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Chapel

5:00pm – Fr. Weisbeck

8:30am – Fr. Syjueco

10:30am – Msgr. Mitchell

12:30pm – Fr. Syjueco

2:00pm (Spanish) – Fr. Kim

4:00pm (Vietnamese) – Fr. Vu

6:00pm – Fr. Syjueco

Gathering Hall

9:00am – Msgr. Mitchell

11:00am – Fr. Vu

Ecclesial Communities

8:15am (Villages) – Fr. Stanley

9:30am (Grange) – Fr. Stanley

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR, FR. MATTHEW STANLEY

FRANCIS FUND COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY!



St. Francis reminds us that we should always ***“start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing***

the impossible.” The goal of the **Francis Fund** is to offer tangible assistance to those in need on a person to person basis and to offer spiritual services. People who have nowhere else to turn, come to our doors seeking assistance with utility bills, overnight shelter, food and other needs. Your generosity in next Sunday's 2nd collection will assist us in helping our neighbors. **“For it is in giving that we receive.”**



GROWING YOUR FAITH – MEN'S CURSILLO

WEEKEND: October 3 – October 6

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND: October 17 - October 20

A great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus happens this October. Consider going on a Cursillo weekend. Described as a short course on Christianity, Cursillo combines prayer, learnings, heart-felt talks, good food, and fun. Fr. Chris is the Spiritual Advisor for the San Jose Diocese overall and will be attending the Women's Weekend. Leaders and speakers have a passion for their Faith. A Cursillo weekend runs from Thursday after dinner through Sunday afternoon. Bring a friend along and encourage your spouse, too. If you haven't attended a Cursillo, we hope you take advantage of this opportunity. If you have attended a Cursillo, invite a friend. For more information, contact Fr. Matt (mstanley@dsj.org)



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 5 at 9:15am we will celebrate our traditional blessing of animals in the open area on the rear side of the St. Francis of Assisi sculpture. Bring your pets, in a cage, on a leash, or in a bowl. This is a great time to reinforce to our children the gifts which are their pets and the responsibility we all have in caring for God's creatures. **A special “feast day” animal show will follow.**

DEAR FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES,

I would like to remind all of you to come to a parent and child meeting Friday, September 27 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Hall to introduce you to this year's **Virtus Safe Environment Program** that we will be using. As you may know Bishop Cantú, in accord with the United States Bishops Charter and Essential Norms for the Protections of Children and Youth, has mandated that all parishes teach the Virtus Safe Environment lessons to all children



and you who are in any religious faith formation process.

For purposes of this program, “safe environment” refers to teach children how to keep themselves and others safe and free from harm at all times. The Virtus program focuses on the three major aspects:

How and when to say NO! When and how to GO! Who and when to TELL!

Virtus is a program organized for specific age groups and offers age appropriate language and activities. All Children and youth who participate in the program will receive information on appropriate touching, boundaries, private body parts, secrets, rules, safe and unsafe adults and friends, peer pressure, risky situations, personal space, and other safety related topics.

At the meeting you will be given the opportunity to review and receive an explanation of the topics that will be covered on Friday, September 27th This gathering is for parents, guardians, and children in Kinder-6th grade. Young people 7th and above will receive their session on October 7th at the JOY sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa at

lnakamura@dsj.org

Lisa Nakamura, Lerma Simpson, Kevin Bernaga - Faith Formation Team

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH - SEPTEMBER UPDATE



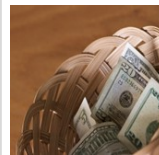
Parish Goal: \$185,000

Pledges: \$270,786 – Paid: \$227,091

Anticipated Refund: \$86,758

Please keep making your regular payments. When all our pledges have been paid, St. Francis of Assisi will use our rebate to reduce parish debt and fund continuing improvements to our parish facilities. Thank you for your support of Bishop Cantú and our local Church.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT – AUGUST 2019



Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of August. Our average weekly collection was \$20,703. You also generously donated to various important causes in our August (2nd Collections) in the amount of \$28,284 (\$7,581 a week.) This brings our August total to \$28,284 a week. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for the first month of the new fiscal year (8 weeks) at \$160,000 and received \$164,000. Any additional income helps us to pay-down our \$2.3 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.

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER

BOOK GROUP



Please join us in reading *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford, for our next meeting on Oct 1. For info, call Donna at (408) 238-6681.

ANGST a documentary on anxiety



geared for pre-teens and teens, will be shown **Saturday, October 26 from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in**

the Gathering Hall of St. Francis of Assisi. The film will be followed by a panel discussion that includes a panel of professionals in mental health including a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, therapist, and two school counselors. Students, parents, grandparents and all interested in the well-being of our teens are welcome! Reservations can be made online through Eventbrite. The film is free. Donations are appreciated to defray film rental costs. For more info: barbarazahner1@mac.com.

WINTER HOMELESS SHELTER REPORT



– **BOB DOLCI** Everyone, I'm sad to report that we will not be implementing the Winter Shelter Program this coming January. The reason for this

is Most Holy Trinity pulled out of this collaboration because they were not able to obtain a replacement for their coordinator, John Estrada. Without their collaboration we were not able to do it all by ourselves because of significant facility schedule conflicts. We also explored joining the Rotating Church Shelter "Village House" but the only period that they had to offer us was over Christmas and New Year's. It proved impossible for us to confirm the necessary makeup of recruited volunteers for all the positions needed to make that happen. So, I'll be contacting some of the other shelters in the area to see how we can help them out with donations. I'll be in touch about that.

Thanks again for all you did to make SFOA's Winter Shelter Program a success and a meaningful experience for our guests during the past 4 years.

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, other Fridays in Garden Rooms, 9am-5pm

Legion of Mary (English) Wednesday, 8PM, EV 2-3

Legion of Mary (Español) Thursday, 7PM, Evergreen 3

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 Fireside Room

Filipino Ministry Team (FMT) Third Thursday, 6pm, Garden Rooms

Holy Family Institute

First Saturday, 2-4PM, EV1-EV2

Ministry of Consolation and Bereavement : Third Wednesday of the month at 3:30PM in EV1

Spanish Ministry : First Monday, 7PM, Gathering Hall

Social Justice:

Fourth Monday, 7PM, Garden Rooms

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - THE SILENT EVANGELISTS



For the past decade, approximately 20 women meet every Thursday in the Fireside Room to use their skilled hands to knit or crochet shawls/blankets for those suffering from illness or any challenge to their

body, mind or spirit. Through word of mouth only, the Ministry has provided over 1500 shawls to those who have made requests on behalf of loved ones, or friends. Over 1500 handmade shawls filled with prayers, hope, and the knowledge to the recipients that they are not alone. The Silent Evangelists - the Prayer Shawl Ministry, offer a loving extension of our faith in God, our church and the gifts of prayer, in a warm, soft shawl.

We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us in prayer and offer your skills with yarn and needles, if you choose. We welcome you any Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00pm in the Fireside Room. Donations of yarn gratefully accepted! Contact Joyce Harper for more information 408-499-5194.

FEAST DAY, RAFFLE AND CASINO ROYALE 2019

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
ANNUAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

CASINO ROYALE

A BLACK & WHITE GALA FUNDRAISER

BLACK JACK
TEXAS HOLD 'EM
SILENT AUCTION



FOOD & DRINKS
MUSIC
AND PRIZES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

COME JOIN THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT! FOR MORE INFO CALL 408-223-1562

Top 3 WINNERS

1st Place: \$2,000 2nd Place: \$1,000 3rd Place: \$500

TICKETS: \$70 per person includes \$25 voucher for 50 chips, gift bag, savory appetizers, 1 free drink ticket

UPGRADES AT EVENT

Access to High Roller Room \$50*

100 Chips \$20

250 Chips \$40

500 Chips \$60

**TICKETS ON SALE IN THE PARISH
OFFICE AND AFTER MASSES**

*High Roller Room

Private Bar
Champagne
Premium Appetizers
3 free drinks
5 additional raffle tickets
Commemorative Chip

FEAST DAY

Saturday, October 5

9:15 am Blessing of Animals
9:45 am Animal Show
11:00 am Magic Show
12:00 pm Star Wars
Encounter
Photo Booth
Food Trucks
Face Painting
Balloon
Twisting
Face Painting
2:30 pm Austin Ellis
Free Concert
5:00 pm Mass
6:30 pm Casino Night

FUN • MUSIC

CASINO

FOOD

MAGIC SHOW

GIVE YOUR KIDS A
TREAT!

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 5**

11 00 AM
UPPER PARKING LOT
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

"SFOA'S GOT TALENT!"

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4, 2019
7:00-9:00PM
GATHERING HALL

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PERFORMING,
WHETHER MUSIC, COMEDY, MAGIC, ETC. PLEASE
CONTACT LESLIE LEGACION IN THE PARISH
OFFICE BY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH.
THIS IS OPEN TO ALL AGES!



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Face Painting

Saturday, October 5 | 1 pm
Upper Parking Lot



Raffle tickets are now on sale after Mass and in the parish office Monday through Friday from 9AM to 4:00PM, "closed for lunch" from 12:00PM to 1:00PM. We still accept mail orders. Don't miss your chance to win the first Early Bird Drawing of \$300 cash and many more cash prizes, including the Grand prize of \$30,000.

Scan. Donate. Done.



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The Diocesan Council of Filipino Catholics invite you to the Annual Celebration of the Feast of Filipino Martyrs San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and San Pedro Calungsod on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Saint Joseph Parish, 582 Hope Street in Mountain View. Concelebrated Mass will begin at 11:00AM. Everyone is invited.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish 25th Anniversary Raffle!!



ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Drawing to be held "FEAST DAY WEEKEND" Sunday October-6

CASH SWEEPSTAKES \$50 Donation per ticket*

Grand Prize: \$30,000 Cash!

2nd Prize: \$1,000 Cash 3rd Prize: \$500 Cash

*Only 2000 tickets will be issued.

BONUS BUNDLE BOOKLET \$150 Donation per Bundle*

1st Prize: \$1,000 Cash 2nd Prize: \$700 Cash 3rd Prize: \$500 Cash

*Get 3 tickets and receive 1 bonus ticket in the Bonus Bundle Booklet to enter in an additional drawing for these fabulous prizes. Only 600 Bonus Bundles will be issued.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Get your tickets early and to be entered into our Early Bird Drawing for more chances to win!

Early Bird Prize: \$300 Cash

Early Bird Drawing Dates: Monday September 9 and September 16

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT DAY

October 26, 2019 | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Free retreat for all single women ages 18-40
hosted by Diocese of San Jose Vocations
Office

RSVP at bit.ly/DSJV-womenr19

San José State University Newman Center
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